

## TITLE VI

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The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being or have been carried out by ADOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated Apr. 16, 2019 and executed by FHWA and ADOT.

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Las consultas, la revisión ambiental y otras acciones requeridas según las leyes ambientales federales correspondientes para este proyecto se están llevando a cabo o se han llevado a cabo por ADOT de acuerdo con 23 U.S.C.327 y un Memorandum de Acuerdo con fecha del 16 de abril de 2019 y se han realizado por FHWA y ADOT.

## FAQ

### What is an Environmental Assessment?

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 requires agencies to analyze, disclose, minimize and mitigate any adverse environmental impacts from projects that include federal funding. An EA is the NEPA level document that has been prepared to evaluate potential impacts from the I-10 Study. This EA describes the need for the proposed action (i.e., Recommended Alternative), alternatives developed for the proposed action and the environmental impacts of the build alternatives, and No-Build Alternative.

### What is a Design Concept Report?

In conjunction with the EA which focuses on environmental factors, a DCR is also prepared to document the engineering elements associated with the study. This includes interchange options, drainage modifications, traffic operations and safety, construction requirements and impacts to traffic during construction, right-of-way requirements, cost and maintainability, to name just a few. These elements are evaluated for a range of reasonable build alternatives, as well as the no-build baseline alternative.

### What is a No-Build Alternative?

The No-Build Alternative is used as a baseline, or a benchmark, to compare against the Build Alternative(s). The No-Build provides the I-10 Wild Horse Pass Corridor study team with a basis against which social, environmental and economic impacts can be measured. The No-Build Alternative represents the existing transportation system with ongoing maintenance and any improvement projects that have been previously programmed for construction.

### If approved, is there funding for construction?

Yes, improvements for this 26-mile corridor are expected to cost about \$990 million (including the Gila River Bridge replacement project covered in separate study). About \$800 million in funding has been identified so far. ADOT, the Gila River Indian Community, BIA, FHWA and MAG continue to partner to deliver this important project, including efforts to secure the necessary funding. An application for a federal grant has been submitted to fund the balance of the project, though the outcome of that grant will not be known until the fall of 2022.

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### When do you anticipate construction to start, if approved?

Construction on the I-10 Project is anticipated to begin in late 2023 after the Final EA and DCR are completed.

### Are the Gila River bridges a part of this study?

ADOT is planning to also replace the I-10 bridges over the Gila River, but that is covered as part of a separate study. However, the bridge replacements are being coordinated with the findings of the I-10 study. More information can be found at [i10bridgeproject.com](http://i10bridgeproject.com).

### What are the proposed improvements?

- Adding a new general purpose lane in the median both the east- and westbound directions for the entire 26-mile corridor.
- Extending the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction on I-10 from Loop 202 south to Riggs Road.
- Improving interchanges and crossroads for enhanced capacity and safety, and multimodal (bike and pedestrian) crossings, as well as addressing age/condition issues.
- Replacing the aging and narrow Gila River Bridges (as part of a separate study as noted above).
- Removal of Dirk Lay Road crossing over I-10 and return associated easement/right-of-way.
- Installing freeway management technology to allow for the installation of sensors, cameras, variable message signs and other highway safety-related technology.

### Are you anticipating right-of-way acquisitions for the Recommended Alternative?

Yes, the proposed project would require approximately 81 acres of new Right-of-Way and 13 acres of new Temporary Construction Easements (TCEs). Thirty-six (36) allotted-owned parcels would be impacted (totaling 28 acres) and 21 tribal parcels will be impacted (totaling 53 acres). Approximately 8.5 acres would be returned to the Gila River Indian Community at Dirk Lay Road. There would be no commercial or residential relocations anticipated. ADOT is working closely with the Gila River Indian Community and BIA on the process to acquire the needed right-of-way as part of this project.



I-10 | LOOP 202 TO SR-387  
WILD HORSE PASS CORRIDOR

## Interstate 10 Study – Loop 202 to State Route 387

### PROJECT BACKGROUND

**In collaboration with the Gila River Indian Community, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Design Concept Report (DCR) for the 26-mile section of Interstate 10 (I-10) between the Loop 202 interchange south of Phoenix to just south of the State Route (SR) 387 interchange near Casa Grande, known as the Wild Horse Pass Corridor.**

This corridor is located primarily within the Gila River Indian Community, with smaller segments within the cities of Phoenix, Chandler and Casa Grande. This study is important because I-10 supports significant commercial and economic growth for the region, state and nation, and is considered a Key Commerce Corridor.

Over the last three years, the project team has sought feedback from the public, stakeholders, agencies and partners to help guide the study evaluation process and the development of the draft EA and DCR.

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WELCOME TO THE PUBLIC HEARING

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

ADOT has completed the draft EA and DCR for the study and has released the documents, which are available for **public review and comment now through Oct. 9, 2022**. The documents are available for review on the study website at [i10wildhorsepasscorridor.com](http://i10wildhorsepasscorridor.com), at public repository locations and at the in-person public hearings held near the study area.

