



## **El Mirage Road: Loop 303 to Jomax Road Design Concept Report and Environmental Assessment**

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# I. INTRODUCTION

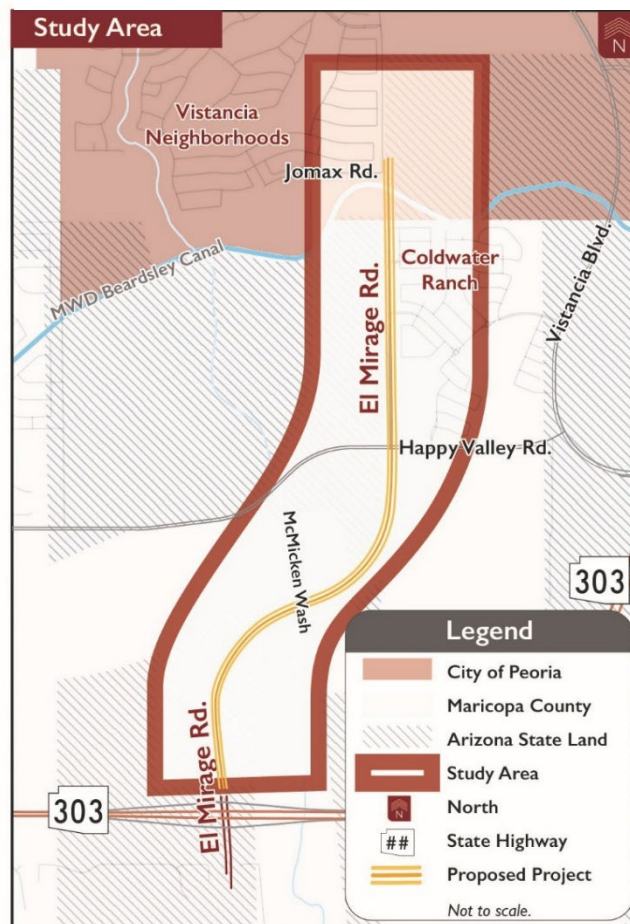
## I.1 Overview

The Arizona Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the City of Peoria, the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and Maricopa County, is evaluating improvements to El Mirage Road to meet current and projected traffic needs and improve regional connectivity to Loop 303. Potential improvements include:

- » Extending and widening El Mirage Road about two miles, between Loop 303 and Jomax Road.
- » Building bridge crossings over McMicken Wash and the Beardsley Canal.
- » Improving intersections on El Mirage Road at Happy Valley and Jomax roads.

ADOT oversaw the preparation of an initial Design Concept Report (DCR) and draft Environmental Assessment (EA) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The half-mile study area considered in the draft EA and initial DCR extends from Loop 303 on the south to about one-third of a mile north of Jomax Road. Most of the study area is in unincorporated Maricopa County, although the top portion is within the city of Peoria (see Figure 1).

**Figure 1. Study Area and Conceptual Roadway Alignment**



## 2. VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

ADOT and the City of Peoria hosted a virtual public hearing on Zoom from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, 2025. The purpose of the public hearing was to provide information about and seek public comments on the proposed project and its environmental impacts as described in the initial EA and DCR. The public also had the opportunity to:

- » View visualizations of the interim four-lane and ultimate six-lane configurations of El Mirage Road between Loop 303 and Jomax Road.
- » Ask project team members and representatives from participating local governments questions, verbally or in writing, about the project, draft EA and initial DCR.
- » Provide verbal or written comments to a three-person listening panel.
- » Find out how to ask questions or submit formal comments in multiple ways during the 30-day comment period, which began on Sept. 24 and continued through Oct. 24, 2025.

### 2.1 Public Hearing Notification

The public hearing was advertised and promoted in multiple ways, beginning on Sept. 23, 2025, and continuing through the hearing date. Information was provided in English based on Limited English Proficiency (LEP) data and the findings of the four-factor analysis. ADOT's standard nondiscrimination language and NEPA Assignment Disclosure Language were included in English and Spanish on all notifications.

The project team was prepared to accommodate non-English language requests and requests for accommodations because of a disability. No such requests were received.

Notifications included:

- » Project Website.
- » Email Alerts.
- » Press Release.
- » Paid Newspaper Advertisements.
- » Direct Mailer.
- » Social Media.

### 2.1.1 Project Website

Live since Sept. 1, 2024, the project website at <https://www.elmirageroadextension.com/> is the hub for project information. The day, date, time, and location of the public hearing—as well as information about the meeting format and comment period—was added to the [Public Meeting & Hearings](#) tab on Sept. 23, 2025. The draft EA and initial DCR documents were posted to the website on Sept. 23. The visual simulations were posted on Oct. 9, and the public hearing audio and video recordings were posted on Oct. 10.

**Appendix A** provides the public hearing PowerPoint presentation and links to the visual simulations and the public hearing audio/video recording. Note that the PowerPoint presentation provided all required non-discrimination information and information about participating in ADOT's voluntary self-ID survey.

### 2.1.2 Email Alerts

The project team created and maintains a database of key stakeholders and members of the public who subscribe to receive project updates by email. As of Oct. 9, 2025, the database included email addresses for 1,119 subscribers as well as 70 stakeholders, the latter of which represent homeowners' associations, first-responders, clubs/organizations/community groups, schools, places of worship, senior centers, businesses and development groups in and adjacent to the study area; the cities of Peoria and Surprise; the Maricopa County Department of Transportation; the Flood Control District of Maricopa County; and ADOT.

The project team also created a project-branded email alert template featuring a recognizable project logo and consistent color palette and font designated by the project's brand standards. This template is used consistently to share project updates and information by email from the project email address at [Info@ElMirageRoadExtension.com](mailto:Info@ElMirageRoadExtension.com). The email template includes ADOT's standard nondiscrimination language in English and Spanish, ADOT's NEPA Assignment Disclosure Language in English and Spanish and the federal and ADOT project numbers.

Three email alerts about the public hearing were sent from the project email address to all email addresses in the database on Sept. 24, Oct. 2 and Oct. 7, 2025.

A follow-up email from the project email address was sent on Oct. 17 to remind subscribers about the close of the comment period on Oct. 24, 2025. On Oct. 17, the subscriber database had emails for 1,131 subscribers, as well as 70 stakeholders.

ADOT also sent a GovDelivery email alert on Oct. 2 notifying the 19,388 subscribers to the Loop 303 and US 60 (Grand Avenue) databases about the public hearing.

**Appendix B** provides copies of email alerts.

### 2.1.3 Press Release

The City of Peoria sent a press release about the public hearing to its statewide news media database on Oct. 2, 2025, and included the press release in the [Newsroom section](#) of its website with links to the project website.

**Appendix C** provides a copy of the press release, a screen shot of city's website where it is posted and known earned media resulting from the press release.

### 2.1.4 Newspaper Ads

Two newspaper ads ran in publications that serve the study area and beyond. The first ad, measuring 3

inches by 8.85 inches, ran on Sept. 24, 2025, in the *Sun City Independent*. The second ad, a full page in size, ran on Sept. 25, 2025, in the *Peoria Times*. Both newspaper ads featured the project logo and project area map including the conceptual roadway corridor alignment and provided general information about the project, the draft EA, initial DCR and Purpose and Need; the day, date, time and purpose of the public hearing; the meeting format on Zoom with login information (link, webinar ID number, passcode) and the call-in number; the public hearing agenda; information about the comment period and ways to provide input before the close of the comment period; information about how to review the draft EA and initial DCR online or printed copies, which were available at Sunrise Mountain Library, 21109 N. 98th Avenue, Peoria, AZ 85352; the project website; ADOT's standard nondiscrimination language (in English and Spanish); ADOT's NEPA Assignment Disclosure Language (in English and Spanish); and the federal and ADOT project numbers. Both ads also stated that meeting materials are available on the project website for those who could not attend.

**Appendix D** provides copies of both ads.

### **2.1.5 Direct Mailer**

An 8.5-inch-by-11-inch, two-sided direct mailer on yellow cardstock was delivered to 8,000 addresses within two miles of the study area and in adjacent neighborhoods outside the study area during the week of Sept. 22-26, 2025, via Every Door Direct Mail (EDDM). The mailer featured the project logo and project area map including the conceptual roadway corridor alignment and provided general information about the project, the draft EA, initial DCR and Purpose and Need; the day, date, time and purpose of the public hearing; the meeting format on Zoom with login information (link, webinar ID number, passcode) and the call-in number; the public hearing agenda; information about the comment period and ways to provide input before the close of the comment period; information about how to review the draft EA and initial DCR online or printed copies, which were available at Sunrise Mountain Library, 21109 N. 98th Avenue, Peoria, AZ 85352; the project website; ADOT's standard nondiscrimination language (in English and Spanish); ADOT's NEPA Assignment Disclosure Language (in English and Spanish); and the federal and ADOT project numbers. The mailer also stated that meeting materials are available on the project website for those who could not attend.

**Appendix E** provides a copy of the EDDM mailer.

### **2.1.6 Social Media**

ADOT and the City of Peoria promoted the virtual public hearing using their social media platforms. ADOT posted information to Facebook on Oct. 7 and the City of Peoria posted information on Facebook and X on Oct. 8, 2025.

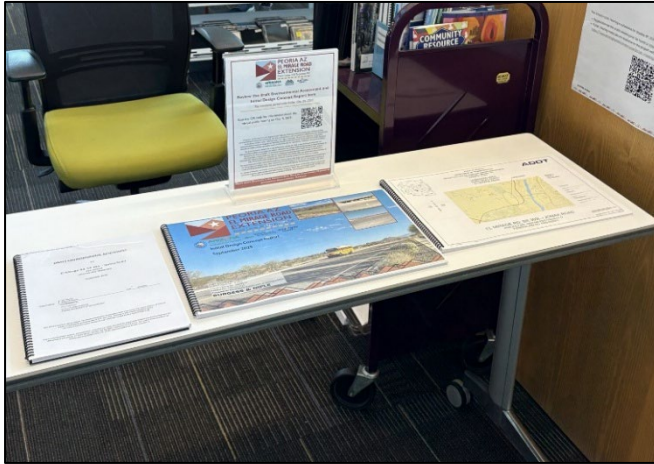
**Appendix F** provides images of the social media posts.



### 3. PUBLIC HEARING

Sixty-six people joined the virtual public hearing, which began at 5:30 p.m. and continued until 7 p.m. on

**Figure 2: Draft EA and initial DCR available for review at Sunrise Mountain Library**



Zoom. All materials (except the recording) were uploaded to the website prior to the hearing, allowing members of the public to review them in advance and/or to accommodate those who did not participate in the hearing. Printed copies of the draft EA and initial DCR were also made available at Sunrise Mountain Library, 21109 N. 98th Avenue, Peoria, AZ 85352 beginning on Sept. 24, 2025. The public hearing audio/video recording was uploaded to the website on the morning of Oct. 10, 2025.

The hearing began with a 30-minute presentation, followed by a 15-minute question-and-answer session and a 30-minute formal comment session. Representatives from ADOT, the City of Peoria,

the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), the Maricopa County Department of Transportation and project team members from Avenue Consultants, Aztec Engineering, Burgess and Niple and Jacobs Engineering were available to answer questions during the question-and-answer portion of the hearing. The ADOT project manager, Peoria project manager and a representative from MAG served on the listening panel during the formal comment session.

Participants were instructed on how to ask questions and provide comments verbally or in the Q/A feature on Zoom and reminded about submitting questions or comments by email, telephone or mail throughout the remainder of the 30-day comment period.

The presentation covered the purpose of the public hearing; how to review the draft EA and initial DCR online or in person during the 30-day comment period; the draft EA study area; the Proposed Action; potential roadway corridor improvements; the project timeline; the Purpose and Need of the Proposed Action; population and job growth projections in the project area of influence; alternatives considered in the EA and background information on MAG's *El Mirage Road: SR303L to Jomax Road Feasibility Study* completed in June 2022; the Alternatives considered (Preferred Alternative and No-Build Alternative); the 11 Affected Environments analyzed in the draft EA to determine impacts under the Preferred and No-Build alternatives (with more in-depth explanations of Land Ownership and Right-of-Way, Section 4(f) Resources, Section 404 and 401 of the Clean Water Act and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, Biological Resources, Air Quality and Noise); next steps in the environmental process and potential future phases of the project; project funding; information about the 30-day comment period and the ways to ask questions or provide comments; how to find information on the project website; and how to subscribe for email alerts to stay informed.

The presentation also featured two narrated visualizations: one showing the proposed ultimate six-lane roadway corridor configuration and the other showing the proposed interim four-lane configuration. It also provided information about participating in ADOT's anonymous self-identification survey, which helps ADOT understand who attends its public meetings and improve participation, while also fulfilling federal

reporting requirements; how to access closed captioning; ADOT's Nondiscrimination Notice to the Public in English and Spanish; information about Auxiliary Aids and Services to accommodate persons with disabilities; and ADOT's NEPA Assignment Disclosure Language.

### **3.1 Public Hearing Materials**

All public hearing materials were made available to the public online via the project website, under the Resources tab. The EA and DCR documents were posted to the website on Sept. 23. The visualizations were posted to the website on Oct. 9. The public hearing audio and video recordings were posted to the website on Oct. 10.

#### ***Environmental Assessment (EA) and Appendices***

- » Draft Environmental Assessment (EA)
- » Draft Air Quality Report
- » Final Biological Evaluation
- » Final Noise Report

#### ***Initial Design Concept Report (DCR) and Appendices***

- » Revised Initial Design Concept Report (DCR)
- » Appendix DCR-A\_MAG El Mirage Road SR 303L to Jomax Road Feasibility Study
- » Appendix DCR-B\_Final Initial Drainage Report
- » Appendix DCR-C\_Mariposa Grande Lane Sealed Plans
- » Appendix DCR-D\_Public Involvement Materials
- » Appendix DCR-E\_Final Initial Traffic Report
- » Appendix DCR-F\_North Peoria Gateway 303 Standards and Guidelines Report
- » Appendix DCR-G\_Final Initial ADA Compliance and Feasibility Report
- » Appendix DCR-H\_ADOT\_El Mirage Road\_Screening Matrix
- » Appendix DCR-I\_Stage I\_15%Plans
- » Appendix DCR-J\_Final Initial Bridge Study for the McMicken Wash
- » Appendix DCR-K\_Final Initial Bridge Study for the Beardsley Canal
- » Appendix DCR-L El Mirage Road Sealed Preliminary Geotech Report 2025-08-26

#### ***Other Public Hearing Materials & Information***

- » Visual Simulation: Interim 4-lane Roadway Concept.
- » Visual Simulation: Ultimate 6-lane Roadway Concept.
- » Public Hearing Audio/Video Recording.



## 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

### 4.1 Public Comments

This section summarizes the comments received during the comment period, which began on Sept. 24 and closed at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, 2025. The public could provide comments in several ways: during the virtual public hearing verbally to a three-person listening panel or in writing using the Q&A feature; by email; by telephone; or by USPS mail.

#### 4.1.1 Total Comments

Fifty-three comments were received as noted below:

**Table 1: Total Comments Received**

Method of Receipt	Number of Comments
Virtual Public Hearing – Verbally:	2
Virtual Public Hearing – In Writing:	16
Email:	35
Telephone:	0
USPS Mail:	0

#### 4.1.2 Summary of Public Hearing Comments

The majority of comments support the Proposed Action, citing the need to reduce congestion and improve traffic flow, connectivity and safety in the fast-growing area. Some commenters expressed concern about or opposition to the Proposed Action because of perceived traffic and traffic-noise impacts on adjacent roadways and residential areas within and beyond the EA study area. Other comments were unrelated to the project, the Proposed Action, draft EA or initial DCR and/or addressed other transportation projects and/or development near the project area.

#### 4.1.3 Responses to Comments

Comments received during the 30-day comment period are addressed in the final EA document.

**Appendix G** provides the comment log.

### 4.2 Questions from the Public

This section summarizes questions received during the 30-day comment period and answers provided by the project team. The public could ask questions in several ways: during the virtual public hearing verbally or in writing using the Q&A feature; by email; by telephone; or by USPS mail.

#### 4.2.1 Total Questions

Thirty-two questions were received as noted below:

**Table 2: Total Questions Received**

Method of Receipt	Number of Questions
Virtual Public Hearing – Verbally:	2
Virtual Public Hearing – In Writing:	22
Email:	7
Telephone:	1
USPS Mail:	0

#### 4.2.2 Responses to Questions

The project team responded to questions during the virtual public hearing and/or by email if an email address was provided.

**Appendix H** provides the question-and-answer log.

#### 4.3 Summary of Comment & Question Topics

All comments and questions were assigned a Topic to identify common themes. Table 3 provides the Topics and the number of comments or questions affiliated with each one. Note that some comments or questions addressed multiple topics, while others did not identify any topic(s). Traffic and Design/Location were the most commented on Topics.

**Table 3: Comment and Question Topics**

Topic	Question or Comment Generally Referred to:	Number of Related Comments
Air Quality	Increased air pollution.	0
Active Transportation	Bike lanes, sidewalks, trails.	0
Budget	Project cost, funding source(s).	2
Construction Timeline	Start and end dates, duration of construction.	6
Design/Location	Alignment; what the roadway might look like; number of lanes; elevation of bridges; proximity to homes, landscaping, streetlights.	30
Environment (other than Noise)	Oppose new roadway in desert; concern for animals, plants, water, climate change, etc.	0
Maintenance	Maintenance of roadway once operational.	0
Noise	Increased traffic noise, type of noise abatement.	8
Other	Other topic not noted here.	6
Roadway Classification	Type of road, speed limit, local traffic only, heavy trucks.	2
Right of Way	Property acquisition.	0
Safety	Crashes involving vehicles and/or active transportation users; speeding.	2
Traffic	Needed to alleviate congestion vs. opposed to more traffic by residences; AADT projections.	31

## **5. TITLE VI SUMMARY REPORT**

The public hearing Title VI Summary Report was submitted to the ADOT Civil Rights Office on Oct. 13, 2025.

## **APPENDIX A**

### **PUBLIC HEARING MATERIALS ON THE PROJECT WEBSITE**

**LINKS TO MATERIALS ON THE PROJECT WEBSITE:**

Link to the public hearing audio/video recording:

[https://video.wixstatic.com/video/2d3cb7\\_63010a62138c40c2bc7305c7ef00a1f1/1080p/mp4/file.mp4](https://video.wixstatic.com/video/2d3cb7_63010a62138c40c2bc7305c7ef00a1f1/1080p/mp4/file.mp4)

Link to project visualization: Six-lane Ultimate Configuration:

[https://video.wixstatic.com/video/2d3cb7\\_c2d45ac68d2e49139e1c76e33ff82fd2/1080p/mp4/file.mp4](https://video.wixstatic.com/video/2d3cb7_c2d45ac68d2e49139e1c76e33ff82fd2/1080p/mp4/file.mp4)

Link to project visualization: Four-lane Interim Configuration:

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These materials are also available at <https://www.elmirageroadextension.com/resources>

The PowerPoint presentation and script begin on the following page.



## ANONYMOUS SELF-ID/IDENTIFICARSE ANÓNIMO

**Complete a survey while you wait!** By completing this voluntary survey, ADOT will be able to determine who attends its public meetings and how the department can improve participation. The survey will also help ADOT fulfill federal reporting requirements. Access the survey with this link <http://bit.ly/3KgwGoO> or use the QR code at right:



**¡Complete una encuesta mientras espera!** Con su participación en esta encuesta voluntaria, ADOT podrá determinar quien participa en las reuniones públicas y como podrá mejorar la participación de miembros de minorías. La encuesta también le ayudará a ADOT a cumplir con requisitos federales. Accede a la encuesta con este enlace [bit.ly/4mBtp0T](http://bit.ly/4mBtp0T) o utiliza el código QR de la derecha:



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**KIM:** Before we get started, we invite you to complete a voluntary self-identification survey. Your responses help ADOT determine who attends its public meetings and how the department can improve participation, while also helping ADOT fulfill federal reporting requirements. Use the link or QR code on your screen to access the survey. The public hearing will begin momentarily.



## **WELCOME TO THE VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING**

### **El Mirage Road: Loop 303 to Jomax Road Design Concept Report and Environmental Assessment**

October 9, 2025 | 5:30 to 7 p.m.

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**KIM:** Welcome to the virtual public hearing for the El Mirage Road: Loop 303 to Jomax Road initial Design Concept Report and draft Environmental Assessment Project. My name is Kim Noetzel, and I'll be your public hearing



moderator. We'd like to start by thanking you for joining us, as well as the project partners whose collaboration has brought us to the important step in the project. This is a City of Peoria project being administered by the Arizona Department of Transportation in cooperation with the Maricopa Association of Governments—or MAG—and several Maricopa County departments including Transportation and Parks & Recreation; the Flood Control District of Maricopa County; and the Maricopa Water District.



## VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING PRESENTERS

- Craig Bolze, PE, City of Peoria Project Manager
- David Lenzer, PE, Consultant Project Manager, Burgess & Niple
- Project team subject-matter experts from ADOT, City of Peoria, Maricopa County, Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), Avenue Consultants, Aztec Engineering, Burgess & Niple and Jacobs Engineering

### **Comment Session Listening Panel:**

- Tricia Brown, PE, ADOT Project Manager
- Craig Bolze, PE, City of Peoria Project Manager
- Patrick Stone, MAG

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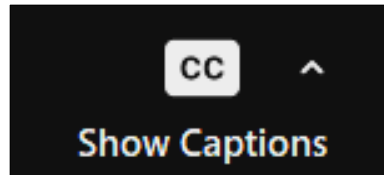
**KIM:** Our presenters during this public hearing include Craig Bolze, City of Peoria Project Manager; David Lenzer, consultant project manager from Burgess & Niple; and representatives from ADOT; the city of Peoria, Maricopa

County, MAG, and consulting firms including Avenue Consultants, Aztec Engineering, Burgess & Nipe, and Jacobs Engineering.

During the formal comment session, our listening panel will include ADOT Project Manager Tricia Brown; Craig Bolze; and Patrick Stone from MAG.



## CLOSED-CAPTIONING



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**KIM:** For closed-captioning assistance, click on Show Captions at the bottom of your screen.



## **HOUSEKEEPING:**

- Everyone is muted to prevent background noise.
- Technical issues? Log off and reconnect.
- This public hearing is being recorded.
- The public hearing recording will be posted on the project website.

**ElMirageRoadExtension.com – Resources tab**

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**KIM:** Let's get started with some housekeeping items:

- All participants are currently muted to prevent background noise. We

can un-mute your microphone as needed during the question-and-answer and comment sessions, which will occur after tonight's presentation.

- If you're having technical issues, you might need to log off and reconnect.
- This public hearing is being recorded, and the recording is part of the project's official public record.
- Following this public hearing, the recording will be posted on the project website.
- In fact, you can find all the information we are providing on the website at [El Mirage Road Extension-dot-com](http://ElMirageRoadExtension-dot-com), under the Resources tab.



## ADOT'S NONDISCRIMINATION NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) hereby gives public notice that it is the Agency's policy to assure full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), and other related authorities in all of its programs and activities. ADOT's Title VI and ADA Programs require that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity.

Any person, who believes his/her Title VI or ADA rights have been violated, may file a complaint. Any such complaint must be in writing and filed with the ADOT External Civil Rights Office within one hundred eighty (180) days following the date of the alleged discriminatory occurrence. For additional information about ADOT's External Civil Rights programs and the procedures to file a complaint contact ADOT External Civil Rights Office via the information listed below:

<b>ADOT External Civil Rights</b>	Danielle Valentine
MD 154A, 1801 W. Jefferson St., Ste 101., Phoenix, AZ 85007	Title VI Coordinator
PHONE: 602.712.8946	EMAIL: DValentine@azdot.gov
EMAIL: CivilRightsOffice@azdot.gov	

**KIM:** ADOT complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and other related authorities in all its programs and activities. Any person who believes his/her Title VI or ADA rights have been violated may file a complaint by contacting ADOT External Civil Rights at 602-712-8946 or by email at [civilrightsoffice@azdot.gov](mailto:civilrightsoffice@azdot.gov) within 180 days of the alleged violation.





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### ADOT External Civil Rights

MD 154A, 1801 W. Jefferson St., Ste 101., Phoenix, AZ 85007  
 PHONE: 602.712.8946  
 EMAIL: [CivilRightsOffice@azdot.gov](mailto:CivilRightsOffice@azdot.gov)

Danielle Valentine  
 Title VI Coordinator  
 EMAIL: [DValentine@azdot.gov](mailto:DValentine@azdot.gov)

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**KIM:** We're going to pause for a moment to allow anyone who speaks Spanish to read this slide.



## AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES

In compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Arizona Department of Transportation does not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its programs, services, and activities. ADOT will make reasonable accommodations to ensure that individuals with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy ADOT's programs, services, and activities. If you require an accommodation, please notify an ADOT staff member. For additional information or questions about ADOT's External ADA Program, please contact the External Civil Rights Programs at 602.712.8946.

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## **ABOUT THIS PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Purpose:** To provide a forum for the public to learn about the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and initial Design Concept Report (DCR) for the proposed extension and widening of El Mirage Road between Loop 303 and Jomax Road, ask questions and provide comments.

- Presentation
- Question & Answer Session
- Formal Comment Session

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**KIM:** The purpose of this public hearing is to provide you with a forum to learn more about the draft EA and initial DCR that have been prepared;

ask questions; and provide comments. After the presentation, we will host a question-and-answer session, which will be followed by the formal comment session. Questions and comments should be related to **this** project.



## **REVIEW THE DRAFT EA & INITIAL DCR:**

### **Online:**

ElMirageRoadExtension.com – Resources tab

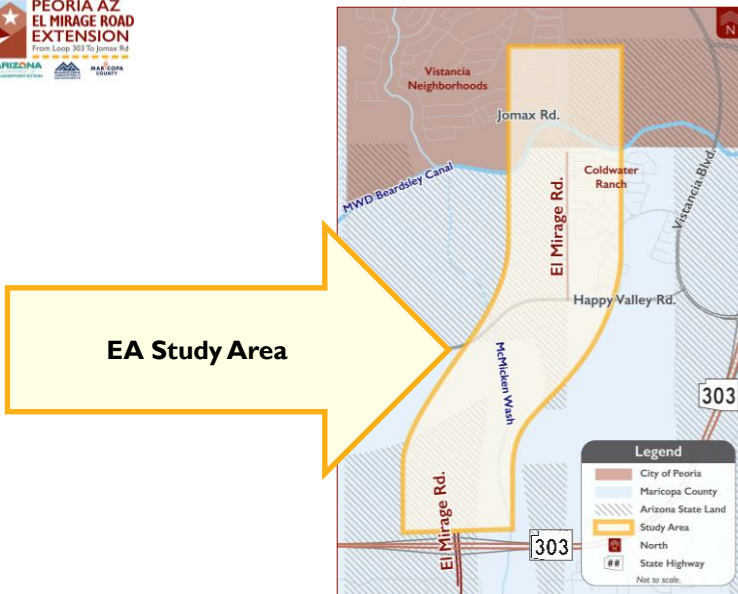
### **Printed Copies:**

Sunrise Mountain Library, 21109 N. 98<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Peoria, AZ 85382

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**KIM:** The draft EA and initial DCR are available for review on the project website at **El Mirage Road Extension-dot-com** under the Resources tab.

Printed copies are also available at Sunrise Mountain Library in Peoria, at 21109 North 98<sup>th</sup> Avenue, through Friday, October 24. With that, please join me in welcoming Craig Bolze, the City of Peoria project manager, to share the presentation.



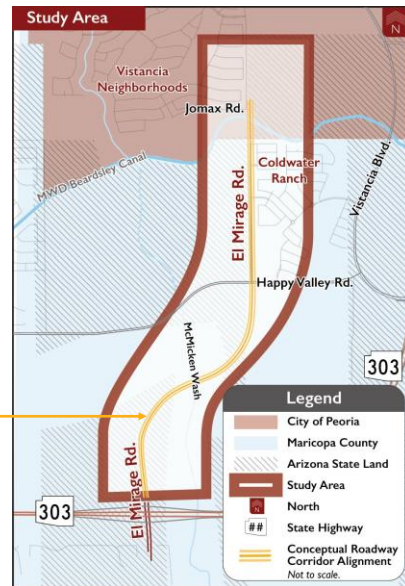
**CRAIG:** Thank you, Kim. And thank you to everyone who has joined us for this public hearing. My name is Craig Bolze, I'm a Civil Engineer with



the City of Peoria and I will be discussing the El Mirage Road extension project: where we've been, where we are, and what could happen next. Let's begin by looking at the EA Study Area, which is shown on this map in yellow. It is important to note that although the study area extends north of Jomax Road, the proposed project would **end** at Jomax Road. Please also keep in mind that we are addressing issues related to the study area you see here. We cannot address transportation issues or concerns outside of this study area.

**PROPOSED ACTION:**  
 Widen and extend El Mirage  
 Road from Loop 303 to  
 Jomax Road

*Proposed roadway corridor*



**CRAIG:** The draft EA evaluates the potential impacts of the Proposed Action, which is to extend and widen El Mirage Road from Loop 303 to Jomax Road. This map illustrates the proposed roadway corridor alignment – in other words, the path the

roadway would take – in yellow. We'll take an even closer look at this roadway corridor alignment in just a few minutes.



## **POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE:**

- Extending and widening El Mirage Road about two (2) miles, between Loop 303 and Jomax Road.
- Constructing new crossings over McMicken Wash and the Beardsley Canal.
- Improving intersections at El Mirage Road cross streets.

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**CRAIG:** The potential transportation improvements that would occur in conjunction with Proposed Action include:

- Extending and widening El Mirage Road about 2 miles, between Loop 303 and Jomax Road, to accommodate up to six additional travel lanes, bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and a median.
- Building bridge crossings over McMicken Wash and the Beardsley Canal for vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians; and
- Improving intersections at the El Mirage Road cross streets.



## TIMELINE



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**CRAIG:** This project began in Spring 2024. Public and agency scoping occurred in the fall of 2024, and the input we received helped to inform the draft EA. In February, we hosted a public meeting to share the proposed design concepts. The project team has used all the information gathered to date, as well as a comprehensive environmental analysis, to compile the draft EA and initial DCR, which are the focus of this public

hearing. The final DCR and EA are anticipated this fall.





## **The draft EA was prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).**

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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 USC 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated 06/25/2024 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and ADOT.



**CRAIG:** The draft EA for this project was prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. ADOT has assumed the

Federal Highway Administration's responsibility for carrying out the National Environmental Policy Act environmental reviews and approvals per the executed agreement dated June 25, 2024, between the Federal Highway Administration and ADOT. As part of this project ADOT serves as the lead agency and has the authority to approve this project.



## PURPOSE & NEED OF THE PROPOSED ACTION

### ***Purposes:***

- Improve regional and local connectivity.
- Increase capacity for planned growth in the region.
- Address existing and future congestion on roadways in the area.

### ***Need:***

- Based on regional and local connectivity, regional growth, increased transportation system capacity and traffic operations.
- This project would increase the currently limited travel options for drivers in the area north of Loop 303 between US 60 (Grand Avenue) and El Mirage Road. Freeway access is currently limited for the area north of Loop 303 between US 60 and El Mirage Road.