In-person and virtual public hearings are being held to provide the public with an overview of the draft EA and DCR, share ADOT's preliminary recommendation, and provide an opportunity for oral and written public comments on the documents and the preliminary project recommendation. We are excited to reach this important milestone in the study and look forward to receiving your input, which will help identify the selected project alternative.



## Public Hearing Locations

- **Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**  
Valley Christian High School  
6900 W. Galveston St., Chandler, AZ 85226
- **Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**  
Vista Grande High School  
1556 N. Arizola Rd., Casa Grande, AZ 85122
- **Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**  
District 4 Multipurpose Building\*  
2230 N. Home Run Dr., Sacaton, AZ 85147  
\*Please note this venue requires all attendees to wear masks to comply with current Covid-19 Executive Orders. Free masks will be available for attendees.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022 | 5:30 – 9 p.m.**  
**(Virtual through Webex)**  
**English**  
**Online:** [bit.ly/WHP-EN](https://bit.ly/WHP-EN)  
**Phone:** +1-408-418-9388  
**Meeting number (access code):** 2484 471 6549  
**Webinar password:** WHP2022 (9472022 from phones)
- **Spanish**  
**Enlace (Inglés):** [bit.ly/WHP-EN](https://bit.ly/WHP-EN)  
**Teléfono:** +1-408-418-9388  
**Número de Reunión (Código de acceso):** 2490 170 8079  
**Clave:** WHP2022 (9472022 from phones)

For more information or to view the public hearing information online at your convenience.



[i10wildhorsepasscorridor.com](http://i10wildhorsepasscorridor.com)

## PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD

The draft EA and DCR are available for public comment from **Aug. 19, 2022 through Oct. 9, 2022**. During the comment period, three in-person public hearings and one virtual public hearing will be held to provide information on the draft EA and DCR, share ADOT's preliminary recommendation, and accept public comment on the documents and preliminary recommendation. Information presented at each hearing will be the same. For your convenience, the public hearing presentation and information are available for viewing on the study website.

Printed copies of the draft EA and DCR are available for review at the repository locations listed below. In addition, the documents are available for download from the study website at [i10wildhorsepasscorridor.com](http://i10wildhorsepasscorridor.com). Select technical reports associated with draft EA will be available upon request. Please email [i10wildhorsepasscorridor@hdrinc.com](mailto:i10wildhorsepasscorridor@hdrinc.com) or call **602-522-7777** to make a request.

## Repository Locations

- **Casa Grande Public Library:** 449 N. Drylake St., Casa Grande, AZ 85122 | 520-421-8710
- **Ironwood Library:** 4333 E. Chandler Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85048 | 602-262-4636

## How to Provide Comments

You may submit comments in any of the following ways:

- Provide verbal comments to a panel of study team members at one of the public hearings (documented by a court reporter).
- Privately submit comments to a court reporter at one of the in-person public hearings.
- Submit written comments on a comment form (paper or online).
- Submit location-specific comments through our online comment map tool at [i10wildhorsepasscorridor.com](http://i10wildhorsepasscorridor.com).
- **Email:** [i10wildhorsepasscorridor@hdrinc.com](mailto:i10wildhorsepasscorridor@hdrinc.com)
- **Call:** 602-522-7777
- **Mail:** I-10 Wild Horse Pass Corridor Study Team  
c/o HDR, Inc. 20 E. Thomas Rd., Suite 2500  
Phoenix, AZ 85012

*All comments received are considered equal, regardless of submission method.*

## How will my comments be addressed?

Following our public hearings and comment period, the study team will review and evaluate all input from the partner agencies and the public before selecting an alternative. The selected alternative, combined with the agency and public input from the public hearing and associated public comment period, will be documented in the Final EA, which will be published on the project website.

## PUBLIC HEARING GROUND RULES

Mutual respect and courtesy are the hearing's guiding principles. We ask that you follow the ground rules listed below so that everyone feels welcome, comfortable and has the opportunity to participate and provide comments.

## Open House Area

Please refrain from interrupting conversations between study team members and meeting attendees.

## Formal Public Comment Area

A panel will be present to listen to all speakers, but cannot respond to any formal public comments. Please remain quiet and silence mobile devices while in the audience. Please do not interrupt a speaker and make sure to leave the area for side conversations.

## Guidelines For Giving a Live Public Statement

**Register** – All speakers are required to register at the Speaker Registration table.

**Order of Speakers** – Speakers will be called forward based on the order in which they signed up.

**Submit Written Comments** – An individual or group representative who speaks may also submit more detailed written comments by visiting the comment area in the open house portion of the hearing. Written comments can also be submitted in lieu of a formal public statement to the panel.

**Hearing Agenda** – All speakers registered by the scheduled close of the hearing will have the opportunity to speak. Registration will not be allowed past the closing time of the hearing.