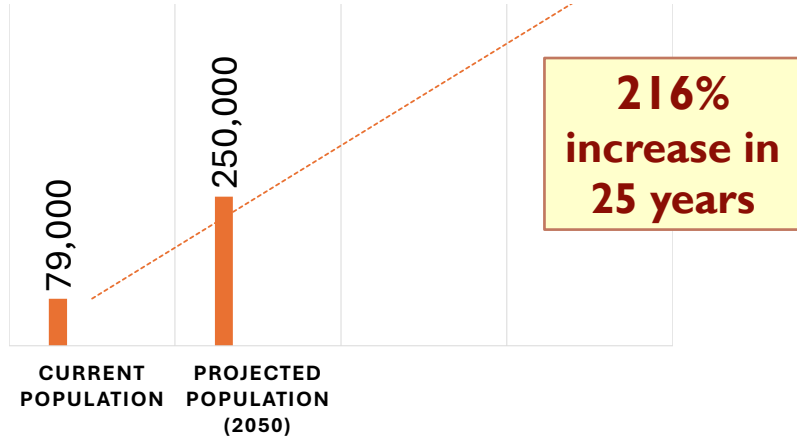
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**CRAIG:** The draft EA explains the purpose and need of the Proposed Action.

The purposes are to improve regional and local connectivity, increase capacity

for planned growth in the region, and address existing and future congestion on roadways in the area. The needs are based on regional and local connectivity, regional growth, increased transportation system capacity, and traffic operations. With continuing rapid growth expected in the area northwest of Loop 303, and the associated increase in vehicle-traffic volumes, the Proposed Action would increase travel options for drivers north and west of Loop 303.

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS: PROJECT INFLUENCE AREA



**CRAIG:** The current population within this project influence area is approximately 79,000 people. MAG projects this number to exceed

250,000 people by 2050 – an increase of 216 percent in the next 25 years.



## JOB GROWTH PROJECTIONS: PROJECT INFLUENCE AREA



**9,500 jobs (current)**



**56,000 jobs (2050)**

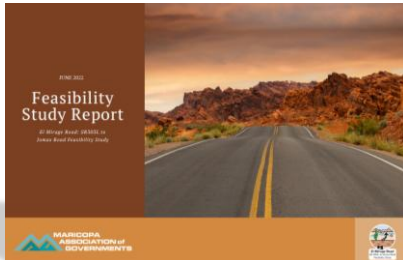
**CRAIG:** Similarly, MAG estimates there are currently around 9,500 jobs within

the project influence area. Projections show that number increasing to approximately 56,000 jobs by 2050.





## ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED IN THE STUDY



“There is a growing need for a continuous connection between SR 303L and Jomax Road to provide better access and relieve some of the congestion within the study area.”

- MAG Feasibility Study

**Read the MAG Study:** [ElMirageRoadExtension.com/Resources](http://ElMirageRoadExtension.com/Resources)

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**CRAIG:** To understand the roadway alternatives considered in the current study, we need to step back to June 2022, when MAG completed the “*El Mirage Road: Loop 303 to Jomax Road Feasibility Study*.” Based on the analyses of traffic and crash data – and with continued residential and commercial development in the area– the feasibility study confirmed the need for a continuous connection between Loop 303 and Jomax Road to improve regional access and relieve congestion. The feasibility study can

be reviewed on the project website.

## MAG FEASIBILITY STUDY ALTERNATIVES



**Alternative 1**



**Alternative 2**



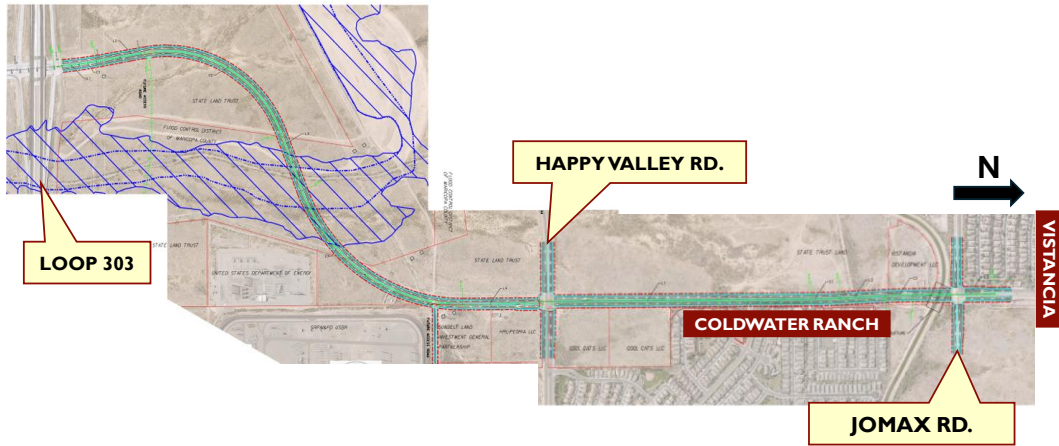
**Alternative 3**

- Performance
- Impacts
- Intersection options at Happy Valley and Jomax roads
- Broad-based planning-level costs

**CRAIG:** As shown here, the MAG feasibility study presented three potential roadway alternatives and screened them based on various factors including performance, impacts, intersection options at Happy

Valley and Jomax roads, and estimated cost.

## **ALTERNATIVE NO.1 RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE STUDY & ADVANCED TO PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE**



**CRAIG:** The MAG study recommended **Alternative 1** for future study. This

alternative advanced as the Preferred Alternative in the current study. The development of the roadway alignment for the study—shown here in green—was based on the selected Alternative from the MAG study.

## ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

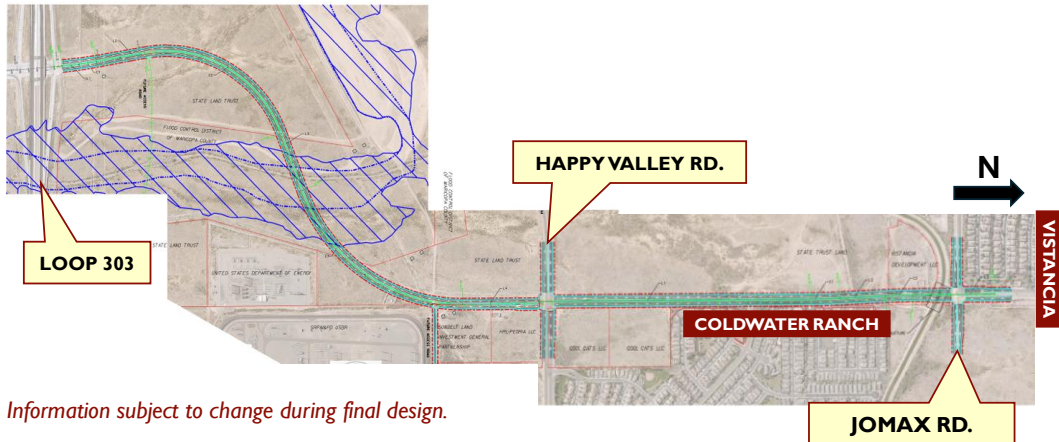
1. Preferred Alternative = What is recommended to be constructed based on current analysis.
  - Extend and widen El Mirage Road between Loop 303 and Jomax Road.
2. No-Build Alternative = Do nothing.
  - El Mirage Road not extended and widened between Loop 303 and Jomax Road.
  - Baseline for comparison of possible environmental impacts of other Build Alternatives.

**CRAIG:** The Preferred Alternative refers to what is recommended to be constructed based on the current analyses that have been completed. For this study, it is the El Mirage Road corridor that could be extended and widened between Loop 303 and

Jomax Road. The EA also analyzes the impacts of the No-Build Alternative. As its name suggests, *nothing* would be built. El Mirage Road would not be widened and extended between Loop 303 and Jomax Road and conditions would remain the same as they are now. The No-Build alternative is included because it serves as a baseline for comparing the possible environmental impacts of other Build Alternatives.



## PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE:



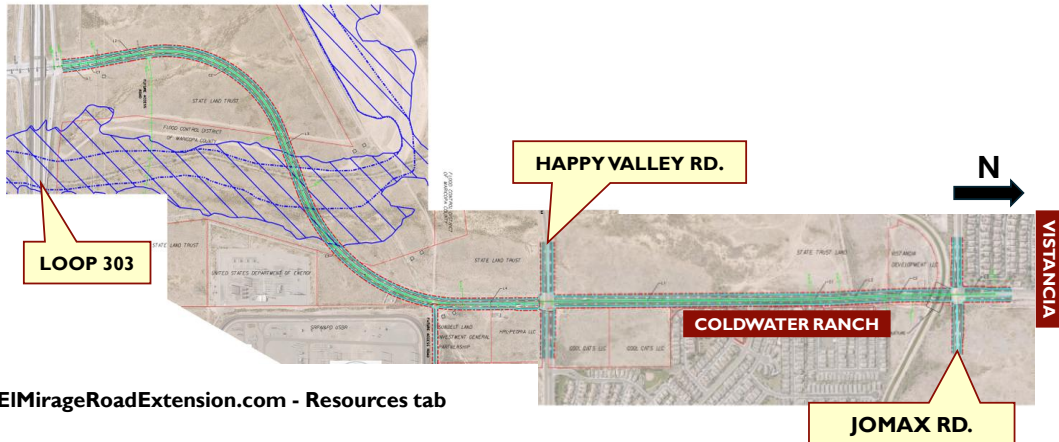
*Information subject to change during final design.*

**CRAIG:** To provide an even closer look at the Preferred Alternative, we

are going to share a brief project visualization. Keep in mind that information shared in the visualization is subject to change during final design. To take you through the visualization, join me in welcoming David Lenzer from Burgess & Niple.

- **DAVID SAYS:** “THANK YOU, CRAIG.”
- **START VISUALIZATION WHICH INCLUDES VOICEOVER**
- **WHEN DONE, DAVID TOSSES BACK TO CRAIG:** “That concludes the visualization. Craig, I’ll turn it back over to you.”

## PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE:



ElMirageRoadExtension.com - Resources tab

**CRAIG:** Thank you, David. The visualization you just saw is available on

the project website under the Resources tab.

#### AFFECTED ENVIRONMENTS: PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE VS. NO-BUILD ALTERNATIVE

- ✓ **Land ownership and Right of Way**
- ✓ Socioeconomics
- ✓ Cultural and **Section 4(f) Resources**
- ✓ **Section 404 and 401 of the Clean Water Act & the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System**
- ✓ **Biological Resources**
- ✓ **Air Quality**
- ✓ **Noise**
- ✓ Hazardous Materials
- ✓ Visual Qualities
- ✓ Material Pits and Water Sources
- ✓ Utilities

**CRAIG:** Now that you've seen the Preferred Alternative, let's look at the Affected Environments that are analyzed in the draft EA. The draft EA determined how

each one could be impacted if the Preferred Alternative is constructed compared to the No-Build Alternative. The affected environments are Land ownership and right-of-way; socioeconomics; cultural and Section 4(f) resources; Section 404 and 401 of the Clean Water Act and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System; biological resources; air quality; noise; hazardous materials; visual qualities; material pits and water sources; and utilities.

We are going to review the key elements of the draft EA, which are in bold text on the screen. To read about the potential impacts of the Preferred Alternative compared to the No-Build environment on the other Affected Environments, please review the draft EA online or at Sunrise Mountain Library.

## AFFECTED ENVIRONMENTS: PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE VS. NO-BUILD ALTERNATIVE

### Land Ownership and Right of Way

#### **Preferred Alternative:**

- Requires acquiring approximately 29.09 acres of property.
- No total acquisitions.
- No residences or businesses relocated.
- 87.5% is undeveloped parcels owned by the Arizona State Land Department and Flood Control District of Maricopa County.
- Consistent with ADOT, MAG plans; supported by local jurisdictions.
- No negative impacts to future land-use plans.

#### **No-Build Alternative:**

- No property would be acquired.
- Development could slow in locations where traffic volumes would approach/exceed maximum capacity, and in areas without access.

### CRAIG:

Land ownership and right of way generally refer to existing and future land uses

in the study area and the amount and type of land that would have to be acquired to build the Preferred Alternative. The Preferred Alternative would permanently acquire approximately 29.09 acres of property for transportation use. There are NO total acquisitions and no relocations of any residences or businesses. Most of the land is un-developed; more than 87% is owned by the Arizona State Land Department and the Flood Control District of Maricopa County. Future land use plans would not be negatively affected. The proposed project is consistent with ADOT and MAG transportation planning and supported by local jurisdictions, including Maricopa County and the City of Peoria. The **No-Build Alternative** would not result in changes to existing or future land use patterns or require any property acquisition. With the No-Build Alternative, development could slow in locations where future traffic volumes would approach or exceed the maximum capacity of the roadway network or where access is limited.



## AFFECTED ENVIRONMENTS: PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE VS. NO-BUILD ALTERNATIVE

### Section 404 and 401 of the Clean Water Act & the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

#### **Preferred Alternative:**

- Does not require a Section 404 Permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers.
- Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan would be implemented to protect waterways from construction-related pollutant discharges.
- Flood elevations anticipated to rise if construction occurs. Additional drainage evaluations would be completed during final design.

#### **No-Build Alternative:**

- No impacts.

### Biological Resources

#### **Preferred Alternative:**

- No threatened or endangered species, critical habitats or wildlife corridors in the study area.
- Avoidance and mitigation measures implemented during construction to protect and preserve species that could potentially be encountered: Sonoran Desert Tortoise, Monarch Butterfly, Western Burrowing Owl, and nesting birds and protected native plants.
- Some native trees and shrubs would be removed (quantities unknown at this time).

#### **No-Build Alternative:**

- No impacts.

**CRAIG:** Section 404 of the Clean Water Act regulates the discharge of earthen fill, concrete and other construction materials into Waters of the US and authorizes the US Army Corps of Engineers to issue permits that regulate the discharge of dredge

or fill materials into Waters of the US. Section 401 of the Clean Water Act requires any applicant requesting a federal permit or license for activities that may result in discharge into Waters of the US first to obtain a Clean Water Act Section 401 certification from the state in which the discharge originates. Under the **Preferred Alternative**, a Section 404 permit is not required. If the project is constructed, a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan would be implemented. The draft EA also evaluates impacts to drainage and floodplains. If the project is constructed, water surface elevations are expected to rise for the McMicken Wash upstream of the crossing. Because of this, additional drainage evaluations would occur during final design. Under the **No-Build Alternative**, construction would not occur so there would be no impacts.

Biological resources include vegetation, wildlife, threatened and endangered species, other special-status species, protected native plants, and invasive species. Under the **Preferred Alternative**, the anticipated impacts are minor. There are no threatened or endangered species, critical habitats or wildlife corridors in the study area. There is the *potential* during construction to encounter species such as the Sonoran Desert Tortoise, Monarch Butterfly and Western Burrowing Owl, as well as nesting birds and protected native plants. Because of this, avoidance and mitigation measures would be implemented to preserve and protect them. Some native trees and shrubs would be permanently removed but the quantities are unknown at this time. A better determination would be made during final design. Under the **No-Build Alternative**, construction would not occur so there would be no impacts.

## AFFECTED ENVIRONMENTS: PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE VS. NO-BUILD ALTERNATIVE

### Section 4 (f) Resources

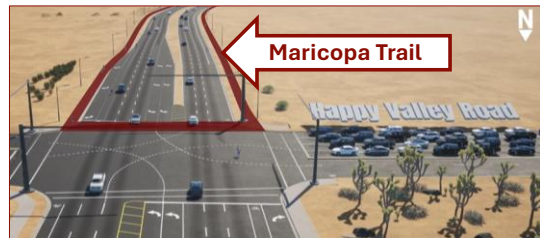
**Section 4(f):** Publicly owned park, recreation area, or wildlife and waterfowl refuge of national, state or local significance; land of an historic site of national, state or local significance.

#### **Preferred Alternative:**

- Impacts to the Maricopa Trail (public recreation site)
- Public comments received on the draft EA during comment period to be shared with officials who have jurisdiction over the Section 4 (f) resources. No decisions made until public comments are reviewed.

#### **No-Build Alternative:**

- No impacts.



**CRAIG:** Section 4 (f) resources are defined as “publicly owned land, such as a public park; recreation area; or wildlife and waterfowl refuge of national, state, or local significance; or land of an historic site of national, state, or local significance.”

The Preferred Alternative would impact the Maricopa Trail, which is a public recreation site. However, the project would be designed to incorporate the Maricopa Trail and maintain its continuity. The image on this slide illustrates how the Maricopa Trail could be routed along both sides of El Mirage Road, with a crossing at the signalized Happy Valley Road intersection, under the Preferred Alternative. No decisions will be made until the officials who have jurisdiction over the resources have reviewed public comments gathered during this comment period. Under the No-Build Alternative construction would not occur, so there would be no impacts to Section 4(f) resources, specifically the Maricopa Trail.

## AFFECTED ENVIRONMENTS: PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE VS. NO-BUILD ALTERNATIVE

### **Air Quality: Particulate Matter and Mobile Source Air Toxics (MSATs)**

#### ***Preferred Alternative:***

- Not likely to cause or contribute to the severity/number of violations to National Ambient Air Quality Standards.
- Mobile Source Air Toxics: vehicle miles travelled estimated to be higher than the No-Build Alternative; however, EPA national air quality improvement programs projected to reduce MSAT emissions by more than 76% through 2060.
- Construction activities could generate a temporary increase in MSAT emissions.
- Cumulative air quality impacts anticipated to be minor or positive because of improved traffic operations and reduced traffic congestion.

#### ***No-Build Alternative:***

- Traffic volumes predicted to increase through 2050, worsening congestion.
- Through improved engine technology and cleaner-fuel vehicle options, air quality would improve but to not the extent it would under the Preferred Alternative.

### **CRAIG:**

To determine potential impacts on air quality and National Ambient Air Quality Standards in the study area, an evaluation was completed for Particulate Matter and

Mobile Air Source Toxics. You can read the entire air quality report on the project website under the Resources tab.

Under the **Preferred Alternative**, the project is not likely to cause or contribute to the severity of, or number of, violations to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Regarding Mobile Source Air Toxics—or MSATs—vehicle miles travelled are estimated to be higher than the No-Build Alternative; however, the EPA’s national air quality improvement programs are projected to reduce MSAT emissions by more than 76% through 2060. Construction activities could generate a temporary increase in MSAT emissions. Because of that, mitigation measures would be implemented if construction occurs. Cumulative air quality impacts are anticipated to be minor or even positive because of improved traffic operations and reduced traffic congestion. Under the **No-Build Alternative**, traffic congestion would worsen and result in increased vehicle idling, which creates air pollution. Through improved engine technology and cleaner-fuel vehicle options, air quality would also improve under the No-Build Alternative, but to not the extent that it would under the Preferred Alternative.

## AFFECTED ENVIRONMENTS: PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE VS. NO-BUILD ALTERNATIVE

### Noise

#### ***Preferred Alternative:***

- Temporary, intermittent construction-related noise anticipated if the project is built. Mitigation measures would be implemented.
- Future noise levels for design year 2050 show an increase of 15 dBA over existing noise levels for some homes in Coldwater Ranch.
- Noise barriers were evaluated but not recommended pursuant to ADOT's Noise Abatement Requirements.
- **Noise barriers will be re-evaluated during final design.**

#### ***No-Build Alternative:***

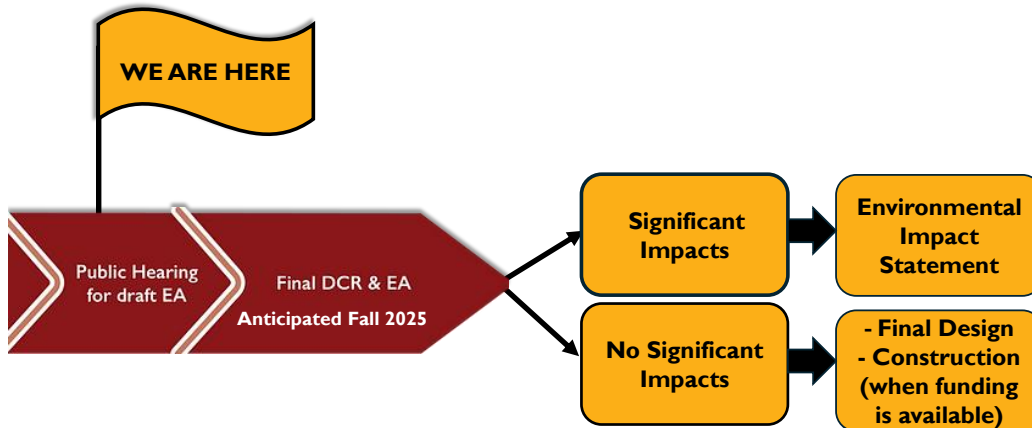
- No impacts.

**CRAIG:** A noise analysis was completed in compliance with ADOT and FHWA regulations. Potential impacts were evaluated through existing ambient noise, as well as predicted traffic noise levels for the design year 2050. Noise levels were measured

in A-weighted decibels—also referred to as dBA—which correspond to the way the human ear perceives noise. Future noise levels were predicted using the FHWA’s noise-prediction computer model, known as Traffic Noise Model Version 2.5. You can read the noise report on the project website under the Resources tab. Under the **Preferred Alternative**, temporary and intermittent noise impacts would be expected during construction, so mitigation measures would be implemented. Future noise levels for the design year 2050 show an increase of 15 dBA over existing noise levels for some homes in Coldwater Ranch. Noise barriers were evaluated but are not recommended in alignment with ADOT’s Noise Abatement Requirements. However, noise barriers will be re-evaluated during final design. Under the **No-Build Alternative**, neither temporary nor cumulative noise impacts would occur.



## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?



**CRAIG:** So, you might be wondering what happens after this public hearing. The project team will review all input received during the 30-day comment period. If the result of the final EA is a Finding of No Significant Impact, the project would progress to the final design phase, and construction would begin when funding becomes available. If the EA determines that significant impacts would occur, additional

environmental study would be required. A decision on the Final DCR and EA is anticipated later this fall.



## FUNDING

- Proposition 400 (federal funding)
- Proposition 479 (regional funding)
- City of Peoria
- Private development contribution.

**Additional funding required for construction.**

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**CRAIG:** If construction occurs, additional funding for design and construction would include federal, regional, local, and private contributions. To date, this project has received federal funding for the draft EA and initial DCR through Proposition 400 and local funding from the city of Peoria. Additional federal funding is programmed for this project through Proposition 400; regional funding through Proposition 479; local funding from the city of Peoria; and a private development contribution.

We're now going to begin the question-and-answer session. If you want

to **ask a question** during this public hearing, now is the time.  
To begin the Q&A, I will turn it back over to Kim.

## QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

1. Type your question in the **Q&A**
- or*
2. Click on **Raise Hand** to ask your question verbally.



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**KIM:** Thank you, Craig. There are two ways to ask a question during this public hearing:

- 1) You can type it using the Q&A feature and we will respond in the Q&A feature; or
- 2) You can raise your hand by clicking on the Raise Hand icon at the bottom of your screen. We will call on you in the order your hand was raised to ask your question verbally.

This part of the public hearing is for **questions** about the draft EA, initial DCR, or this project. After the Q&A, we will begin the comment session. Please note that we cannot answer questions during the comment session, so if you'd like to ask a question during this public hearing, we invite you to do so now. Questions must be related to **THIS** project; and please be mindful of time so others can ask their questions too.



## COMMENT SESSION

Listening Panel:

- Tricia Brown, ADOT Project Manager
- Craig Bolze, Peoria Project Manager
- Patrick Stone, MAG

### **Please Remember:**

- ✓ Limit comments to three minutes.
- ✓ The listening panel cannot respond to comments or answer questions.

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**KIM:** Now it's time to begin the formal comment session with our 3-person listening panel, which includes Tricia Brown, the ADOT Project

Manager; Craig Bolze, the City of Peoria Project Manager, and Patrick Stone from MAG. To ensure everyone can participate, please limit your comment to three minutes. **Remember:** The listening panel cannot respond to comments or answer questions. Comments will be addressed in the final EA document.



## COMMENT SESSION

1. Type your comment in the **Q&A**

*or*

2. Click on **Raise Hand** to make your comment verbally.



**Limit comments to three (3) minutes.  
We will alert you as you approach the three-minute mark.**

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**KIM:**

There are two ways you can comment:

- Type a comment into the Q&A or raise your hand, and we will call on you to make your comment verbally.
- Comments must be related to **this** project and should not exceed three minutes. If you are approaching the 3-minute mark, we will let you know so you can wrap up your comment in the allotted time.
- Let's begin ...



## **COMMENT PERIOD:**

Continues through 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, 2025.

### **Provide input or ask questions in any of these ways:**

- **Email:** [Info@ElMirageRoadExtension.com](mailto:Info@ElMirageRoadExtension.com)
- **Phone:** 623.377.9030
- **Mail:** Avenue Consultants/El Mirage Road Extension  
5353 N. 16th Street, Suite 380, Phoenix, AZ 85016

Project team will answer questions.

Comments will be addressed in the Final EA.

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**KIM:** That concludes the comment session. We appreciate your participation.

If you did not ask a question or make a comment, you can still do so by email, phone, or by mail through the end of the comment period, which is 5 p.m. Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. The email address is Info@ElMirageRoadExtension.com. The comment line telephone number is 623.377.9030. And the mailing address is Avenue Consultants/El Mirage Road Extension, 5353 N. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 380, Phoenix, AZ 85016. The project team will answer questions during the comment period and as noted, comments will be addressed in the final EA document.



## ElMirageRoadExtension.com – Resources tab

**KIM:** All the information we have shared is, or will be, available on the project website at **El Mirage Road Extension Dot Com** under the

Resources tab following this public hearing.



## ANONYMOUS SELF-ID/IDENTIFICARSE ANÓNIMO

**REMINDER:** By completing this voluntary survey, ADOT will be able to determine who attends its public meetings and how the department can improve participation. The survey will also help ADOT fulfill federal reporting requirements. Access the survey with this link <http://bit.ly/3KgwGoO> or use the QR code at right:



**RECORDATORIO:** Con su participación en esta encuesta voluntaria, ADOT podrá determinar quien participa en las reuniones públicas y como podrá mejorar la participación de miembros de minorías. La encuesta también le ayudará a ADOT a cumplir con requisitos federales. Accede a la encuesta con este enlace [bit.ly/4mBtp0T](http://bit.ly/4mBtp0T) o utiliza el código QR de la derecha:



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**KIM:** Before we wrap up: a reminder to complete a voluntary self-identification survey. Your responses help ADOT determine who attends its public meetings and how the department can improve participation, while also helping ADOT fulfill federal reporting requirements. Use the link or QR code on your screen to access the survey.



Sign up for updates and stay informed:  
**[ElMirageRoadExtension.com](http://ElMirageRoadExtension.com)**

**Thank You!**

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**KIM:** This concludes the virtual public hearing. If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to sign up for project updates from the project website: **El Mirage Road Extension – dot com**. On behalf of the project team, THANK YOU for your participation.



## **APPENDIX B**

### **PUBLIC HEARING EMAIL ALERTS**

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## Project Update



September 24, 2025

### SAVE THE DATE!

## Virtual Public Hearing for Proposed El Mirage Road Extension and Widening between Loop 303 and Jomax Road is Oct. 9, 2025

*Public invited to ask questions and provide comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment and Initial Design Concept Report*

The draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and initial Design Concept Report (DCR) for the proposed extension and widening of [El Mirage Road between Loop 303 and Jomax Road](#) will be the focus of a virtual public hearing from **5:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 9** on Zoom.

- **Zoom Webinar Registration Link:** <https://tinyurl.com/mysaksar>
- **Call In:** 253.215.8782
- **Webinar ID:** 883 3128 5837
- **Passcode:** 430500

Register Now for the Virtual Public Hearing

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), in cooperation with the City of Peoria, Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and Maricopa County, prepared a draft EA in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and an initial DCR to evaluate improvements to El Mirage Road. Proposed improvements include extending and widening El Mirage Road between Loop 303 and Jomax Road, building new crossings over McMicken Wash and Beardsley Canal and improving intersections at El Mirage Road cross streets.

the Preferred Alternative and documents proposed avoidance, minimization and mitigation efforts for the project.

The purposes of the proposed project are to improve regional and local connectivity, increase capacity for planned growth in the region and address existing and future congestion on roadways in the area. The need for the project is based on addressing these transportation challenges and providing a safe and efficient transportation corridor in the region. With continuing rapid growth forecasted in the area northwest of Loop 303, and the associated increase in vehicular traffic volumes, this project would increase the currently limited travel options for drivers north of Loop 303 between US 60 (Grand Avenue) and El Mirage Road.

### About the Public Hearing

The public hearing will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a presentation and project visualization, followed by a question-and-answer session from 6:15 to 6:30 p.m. and a formal comment session from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Comments must be related to the draft EA or proposed project and should not exceed three minutes to ensure everyone has time to participate.

Unable to attend on Oct. 9? The virtual public hearing recording and all related materials will be available on the project website at <https://www.elmirageroadextension.com/resources>.

The draft EA and initial DCR are currently available for review on the project website under the Resources tab at <https://www.elmirageroadextension.com/resources>. Printed copies of both documents are also available at Sunrise Mountain Library, 21109 N. 98th Ave., Peoria, AZ 85382 through Friday, Oct. 24, 2025.

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### How to Comment

The 30-day comment period continues through 5 p.m. Friday, Oct.24. You can comment on the draft EA and initial DCR in any of the following ways before the comment period closes:

- Participate in the virtual public hearing on Thursday, Oct. 9.
- Email comments to [Info@ElMirageRoadExtension.com](mailto:Info@ElMirageRoadExtension.com).
- Mail comments to El Mirage Road Extension c/o Avenue Consultants, 5353 N. 16th St., Suite 380, Phoenix, AZ 85016.
- Call the project comment line at 623.377.9030.

[Learn More](#)

Visit <https://www.elmirageroadextension.com> for more information about the proposed project and the environmental study phase.

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## Project Update



October 2, 2025

### Reminder: Virtual Public Hearing for Proposed Extension and Widening of El Mirage Road Between Loop 303 and Jomax Road is Oct. 9

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- **Zoom Webinar Registration Link:** <https://tinyurl.com/mysaksar>
- **Call In:** 253.215.8782
- **Webinar ID:** 883 3128 5837
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#### Virtual Public Hearing Schedule

- Presentation and Visualization: 5:30 p.m.
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#### About the Comment Session

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### **Unable to attend on Oct. 9?**

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### **About the Draft EA**

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### **How to Review the Draft EA and Initial DCR**

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- Printed copies of both documents are also available at Sunrise Mountain Library, 21109 N. 98th Ave., Peoria, AZ 85382.

### **How to Comment on the Draft EA and Initial DCR**

Comment on the draft EA and initial DCR by **5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24**, in any of these ways:

St., Suite 380, Phoenix, AZ 85016.

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## Project Update



October 7, 2025

### ***Your Input is Welcome!***

## **REMINDER: Virtual Public Hearing for Proposed Extension and Widening of El Mirage Road Between Loop 303 and Jomax Road is this Thursday, Oct. 9**

The virtual public hearing for the El Mirage Road: Loop 303 to Jomax Road draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and initial Design Concept Report (DCR) is this **Thursday, Oct. 9**, from **5:30 to 7 p.m.** on Zoom. The public is invited to participate, ask questions about the proposed project and comment on the draft EA and initial DCR.

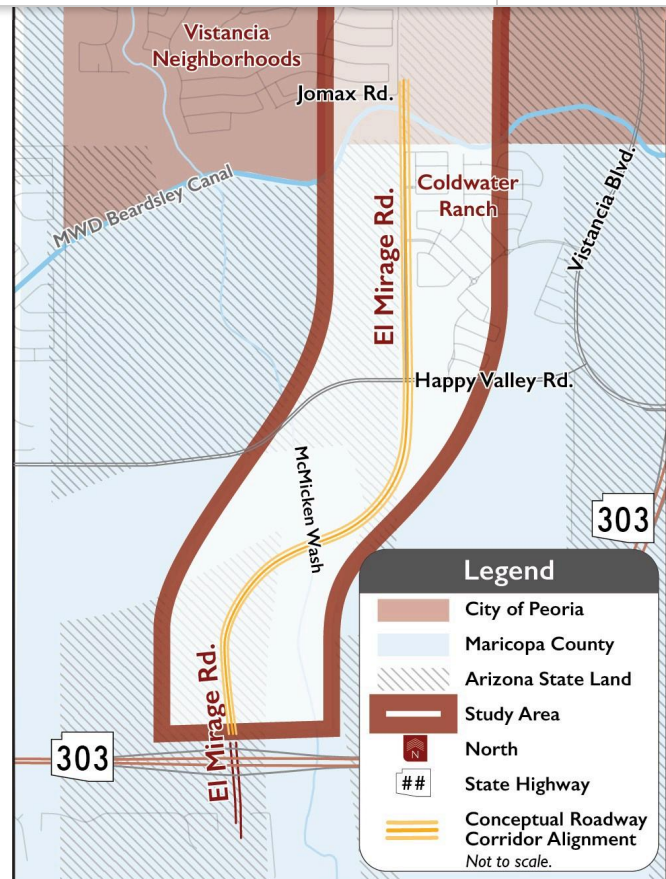
### **About the Draft EA and Initial DCR**

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The draft EA identifies the Preferred Alternative and analyzes its potential impacts compared to the No-Build Alternative. It also analyzes the social, economic and environmental impacts of the Preferred Alternative and documents the proposed avoidance, minimization and mitigation efforts for the project.

### **Purpose and Need of the Proposed Project**

increase capacity for planned growth in the region and address existing and future congestion on roadways in the area. The need for the project is based on addressing these transportation challenges and providing a safe and efficient transportation corridor in the region. With continuing rapid growth forecasted in the area northwest of Loop 303, and the associated increase in vehicular traffic volumes, this project would increase the currently limited travel options for drivers north of Loop 303 between US 60 (Grand Avenue) and El Mirage Road.



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### How to Participate in the Virtual Public Hearing

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### About the Question-and-Answer Session

During the public hearing Q&A, participants will have the opportunity to ask questions about the proposed project, initial DCR and draft EA verbally or in writing through the Chat feature. Project team members will be available to answer questions.

### About the Comment Session

During the formal comment session, participants may provide verbal comments about the proposed project, initial DCR and draft EA to a three-person listening panel. Panel members are unable to respond to comments or answer questions during this part of the public hearing. Please limit comments to three minutes so everyone has time to participate. Participants who prefer not to comment verbally may submit comments in writing through the Chat feature.

### Unable to attend on Oct. 9?

A recording of the virtual public hearing recording and all Related materials will be available on the project website under the [Resources](#) tab at <https://www.elmirageroadextension.com/resources>. You are not required to attend the public hearing to provide feedback or ask questions.

### How to Comment on the Draft EA and Initial DCR

The 30-day comment period for the draft EA will continue through **5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, 2025**. You can comment on the draft EA and initial DCR in any of the following ways:

- **Participate** in the virtual public hearing on Thursday, Oct. 9.
- **Email** comments to [Info@ElMirageRoadExtension.com](mailto:Info@ElMirageRoadExtension.com).
- **Mail** comments to El Mirage Road Extension c/o Avenue Consultants, 5353 N. 16th St., Suite 380, Phoenix, AZ 85016.
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## Project Update



October 17, 2025

### One week left to comment on proposed extension and widening of El Mirage Road from Loop 303 to Jomax Road

*Thirty-day comment period for draft Environmental Assessment and initial Design Concept Report closes at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24*

There is one more week to comment on the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and initial Design Concept Report (DCR) for the proposed widening and extension of El Mirage Road from Loop 303 to Jomax Road.

The 30-day comment period began on Sept. 24, and will continue through 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24. Comments can be submitted in any of the following ways before the comment period closes:

- **Email:** [Info@ElMirageRoadExtension.com](mailto:Info@ElMirageRoadExtension.com).
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- **Phone:** 623.377.9030.

Questions and comments, including responses from the project team, will be included in the public hearing summary report and final EA, both of which are expected to become available later this fall.

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The Arizona Department of Transportation in cooperation with the City of Peoria, Maricopa Association of Governments and Maricopa County, prepared a draft EA in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and an initial DCR to evaluate improvements to El Mirage Road. Proposed improvements include extending and widening El Mirage Road between Loop

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The draft EA and initial DCR were the subject of a virtual public hearing on Oct. 9. The virtual public hearing recording, all related materials, the draft EA, initial DCR and two project visualizations are available on the project website at [www.elmirageroadextension.com/resources](http://www.elmirageroadextension.com/resources).

## Resources

Printed copies of the draft EA and initial DCR are also available for review at Sunrise Mountain Library, 21109 N. 98th Ave., Peoria, AZ 85382 through 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24.

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## Virtual Public Hearing for Proposed El Mirage Road Extension and Widening between Loop 303 and Jomax Road planned Oct. 9

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### Project Update



### Virtual Public Hearing for Proposed El Mirage Road Extension and Widening between Loop 303 and Jomax Road planned Oct. 9

*Public invited to ask questions and provide comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment and Initial Design Concept Report*

The draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and initial Design Concept Report (DCR) for the proposed extension and widening of [El Mirage Road between Loop 303 and Jomax Road](#) will be the focus of a virtual public hearing from **5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9**, on Zoom.

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#### About the Public Hearing

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#### October 9 Virtual Public Hearing: Proposed Extension & Widening of El Mirage Road Between Loop 303/Jomax Road

Peoria, AZ (October 3, 2025) The draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Initial Design Concept Report (IDCR) for the proposed extension and widening of El Mirage Road between Loop 303 and Jomax Road is now available for public review and comment. A virtual public hearing is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, October 9, to discuss the project and the associated draft EA and initial IDCR documents.

The public is invited to participate, ask questions about the proposed project and provide formal comments. The public hearing, which will be hosted virtually on Zoom, will begin with a presentation and project visualization, followed by a question-and-answer session from 6:15 to 6:30 p.m. and a comment period from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

- Zoom Webinar Registration Link: <https://www.zoom.us/j/90250000000000000000>
- Call toll-free 1-877-873-8733
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For those unable to participate on Oct. 9, a recording of the virtual public hearing and all related materials will be available on the project website under the [Resources](https://www.elmirageextension.com/resources) tab at <https://www.elmirageextension.com/resources>.

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# Virtual Public Hearing for Proposed Extension and Widening of El Mirage Road Between Loop 303 and Jomax Road is Oct. 9

Public invited to learn about, comment on draft environmental document and initial Design Concept Report

PEORIA, ARIZ. (Oct. 2, 2025) – The draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and initial Design Concept Report (DCR) for the proposed extension and widening of El Mirage Road between Loop 303 and Jomax Road is now available for public review and comment. A virtual public hearing is scheduled from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, 2025, to discuss the project and the associated draft EA and initial DCR documents.

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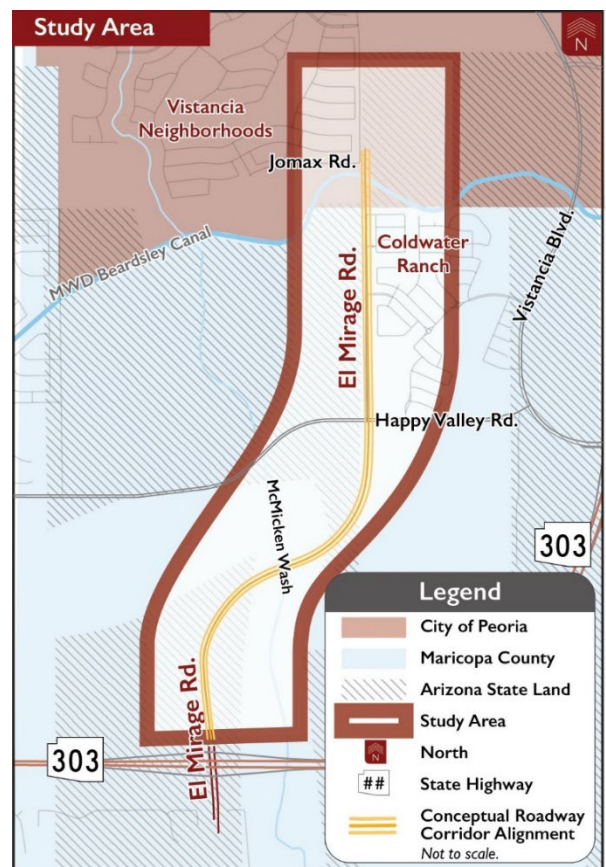
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## Public input sought for El Mirage Road extension, widening

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## **APPENDIX D**

### **PUBLIC HEARING NEWSPAPER ADS**

## DONATION



On Sunday, Sept. 7, more than 20 members of the congregation gathered to assemble the kits. Those hands, acting out Jesus' command to "love one another," worked to put together 100 personal care kits and 102 school kits. When the assembled kits were boxed it created a wall of love. (Submitted photo/John Maroni)

## Church members assemble, donate supply kits

By David Hargreaves

SPECIAL TO INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

In response to growing needs, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America encouraged each congregation to set aside the Sunday before Sept. 11 as a special day of service. Christians from more than 8,500 churches responded, as did the members of Shepherd of the Desert Lutheran Church in Sun City.

The church decided to assemble personal care kits and school kits to be

distributed wherever needed. The supplies needed for the kits poured in as congregation members responded out of love.

Each personal care kit consisted of a 27" by 52" towel, bath size bars of soap, a toothbrush, a sturdy comb and metal nail clippers. The school kits consisted of 70 page spiral notebooks, a 12" ruler, a pencil sharpener, #2 pencils, blunt scissors, pens, crayons and an eraser, all placed in colorful sacks that could be worn as backpacks.

## Church plans Sacred Spaces labyrinth walk

Beginning 8 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, The Church of the Palms will provide a Sacred Spaces event walking its spacious, outdoor labyrinth at 14808 N. Boswell Blvd. The theme of the walk is "Hunger." This program, centered around hunger, includes an introduction to the labyrinth and the process of release, receive and reveal. This interactive program also includes communion together and should be 75-90 minutes depending upon the number of people attending the program. All are welcome. Facilitators for this event, Max Klinkenborg and Michael Powell, hope this program will provide a thoughtful experience concerning hunger, generating new insight and clarity. The church offers a labyrinth with paths wide enough for wheel chairs. Call 623-977-8359 for more information.



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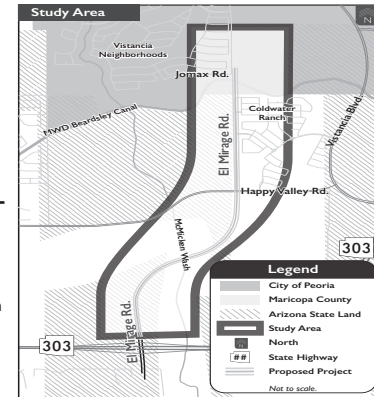
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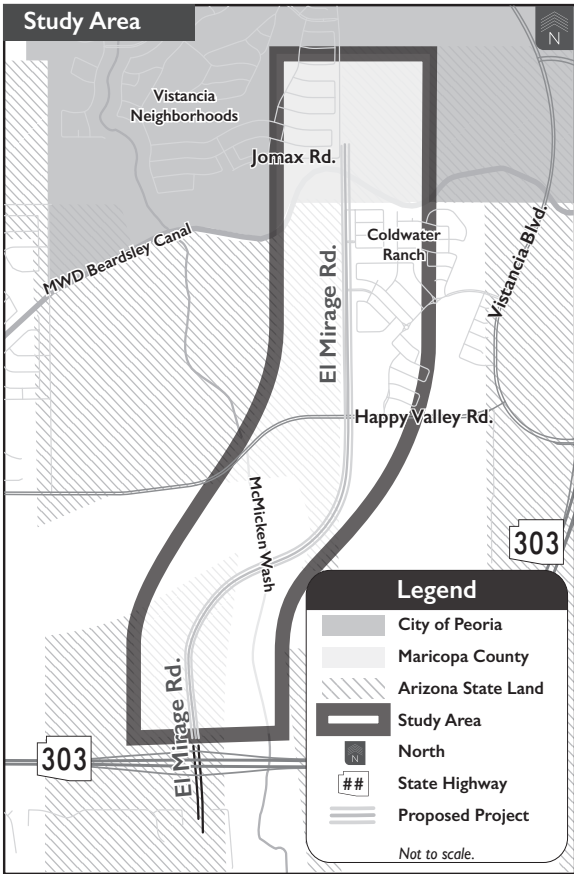
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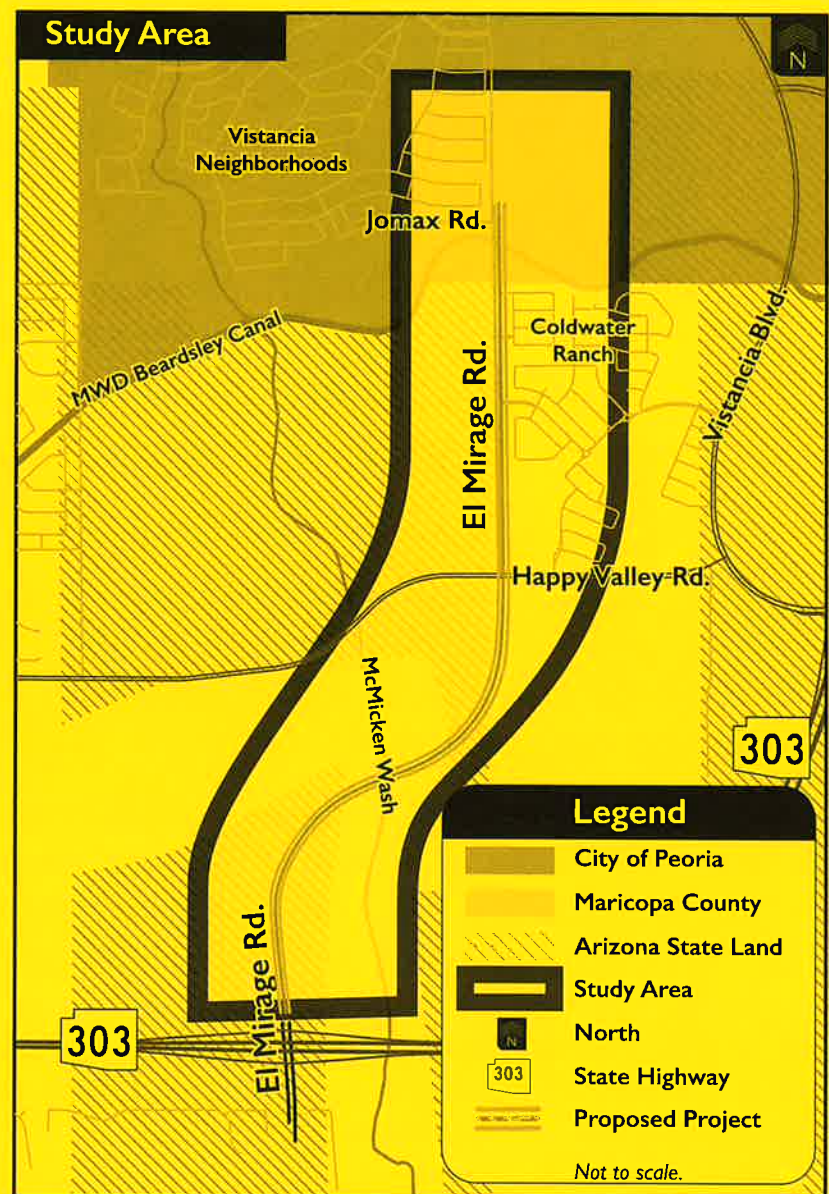
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**APPENDIX F**

**SOCIAL MEDIA**




## Appendix F: Social Media

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## Appendix F: Social Media

### Peoria Facebook and X Posts: Oct. 8, 2025

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Study Area

Vistancia Neighborhoods

Jomax Rd.

Coldwater Ranch

Happy Valley Rd.

Vistancia Blvd.

McKicken Wash

El Mirage Rd.

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Legend

- City of Peoria
- Maricopa County
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October 9 Virtual Public Hearing: Proposed Extension & Widening of El Mirage Road Between Loop 303/Jomax Road

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El Mirage Rd.

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1.	9/24/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Vistancia resident	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Peoria, AZ 85383	<p>Hello and thanks for taking comments by email. We moved to Trilogy at Vistancia in June 2016, a stone's throw from N. El Mirage Rd and W. Blue Sky Drive. Almost immediately I began hoping for an extension of El Mirage down to Loop 303, a fairly short distance but offering much in the way of vastly improved access to southbound Loop 303.</p> <p>I've numerous reasons for wanting this improvement as I have several medical offices on Grand Ave and/or Bell Rd not to mention shopping along those roads, access to Banner Del Web Hospital, several medical imaging offices, and further down to the incredible developments off Waddell Road at 303. My current access to Loop 303 is a roundabout waste of time and fuel, going and coming. Everyone up here as the same mobility needs and more are coming. When this extension opens the traffic flow at El Mirage and Blue Sky will need a traffic signal (I believe this may be covered by what are referred to as "intersection improvements."</p> <p>Next on my want list is extending Jomax from Loop 303 east to hooking into N. Lake Pleasant Pkwy as my primary doctor is in that Abrazo Emergency center. This would also give our community a way to access the Four Corners area (Happy Valley and Lake Pleasant) from the north to access that area's shopping and eateries. Happy Valley has very heavy flows which is constantly growing. Getting a lot of eastbound Vistancia traffic off Vistancia Pkwy at Jomax would ease traffic for all concerned, especially where Happy Valley intersects Loop 303 and again where an extremely busy Happy Valley diverts south and Vistancia Pkwy begins. FYI: We moved here from Colorado Springs which has a poor road system and where left turn signals are green for a rigid amount of time which often is inadequate to handle the amount of left turn traffic; I've often sat through 2-3 left turn cycles which caused me to get around those signals by going down side streets, etc. Whenever we asked for new signals we always were dismissed with "there isn't the budget for it." The entire Colorado state road system is as equally bad as the state is always cash poor as voters reject just about every new or increased tax no matter the benefit. In the adult world this is known as cutting off one's nose to spite their face.</p>

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							<p>The road system HERE is amazingly good compared to other places we've lived (I'm referring to Fairfax County, VA) which has traffic issues so bad there's a national saying about "Don't Fairfax us" when it comes to funding and building roads as well as allowing unlimited growth without the infrastructure to handle it. Over several decades Fairfax fell ever more behind in road building after one idiot county executive told the state to shove their state funds for new / improved roads.</p> <p>My sincere thanks to all concerned who've made the roads here so darned good.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
2.	9/24/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Trilogy at Vistancia resident	[REDACTED]		<p>It is absolutely imperative that the extension be put through from the 303 to Vistancia Parkway to alleviate the congestion at Vistancia Parkway and Happy Valley Road. The connection should also be made between El Mirage and Jomax to the 303 at Jomax. There is no time to waste as it is getting more difficult each day to get out of Vistancia and Coldwater Ranch as well as home west of Vistancia Blvd on Happy Valley Road.</p> <p>Please move as quickly as possible.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Trilogy at Vistancia</p>
3.	9/24/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Trilogy at Vistancia resident	[REDACTED]		<p>As City Engineer when Vistancia was planned and constructed, the only issue I had with the existing section of El Mirage, adjacent to Vistancia, was that the residents wanted to lower the speed limit to 35 to accommodate golf carts to and from the residential development and commercial area to the north. I always told the residents that El Mirage was and is in our Transportation plan a major arterial, so it can not have a 35MPH speed limit. Hope it is not an issue for this necessary project. If you want any historical info on this, please call me at [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>

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4.	9/25/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Resident	[REDACTED]		<p>Uncertain what this addition may do to alleviate traffic. In today's world, I worry about the sickos out there and the electrical grid that's running along the new street.</p> <p>In my opinion, what needs to be accomplished is extending JoMax beyond Dysart to happy Valley and the 303. Also, additional patrols are needed within this area as everyone exceeds the speed limit and flies through stop signs. Uncertain why speed limit are even posted as nobody pays attention to them let alone there not even enforced! I spoke to the city who refers me to the county and the county tells me they don't have time to monitor the streets/speeds. They have more important things to do with their time. So sad !</p> <p>Please excuse any grammatical errors. Sent from my iPhone</p>
5.	10/2/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Resident	[REDACTED]		<p>Please complete the El Mirage extension from loop 303 to Jomax Road sooner rather than later... Traffic out here is horrible.</p> <p>Then connect Jomax to El Mirage East of Vistancia Boulevard. That will help too.</p> <p>Thank you from a Vistancia residents perspective...</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
6.	10/2/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Resident	[REDACTED]	Peoria, AZ 85383	<p>Project indicates improvements to cross streets and specifically mentions signals at Happy Valley which would be needed. Does it also include to improvements to El Mirage at Blue Sky as to turn lanes being added for both N/B and S/B El Mirage? Perhaps 3-way stop signs at Blu Sky? A full traffic study of the number of vehicles entering exiting might justify consideration.</p>

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7.	10/4/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Sun City West resident	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Corte Bella Sun City West, AZ 85375	<p>My name is [REDACTED] I am a resident of Sun City West, Maricopa County. Our "age restricted" community is located just south of the El Mirage exit on the 303. My concern is the amount of traffic north and south bound on El Mirage Road.</p> <p>In consideration of the addition of the Waste Transfer Station and the El Mirage-Jomax extension I expect a very significant increase in traffic. At present there is a significant increase in traffic which may be a result of the extension of Williams Drive to Deer Valley Road, the chip plant and the infrastructure that has occurred at the Waddell Exit on the 303. This not only impacts El Mirage Exit but also impacts the Grand Avenue (Rt 60) Exit and Happy Valley Road exit.</p> <p>Understanding this extension will increase traffic, my concern is traffic control and the signage that will control ingress and egress to communities of Corte Bella and Sun Leyva. At times cars making left hand turns to enter either the Corte Bella or Sun Leyva communities have to wait on a green light (there is no left turn arrow) which starts oncoming traffic again, without an arrow to provide an opportunity to forego waiting on north or south bound traffic on El Mirage and provide the ability for residents and visitors to safely enter their respective communities. We are sitting at a light in a defensive position waiting on a break in oncoming traffic.</p> <p>In closing, my concern is traffic control for both north and south traffic on El Mirage Road. I would like to see the signals and signage plan that will be implemented before the extension opens.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted [REDACTED] Corte Bella Sun City West, AZ 85375 [REDACTED]</p>

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8.	10/3/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Resident	[REDACTED]		<p>Dear Peoria City Council Members,</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong opposition to the El Mirage Road Extension project. As a concerned resident of Peoria, I believe this project is a misuse of our city's tax dollars and will primarily benefit the residents of Surprise at the expense of our community.</p> <p>Our city is already burdened with the disruptive and inconvenient closure of the intersection at Happy Valley Road and N Vistancia Boulevard. This project has created significant traffic issues for Peoria residents, and it appears to be another instance of Peoria's resources being used to solve traffic problems caused by the rapid and unsustainable growth in the City of Surprise. The El Mirage Road Extension project seems to be a continuation of this pattern. The City of Peoria's estimated contribution of over \$400,000 for just the initial phase of this project is a substantial amount of money. These funds could be far better utilized to address pressing needs of our own city. For instance, that money could be invested in paving local streets, improving traffic flow at intersections that Peoria residents use daily, providing additional resources for our police and fire departments, or enhancing our community parks and recreational programs. These are tangible improvements that would directly benefit the taxpayers footing the bill. It is unfair to place the financial burden on Peoria taxpayers for a project that will disproportionately benefit another city. The City of Surprise and the state should be responsible for funding projects that address the consequences of their planning and development decisions. I urge you to reconsider the city's involvement in this project and to reallocate these funds toward initiatives that directly serve the residents of Peoria.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.</p> <p>Sincerely, [REDACTED]</p>



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9.	10/6/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Resident	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<p>To whom it make concern -</p> <p>1) I am in favor of the extension up to Happy Valley and Jomax.</p> <p>2) This is right outside of the study area noted in the documentation, but there needs to be a traffic lights put in at the 303 and El Mirage, like now! (right where this extension picks up and has already started - there is roadway north present). People don't know what to do today. Multiple near misses already! Spots highlighted in green within pic below.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
10.	10/5/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Sun City West resident	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<p>I'm curious as to why the study chose to ignore Corte Bella (CB) as part of the noise component, clearly the already increasing traffic noise is not limited to the east side of El Mirage Rd. I strongly believe the noise study at the very least needs to be amended to include sampling locations throughout the northeast section of CB since the noise barrier walls are already inadequately sized in this area from just regular 303 traffic. This situation will only get worse from this proposed project as well as from all the other proposed work and development along this growing corridor.</p> <p>Regards.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Corte Bella</p> <p>Sent from my iPad</p>
11.	10/7/2025	Email	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<p>I welcome the proposal to extend El Mirage from 303 intersection to Jomax.</p> <p>But surely this is an incomplete project. When can we expect El Mirage to be completed from Lone Mountain to SH 74 ?; and the link from Jomax/ElMirage to the new , expensive and recently completed Jomax/303 interchange ?</p> <p>Thank you for your response.</p>
12.	10/8/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Resident	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<p>This addition is needed to elevate traffic and congestion on Happy Valley !</p> <p>Next to get the City's or Sheriffs Office to police the area as 99% of the people go 20+ miles over the speed limit, turn right in left hand turning lanes etc.... . The police department can make an extreme sums of money if they were in the area! Please excuse any grammatical errors.</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>

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13.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	[REDACTED]	Resident			My only concern is I live in the Cross River community off of Deer... well, the El Mirage Deer Valley Williams cut that they created that I know is not part of this extension. But I am concerned, because the amount of traffic that's already coming down Williams and Deer Valley from other areas. This is gonna be a direct route for people from Surprise and Vistancia to avoid Happy Valley and the four corners intersections and go straight down our streets now, where we already have a hard time during traffic hours turning left and right out of our neighborhoods off of Williams. Are you guys gonna... I know it's not part of this, but is...it's gonna increase the... I can only imagine the number of cars that are gonna go down this road now. I got to think it's gonna increase by hundreds a day, at least. If not thousands, and there's no traffic control devices. There's one blinky light for people across the street in front of the park that people run all day long. I've sent in comments about, you know, concerns about people aren't stopping at these red lights, no one's doing enforcement. Luckily, we haven't had a serious accident, but, you guys are gonna have to address the traffic patterns on Williams, because it's gonna be a big mess. Yeah, is that getting looked at as part of this project?
14.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	Anony mous				You may want to check your facts. This demonstration shows the study area goes north to Vistancia Blvd., which is in Vistancia.
15.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	Anony mous				Wrong answer. The adjoining areas should be considered for noise.
16.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	[REDACTED]	Resident			I'm trying to understand how you do all these. Can you turn your volume down? Sorry. There are communities that are just on the other side of 303 that will obviously be negatively impacted by this. Why was your study not taken over and taken into effect Corta Bella and Sunlea and that area? Because... you know, it... we already exist, but we matter, too. Can you help me understand that? Hello, can you not hear me?
17.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	[REDACTED]	Resident	[REDACTED]		Just a comment, thank you for explaining this project, appreciate your time.

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18.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	[REDACTED]	Resident	[REDACTED]		The proposal looks good for what it cover. The main concern is the final design for the intersections.
19.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	[REDACTED]	Resident	[REDACTED]		Rather than having a stoplight at El Mirage & Jomax it would be nice to have a round-a-bout for noise mitigation much like at the east & west ends of the Deer Valley birdge.
20.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	[REDACTED]	Resident	[REDACTED]		Please give further consideration to a roundabout at the intersection of El Mirage and Jomax Roads.
21.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	[REDACTED]	Resident	[REDACTED]		I see it now.
22.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	Anony mous				Understood. You didn't answer the question.
23.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	Anony mous				Please review your slides that show the study area north of Jomax.
24.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	Anony mous				Thanks. Clarification is important to the community for comments
25.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		what is the plan for the Jomax extension once the el mirage extension is completed
26.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	[REDACTED]	Resident			No. I think this a great idea!
27.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	[REDACTED]	Resident			Can you make sure those living in Coldwater Retreat can still utilize the W Desert Sun Ln exit? If there is a median on El Mirage Rd and you can't make a left, a u turn needs to be allowed not far from there. Funneling all traffic to W Tether Trail will cause safety issues in the neighborhood.
28.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	[REDACTED]	Resident			Also, will you be landscaping the median? And if so, will it be nice landscaping? There are multiple medians in the area not landscaped and it looks horrible. Understand the county has less design restrictions, but we also want our roads and streets to look nice to match nearby Peoria.

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29.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	[REDACTED]	Resident	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Who will design and operate the traffic lights? Peoria and Surprise seem to have better traffic lights with backlit signage & are more visually appealing. I would assume Peoria since the light at Vistancia and HV is their theme/style even though that's a county island. Having one of the cities use their theming would look better so the finishes are nicer and the street names at each light will be backlit. This will be an additional "gateway" to Vistancia and should match the quality and style.
30.	10/17/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Business owner	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Yes please build extension. We need relief from traffic. Sent from [REDACTED] President, [REDACTED] Peoria,Az [REDACTED]
31.	10/17/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Resident	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Good Afternoon, This is a great idea. The one request that I have. Can you please consider installing a control signal at the intersection of W. Happy Valley Rd and N. Dysart Rd? This intersection is extremely dangerous as E/W traffic travels at a high rate of speed. It is only a matter of time before a fatal collision occurs at this intersection. Thank you for your consideration, [REDACTED] Resident in the area
32.	10/17/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Resident	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Sun City West, AZ	To whom it may concern, As a resident near El Mirage road and W. Corte Bella Drive, I have concerns about the road extension increasing the speed contests and drag races that are currently occurring on El Mirage, between W. Williams Dr. and St. Route 303. At present it is easy to hear high-powered, loud motorcycles, cars and trucks at full throttle when the stoplight at Williams and/or Corte Bella Dr. turns green. Very often I hear engines at redline shifting through 3, 4 and even 5 gears which results in speeds nearing (perhaps surpassing) 100 miles per hour. It is also obvious that some racers go to the 303, then make u-turns and race back south on El Mirage. [REDACTED] Sun City West, AZ
33.	10/17/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Vote " No " on the El mirage / 303 expansion.

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34.	10/17/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Commuter	[REDACTED]		<p>Hello,</p> <p>I do not live in the area of this study but I do drive the US60 every day coming off the south 303 and heading west toward Whitman. The amount of traffic coming out of the Vistancia area is massive. It's a huge bottleneck each morning and afternoon to get through the light at 163rd Avenue to get back to the 303 and head south.</p> <p>ANYTHING that can give that traffic an alternative route will be beneficial.</p> <p>PLEASE proceed!</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
35.	10/17/2025	Email	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		<p>I think it's a great idea !! Also the proposed exit between El Mirage and grand on 303 is desperately needed to help traffic flow at grand and 163rd. I live over there and it's a nightmare getting in and out so any improvements are greatly appreciated. Thank you !!</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>

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36.	10/17/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Resident	[REDACTED]		<p>To the City, County and State project engineers, This will be the first time I have commented on a project, but not the first time I have considered it. The original El Mirage Jomax access road was engineered and designed in curvy configuration. If this was intended to make drivers slow down it only made things more dangerous. Cars coming from the 303 speed into the left lane at the light so they can cut off the drivers in the right lane approaching the right turn onto Vistancia Blvd. It's an extremely narrow turn lane on that side. Surely not wide enough for the many construction trucks that use the lane. The curves need to be modified and the lanes widened.</p> <p>The other issue is the hundreds of piles of dirt that are mounded and left in the desert area off Vistanci between Safeway and Coldwater Ranch. The city engineer must have a plan in place for disposal of construction dirt as to not leave unsightly piles and mounds to wreck the natural desert in our community. The worst of these areas seem to be on Arizona State Land. We see it at near EVERY school build site. Very unsightly and it's allowed to just grow weeds and attracts others to do illegal dumping. Fix it. Make a plan.</p> <p>That's my two cents worth.</p> <p>Regards. [REDACTED] Peoria resident</p>

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37.	10/17/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Resident	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<p>I am a resident of Surprise for over 27yrs. I am a local real estate agent, and currently live in [REDACTED] off of 163rd Ave and Jomax. The traffic in that area is so congested right now and only growing as building continues on both commercial and residential in the area. There are currently only 2 exits in the area via 163rd and Happy Valley. There are frequent accidents on 163rd and Grand and have been known to close that exit leaving Happy Valley several miles away as the only entrance/exit which is dangerous.</p> <p>There are discussions about adding the 155th Ave exit which is said to begin in 3yrs, but that is not an acceptable timeframe. The amount of growth in 3yrs is going to be overwhelming in the area, there needs to be multiple additional options to direct the traffic multiple ways.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
38.	10/19/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Resident	[REDACTED]	<p>[REDACTED] Peoria, AZ 85383</p>	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I watched the presentations and the renditions of the road in both its 4-lane and 6-lane configurations and found them quite interesting and informative. I do not know, based upon what I saw, whether or not the road will be opened in its entirety or in segments. Also, will the short section from just SW of El Mirage and Vistancia Blvd to Jomax Rd be improved to 4-lane divided while the newer El Mirage Road sections are being completed?</p> <p>Thanks for putting this together, and for addressing this critical need for additional entry/exit options for Vistancia area residents.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Peoria AZ 85383</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>

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39.	10/17/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Resident	[REDACTED]		<p>This sounds great!</p> <p>I think we need another exit onto Grand Ave too, like Jomax Road. Thank you</p> <p>I think removing the 4th lane on Grand was a mistake. We need a bridge on Grand near 163rd st over the wash and waterway to so the 4th lane flows onto 163rd st.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>



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40.	10/20/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Resident	[REDACTED]		<p>Subject: Support for El Mirage Road Widening and Extension Project</p> <p>Dear ADOT Project Team,</p> <p>As a resident of the area, I would like to express my full support for the proposed El Mirage Road widening and extension project between Loop 303 and Jomax Road.</p> <p>This project is both necessary and timely given the rapid growth occurring in our community. The increasing traffic congestion in the area has become a daily concern for residents, impacting not only commute times but also overall safety and accessibility. Expanding this roadway will greatly improve traffic flow, reduce bottlenecks, and enhance the efficiency of travel throughout the area.</p> <p>Additionally, improved roadway design and capacity will significantly benefit first responder access, ensuring quicker response times during emergencies, and will better accommodate the ongoing and future residential and commercial development expected in the northwest Valley. The proposed improvements represent a responsible investment in our community's infrastructure that will support continued growth while maintaining safety and accessibility for all who live and work in the area.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide input and for your continued efforts to improve transportation infrastructure in our region.</p> <p>Sincerely, [REDACTED]</p>
41.	10/17/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Resident	[REDACTED]		<p>Hello,</p> <p>Please continue with the plans for the El Mirage Road Extension. It will be a great benefit to the community.</p> <p>Thank you, [REDACTED]</p> <p>Get Outlook for iOS</p>
42.	10/17/2025	Email	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		<p>A sweet light should be required on the 303 and El Mirage interchange. Too many cars and accidents are coming. No one stops correctly.</p>

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43.	10/17/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Trilogy Resident	[REDACTED]		I live in trilogy and I am 1000% ready for the entire road from the back of trilogy to 303 at el mirage This will cut down lots of traffic at the crazy traffic on Vistancia Blvd to the 303 [REDACTED]
44.	10/17/2025	Email	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		I think it is needed. It will provide an optional entry to the Asante area and provide relief to the congestion at the 303 and hwy60 interchange. Thank You.
45.	10/18/2025	Email	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		Why isn't the Northern Parkway finished yet? And your already onto another project. Maybe before these city approve all these housing developments, Major roads should be built before the traffic jams and backups. And while your at it build another entrance to the madness off of Grand Ave. Jomax rd and Happy Valley road should definitely hook up Grand Ave besides 163rd Ave. Thanks [REDACTED]
46.	10/18/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Resident	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Sun City West, AZ 85375	The El Mirage extension is needed badly to relieve the Grand Avenue traffic going north and south off of 163rd Avenue. It will relieve the Happy Valley/Vistancia Blvd traffic going in and out of Vistancia and all of the other planned communities that use that access. None of the master planned communities should have been allowed before the access issues were built. Now we are behind the eight ball. [REDACTED] Sun City West, AZ 85375 [REDACTED]
47.	10/18/2025	Email	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		make it wide enough so that you don't have to keep widening every year like you did Loop 101 East to West! Tired of the delay month after month! Not to mention the cost to consumers for gas burned while waiting in traffic for construction crews to open and/or reopen lanes.
48.	10/20/2025	Email	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		Use traffic circles at Jomax and El Mirage and other intersections where feasible. Better and safer traffic merge and a natural device to minimize speeding. Publish estimated completion target date. [REDACTED]

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49.	10/21/2025	Email	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		<p>All:</p> <p>Continued delay creates a rise in project cost and impacts safety along Happy Valley, in spite of recent improvements at the Vistancia and Happy Valley intersection. Growth in this area is leading to additional safety concerns, traffic delays/congestion, and the need for expedited decision-making.</p> <p>The three alternatives, and apparent consideration of more hybrids, seem to be leading to analysis paralysis.</p> <p>Please move forward.</p> <p>Thanks for your consideration,</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
50.	10/22/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Trilogy Resident	[REDACTED]		<p>Hello. I am a resident at Trilogy of Vistancia and frequent user of a gate into/out of our community off of El Mirage, just south of Trilogy Blvd. I feel a traffic light will need to be installed at this intersection in order to make safe exits and entrances into our community.</p> <p>I am also concerned about the noise such a large road will bring to our community. It's going to be a significant negative impact to us in that regard.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
51.	10/23/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Resident	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Surprise, AZ 85387	<p>I wasn't able to attend the live presentation but I did view the recorded version.</p> <p>This probably goes without saying but my comment would be to construct the 6 lane alternative right away, if possible. Too often we see a new road being widened because it wasn't built wide enough to begin with. With the way Surprise and North Peoria are growing, more lanes would be best to handle future growth and traffic. Thank you for your attention to this matter.</p> <p>[REDACTED] Surprise, AZ 85387</p>
52.	10/24/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Resident	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Sun City West, AZ. 85375	<p>Please do not extend El Mirage road. We live in Corte Bella, and there is already excessive traffic noise, from El Mirage Road. A few years ago there was no noise. Extending it further north, will make it much worse.</p> <p>Please consider the seniors that enjoy their peace and quiet.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>sun City West, AZ. 85375</p> <p>Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone</p>

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53.	10/24/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Resident	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<p>Subject: Yes to Extension</p> <p>I am in favor of the proposed El Mirage Rd extension project. I live in the area off 163rd and Pinnacle Peak and any improvements in extra roadways or extensions in and out of the whole area will be welcomed. We travel that stretch of happy valley all the time too going into Peoria from Surprise.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>

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1.	10/2/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Resident	[REDACTED]	Peoria, AZ 85383	Project indicates improvements to cross streets and specifically mentions signals at Happy Valley which would be needed. Does it also include to improvements to El Mirage at Blue Sky as to turn lanes being added for both N/B and S/B El Mirage? Perhaps 3-way stop signs at Blu Sky? A full traffic study of the number of vehicles entering exiting might justify consideration.	Thank you for your question. The El Mirage Road: Loop 303 to Jomax Road project does not include improvements at Blue Sky Drive because that intersection is located beyond the boundaries of this project. To view a map of the study area for this project, visit <a href="https://www.elmirageroadextension.com/study-area">https://www.elmirageroadextension.com/study-area</a> . You can also contact the City of Peoria at <a href="mailto:inetengineering@peoriaaz.gov">inetengineering@peoriaaz.gov</a> or 623.773.7212 for more information about this intersection. Thank you.
2.	10/5/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Resident	[REDACTED]		I'm curious as to why the study chose to ignore Corte Bella (CB) as part of the noise component, clearly the already increasing traffic noise is not limited to the east side of El Mirage Rd. I strongly believe the noise study at the very least needs to be amended to include sampling locations throughout the northeast section of CB since the noise barrier walls are already inadequately sized in this area from just regular 303 traffic. This situation will only get worse from this proposed project as well as from all the other proposed work and development along this growing corridor.	Thank you for question. Corte Bella and other areas south of Loop 303 were not within the project study area or the environmental analysis limits; therefore, the noise analysis did not include impact determination and abatement considerations. Corte Bella is predominantly affected by Loop 303 from a highway-noise perspective; noise abatement measures in the form of noise barriers are already in place. Thank you.
3.	10/7/2025	Email	[REDACTED]	Resident	[REDACTED]		I welcome the proposal to extend El Mirage from 303 intersection to Jomax. But surely this is an incomplete project. When can we expect El Mirage to be completed from Lone Mountain to SH 74 ?; and the link from Jomax/ElMirage to the new , expensive and recently completed Jomax/303 interchange? Thank you for your response.	Thank you for your input. The other two projects you are inquiring about are outside the scope of the El Mirage Road: Loop 303 to Jomax Road project. However, both projects are in the City of Peoria's Circulation Plan presented in the <i>City of Peoria General Plan 2040</i> , which is available at <a href="https://www.peoriaaz.gov/business/development-services/city-codes-and-">https://www.peoriaaz.gov/business/development-services/city-codes-and-</a>

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								<p><a href="#">regulations</a>. Design and construction of these roadways would be driven by development activities along the corridors.</p> <p>The connection from Lone Mountain to State Route 74 is currently anticipated to be developer constructed as development occurs in the area.</p> <p>Similarly, the Jomax Road extension from El Mirage Road to Vistancia will be a developer-constructed improvement.</p> <p>The extension of Jomax Road from Dysart Road to 126th Avenue (just west of El Mirage Road) is being led by the City of Surprise and is currently in design. Construction is anticipated in fiscal year 2027. Thank you.</p>

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4.	10/8/2025	Email	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		Is it possible to get the basic proposed plans or the El Mirage extension emailed to me? I live in the neighborhood. When would construction begin? How will it effect the existing exit?	Thank you for your question. The initial Design Concept Report, which represents a preliminary, 15-percent level of design, is available on the project website at <a href="https://www.elmirageroadextension.com/files/ugd/2d3cb7_9a2bf3c44f114c22a2ed1cfd80d739c.pdf">https://www.elmirageroadextension.com/files/ugd/2d3cb7_9a2bf3c44f114c22a2ed1cfd80d739c.pdf</a> . These plans are the most up to date. There is no date yet for construction to begin. This project is currently in the study phase. Following completion of the current study—and depending on the Environmental Assessment determination—the final design phase may begin as early as spring 2026. The El Mirage Road / Loop 303 traffic interchange would have a north connection and the signing and striping would be updated to reflect this change. Final design would evaluate existing and future traffic volumes to determine the number of through lanes and turn lanes needed at the intersection, and would determine the need for signals. Thank you.
5.	10/09	Public Hearing via Zoom	[REDACTED]	Resident			My only concern is I live in the Cross River community off of Deer... well, the El Mirage Deer Valley Williams cut that they created that I know is not part of this extension. But I am concerned, because the amount of traffic that's already coming down Williams and Deer	<b>ANSWERED VERBALLY DURING PUBLIC HEARING:</b> <b>David Lenzer (Burgess &amp; Niple):</b> Yes, the traffic projections do include what we believe the traffic will be, not just opening day, but out to 2050, and that considers all of the development within



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							<p>Valley from other areas. This is gonna be a direct route for people from Surprise and Vistancia to avoid Happy Valley and the four corners intersections and go straight down our streets now, where we already have a hard time during traffic hours turning left and right out of our neighborhoods off of Williams. Are you guys gonna... I know it's not part of this, but is...it's gonna increase the... I can only imagine the number of cars that are gonna go down this road now. I got to think it's gonna increase by hundreds a day, at least. If not thousands, and there's no traffic control devices. There's one blinky light for people across the street in front of the park that people run all day long. I've sent in comments about, you know, concerns about people aren't stopping at these red lights, no one's doing enforcement. Luckily, we haven't had a serious accident, but, you guys are gonna have to address the traffic patterns on Williams, because it's gonna be a big mess. Yeah, is that getting looked at as part of this project?</p>	<p>a five-mile area that has been shared with MAG and the City of Peoria.</p> <p><b>Craig Bolze (City of Peoria):</b>  <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span> that area is south of our study area. The short answer is that this study did not look that far south. And that area is within Maricopa County, and Angela, perhaps you can add to that information.</p> <p><b>Angela Macaluso (Maricopa County Department of Transportation):</b>  As you noticed on Williams Drive, we did add one of the beacons in there after the bridge was built. It wasn't something that was included, and so those types of traffic devices are things that the county will be looking at, as well as other safety devices for Williams Drive. We do understand the amount of traffic that has come in since the bridge and continues to come in. So yes, the county will be looking at that. As they mentioned, Williams Drive is a county roadway, as well as most of the roadways that do feed into that area. So, a very good comment, and yes, it will be looked at, although it's not part of this study area, it is something that the County definitely has in their purview.</p>
6.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	Anonymo us				If federal funding does not come through ..will the project not continue	<p><b>ANSWERED VERBALLY DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING:</b>  <b>Craig Bolze (City of Peoria):</b> Federal funding is a significant portion of the project funding. If federal funding were not to be available for the project, it would be a significant hurdle for the project. I would like to think that it would be something we could overcome. But that would be difficult.</p>

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7.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom					It appears that the project will end at Jomax road, however El mirage Rd continues well into Vistancia, is that correct?	<b>ANSWERED VERBALLY DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING:</b> <b>Craig Bolze (City of Peoria):</b> Yes, that is correct. The improvements will connect to the existing El Mirage Road at the Jomax Road intersection.
8.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom					What will be done to mitigate noise to the homes in Trilogy?	<b>ANSWERED VERBALLY DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING:</b> <b>Kim Noetzel (Avenue Consultants):</b> Trilogy is located north of Jomax Road, which is outside of the study area for this project. I don't know if Craig or if Justin can add anything in addition to that? <b>Craig Bolze (City of Peoria):</b> And I'll hand it over to Justin, but just very quickly, I don't believe that Trilogy was included in the noise mitigation analysis for this study. However, if there's some concerns, we could certainly look at a final design. And Justin, maybe you can add to that. <b>Justin Hoppmann (Aztec Engineering):</b> Briefly, we did take a look at several receptors, homes, within the northwest region of Jomax and El Mirage, the existing alignments of those, and evaluated those in the ADOT noise report. We did evaluate noise barriers in accordance with ADOT's noise abatement requirements, and the reasonable and feasible criteria that would have to be met in order for noise barriers to be considered. The report evaluated noise throughout the corridor and found that those (areas) did not meet the reasonable and feasible criteria. <b>Clarifying information provided after the public hearing:</b> The noise report indicated the residences in

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								Trilogy would not approach or exceed the 66-decibel (dBA) noise threshold needed to evaluate noise barriers. The final noise analysis is available on the project website under the <a href="#">Resources</a> tab. Thank you.
9.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		Is any traffic light configuration planned at northern end of project, the intersection of Jomax and El Mirage?	<b>ANSWERED VERBALLY DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING:</b> <b>David Lenzer (Burgess &amp; Niple):</b> The intersection configuration of Jomax Road and El Mirage Road is still being studied. One potential solution is a signalized intersection at that location. It'll be determined during final design, which type of intersection treatment is moved forward there.
10.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		When and how will the traffic impacts be measured at the intersection of El Mirage and Loop 303, specifically traffic north and south bound on El Mirage Road?	<b>ANSWERED VERBALLY DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING:</b> <b>David Lenzer (Burgess &amp; Niple):</b> So once again, that is one that we have the projected traffic volumes, currently, and as we're moving forward into final design. We will continue to evaluate to determine what improvements are done to those intersections at the Loop 303 El Mirage Road interchange, and those could also be signalized.
11.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom					will this recording be available?	<b>ANSWERED IN WRITING AT THE PUBLIC HEARING:</b> Yes, it will be available on <a href="https://www.elmirageroadextension.com/">https://www.elmirageroadextension.com/</a> .
12.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	Anonymo us				Are the projected future traffic volumes factored into the determination of intersection configurations and traffic control (roundabouts vs signals for example) along the study segment of El Mirage Rd considerate of both now proposed future TI's between El Mirage	<b>ANSWERED IN WRITING AT THE PUBLIC HEARING:</b> Yes, the projected future traffic volumes are factored into the determination of intersection configurations and traffic control. The projected volumes do consider one additional future traffic

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							Rd and Grand Avenue, or just one? Thank you	interchange along Loop 303 between El Mirage Road and Grand Avenue/US 60.
13.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		Will El Mirage connect into Vistancia?	<b>ANSWERED IN WRITING AT THE PUBLIC HEARING:</b> That area is outside of the study area for this project. We suggest you contact the City of Peoria at <a href="mailto:inetengineering@peoriaaz.gov">inetengineering@peoriaaz.gov</a> or call 623.773.7212. Thank you.
14.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom					You may want to check your facts. This demonstration shows the study area goes north to Vistancia Blvd., which is in Vistancia.	<b>ANSWERED IN WRITING AT THE PUBLIC HEARING:</b> The study area extends about 1/3 of a mile north of Jomax Road, but the project would end at Jomax Road. Thank you.
15.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom					The why is the study are mentioned?	<b>ANSWERED IN WRITING AT THE PUBLIC HEARING:</b> The draft Environmental Assessment and Initial Design Concept Report are being prepared in conjunction with the study area, which is about a 1/2 mile wide and extends along El Mirage Road from Loop 303 to Jomax Road. Thank you.
16.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom					Will there be a noise study for Corte Bella.	<b>ANSWERED IN WRITING AT THE PUBLIC HEARING:</b> Corte Bella is outside of the study area for this project. Thank you.
17.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		when will the website/resources be updated with tonight's content?	<b>ANSWERED VERBALLY DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING:</b> <b>Kim Noetzel (Avenue Consultants):</b> Sometimes it takes a minute for the recording to finalize, but we do expect to have the recording of this public hearing on the website by close of business tomorrow, if not sooner.

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18.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		What is the plan for the Jomax extension once the el mirage extension is completed?	Thank you for your question. This project is shown in the City of Peoria's Circulation Plan presented in the <i>City of Peoria General Plan 2040</i> , which is available at <a href="https://www.peoriaaz.gov/business/development-services/city-codes-and-regulations">https://www.peoriaaz.gov/business/development-services/city-codes-and-regulations</a> . The City presently anticipates that this will be a developer-driven project. For more information, we suggest you contact the City of Peoria at <a href="mailto:inetengineering@peoriaaz.gov">inetengineering@peoriaaz.gov</a> or 623.773.7212. Thank you.
19.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	Anonymous				Why does your project not extend over to the communities just on the other side of 303 when they will clearly be negatively affected?	Thank you for your question. Areas south of Loop 303 were not within the project study area; however, several of the technical documents prepared in support of the Environmental Assessment evaluate impacts to these areas. The technical reports can be found here: <a href="https://www.elmirageroadextension.com/resources">https://www.elmirageroadextension.com/resources</a> . Thank you.
20.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	Anonymous				Is the project going to be state funded or funded by Maricopa county taxpayers?	Thank you for your question. Additional funding is required for this project to be constructed. Funding would come from multiple sources including federal, regional, local and contributions from private developers. Thank you.
21.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	Anonymous				Are we able to know the amount of traffic or cars that would take the El Mirage road continuing south below the 303? Seems many will use this new road to go to Bell Rd heading south.	Thank you for your question. The study team developed forecasted traffic volumes for the year 2050 with the proposed El Mirage Road extension (Build scenario) and without it (No-Build scenario). The traffic data shows that traffic volume on El Mirage Road south of Loop 303 will increase even if El Mirage Road is not extended and widened north of Loop 303. By 2050, the daily traffic volume on El Mirage Road

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								<p>south of Loop 303 is projected to increase to 56,100 vehicles if the project is <u>not</u> built and to 55,600 vehicles if it is built. For reference, the present-day volume is 26,900 vehicles per day. The projected daily volume south of Loop 303 is lower under the Build scenario than under the No-Build scenario. These projections include all known, planned developments within a five-mile area, and the increase in traffic volume on El Mirage Road south of Loop 303 is associated with land uses south of Loop 303 and would occur independently of the proposed extension and widening project to the north.</p> <p>Traffic modeling also shows that drivers north of Loop 303 would use El Mirage Road to access the freeway rather than continue farther south on El Mirage Road, as the current options for drivers north of Loop 303 between US 60 (Grand Avenue) and El Mirage Road are limited. This is consistent with the proposed project purpose and need outlined on page 5 of the Draft <u>Environmental Assessment</u>. The traffic analysis is available for review here: <a href="https://www.elmirageroadextension.com/files/ugd/2d3cb7_bdb063e0d2644d909d7e6826d611c082.pdf">https://www.elmirageroadextension.com/files/ugd/2d3cb7_bdb063e0d2644d909d7e6826d611c082.pdf</a></p> <p>Thank you.</p>
22.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		Can you make sure those living in Coldwater Retreat can still utilize the W Desert Sun Ln exit? If there is a median on El Mirage Rd and you can't make a left, a u turn needs to be allowed not far from there. Funneling all traffic to W	Thank you for your question. Coldwater Ranch Drive, Desert Sun Drive and Tether Trail will have access to and from El Mirage Road. The specific types of access are still being studied and developed. The access options being considered include roundabouts and

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							Tether Trl will cause safety issues in the neighborhood	unsignalized intersections. The types of intersections would be determined during the final design phase. Thank you.
23.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		Also, will you be landscaping the median? And if so, will it be nice landscaping? There are multiple medians in the area not landscaped and it looks horrible. Understand the county has less design restrictions, but we also want our roads and streets to look nice to match nearby Peoria.	Thank you for your question. Determinations about the design and implementation of landscape plans in the median would be made during the final design phase. Thank you.
24.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		Is there expected truck traffic using El Mirage going to and from the recycling center currently being built?	Thank you for your question. This information is not readily available and not directly part of this project. We apologize that we cannot assist you with this question at this time.
25.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		Who will design and operate the traffic lights? Peoria and Surprise seem to have better traffic lights with backlit signage & are more visually appealing. I would assume Peoria since the light at Vistancia and HV is their theme/style even though that's a county island. Having one of the cities use their theming would look better so the finishes are nicer and the street names at each light will be backlit. This will be an additional "gateway" to Vistancia and should match the quality and style.	Thank you for your question. Streetlights would be installed in alignment with City of Peoria standards for Major Arterials. As such, the lighting spacing type would be staggered. The streetlight pole would have a 35-foot, 3-inch mounting height, 18-foot mast arm, and 30-foot pole length, in accordance with City of Peoria and ADOT standards. The City of Peoria is responsible for any lighting request that deviates from the standard installation requirements. For more information about the design and operation of streetlights, we suggest you contact the City of Peoria at <a href="mailto:inetengineering@peoriaaz.gov">inetengineering@peoriaaz.gov</a> or 623.773.7212. Thank you.
26.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		Why was your study not taken over and taken into effect Corta Bella and Sunlea and that area? Because... You know, it... We already exist, but we matter, too. Can you help me understand that?	Thank you for your question. Areas south of Loop 303 were not within the project study area; however, several of the technical documents prepared in support of the Environmental Assessment evaluate impacts to these

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27.	10/9/2025	Public Hearing via Zoom	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		what is the plan for the Jomax extension once the el mirage extension is completed	Thank you for your question. This project is shown in the City of Peoria's Circulation Plan presented in the <i>City of Peoria General Plan 2040</i> , which is available at <a href="https://www.peoriaaz.gov/business/development-services/city-codes-and-regulations">https://www.peoriaaz.gov/business/development-services/city-codes-and-regulations</a> . The City presently anticipates that this will be a developer-driven project. For more information, we suggest you contact the City of Peoria at <a href="mailto:inetengineering@peoriaaz.gov">inetengineering@peoriaaz.gov</a> or 623.773.7212. Thank you.
28.	10/14/2025	Telephone Comment Line	[REDACTED]	Resident		[REDACTED] Peoria, AZ 85383	<p>1. What potential barriers would be put in place for noise?</p> <p>2. What streetlights and/or traffic signals would be placed at El Mirage and Coldwater?</p> <p>3. What will zoning look like on the other side of El Mirage directly west of Coldwater? Is it open to commercial, residential, or both?</p>	<p>Thank you for your questions.</p> <p>1. Noise barriers were evaluated but are not recommended in the noise analysis because they do not meet ADOT's Noise Abatement Requirements, which are available at <a href="https://azdot.gov/business/environmental-planning/noise">https://azdot.gov/business/environmental-planning/noise</a> However, noise barriers will be re-evaluated during final design.</p> <p>2. Coldwater Ranch Drive, Desert Sun Drive and Tether Trail will have access to and from El Mirage Road. The specific types of access in these locations are still being studied and developed. The access options under consideration include roundabouts and unsignalized intersections (so no traffic signals would be installed in these locations). Streetlights and signage for these intersections would be based on the type of access that is ultimately</p>



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								selected. Final selections would be made during final design. 3. For information about zoning west of Coldwater Ranch, we recommend you contact Maricopa County Planning & Development at <a href="https://apps.pnd.maricopa.gov/contact/">https://apps.pnd.maricopa.gov/contact/</a> or by calling 602.506.3301. Thank you.
29.	10/17/2025	Email	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		Good Afternoon, This is a great idea. The one request that I have. Can you please consider installing a control signal at the intersection of W. Happy Valley Rd and N. Dysart Rd? This intersection is extremely dangerous as E/W traffic travels at a high rate of speed. It is only a matter of time before a fatal collision occurs at this intersection. Thank you for your consideration, [REDACTED] Resident in the area	Thank you for your question. The intersection you are referencing is outside of the study area for this project, and is under the jurisdiction of the Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT). You can reach MCDOT at <a href="mailto:MCDOTPlanning@Maricopa.gov">MCDOTPlanning@Maricopa.gov</a> . Thank you.
30.	10/18/2025	Email	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		Why isn't the Northern Parkway finished yet? And your already onto another project. Maybe before these city approve all these housing developments, Major roads should be built before the traffic jams and backups. And while your at it build another entrance to the madness off of Grand Ave. Jomax rd and Happy Valley road should definitely hook up Grand Ave besides 163rd Ave. Thanks [REDACTED]	Thank you for your question. The Northern Parkway is outside the study area for this project. For an update on the Northern Parkway, we recommend you contact the Maricopa County Department of Transportation at <a href="mailto:MCDOTPlanning@Maricopa.gov">MCDOTPlanning@Maricopa.gov</a> . For information about regional transportation planning and funding, we recommend you contact the Maricopa Association of Governments at <a href="mailto:mag@azmag.gov">mag@azmag.gov</a> . Thank you.
31.	10/21/2025	Email	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		Dear ADOT Panel, I am writing to inquire about the specific measures that will be implemented to protect the Canyon Trails Neighborhood from the impacts of traffic,	Thank you for your question. This project is currently in the study phase. Following completion of the current study—and depending on the Environmental Assessment

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							<p>construction, and noise congestion during and after the upcoming construction project.</p> <p>Our primary concern is the preservation of the quality of life in our homes. We would appreciate it if you could elaborate on how sound protection technology will be utilized to mitigate these issues. Specifically, could you please provide details on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* The types of sound protection technologies planned for use during the construction phase?</li> <li>* How these technologies will address noise from construction activities and equipment?</li> <li>* What long-term sound mitigation strategies will be in place to protect the neighborhood from increased traffic noise once the project is complete?</li> <li>* How the effectiveness of these measures will be monitored and evaluated?</li> </ul> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter. We look forward to your response.</p>	<p>determination—the final design phase may begin as early as spring 2026. If construction occurs, as outlined in the Draft Environmental Assessment, mitigation measures would be developed to reduce construction-related noise impacts to adjacent properties in accordance with ADOT’s Noise Abatement Requirements. ADOT’s Standard Specifications for Highway and Bridge Construction stipulate that all exhaust systems on equipment should be in a good working order and properly designed engine enclosures and intake silencers should be used where appropriate. The Standard Specifications also stipulate that ADOT employees and contractors will follow all local rules and ordinances, including any local ordinances related to construction sites and equipment. For all Type I Projects, ADOT will consider the effects of noise from project construction activities and will determine any additional measures that are needed in the plans or specifications to minimize or eliminate adverse impacts from construction noise. To minimize noise impacts during construction, each noise analysis should recommend that stationary or idling equipment be located as far away from Receptors as possible. Any abatement measures dealing with construction noise determined to be necessary, reasonable, and feasible will be included in the project plans and specifications. Permanent noise barriers were evaluated but are not recommended in</p>

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								the noise analysis in the draft Environmental Assessment because they do not meet ADOT's Noise Abatement Requirements, which you can review at <a href="https://azdot.gov/business/environmental-planning/noise">https://azdot.gov/business/environmental-planning/noise</a> . However, permanent noise walls will be re-evaluated during final design. Thank you.
32.	10/24/2025	Email	Michael Hess				Is there an estimated timeline (start and end date) for the El Mirage extension. Thank you	Thank you for your question. This project is currently in the study phase. Following completion of the current study—and depending on the Environmental Assessment determination—the final design phase may begin as early as spring 2026. Construction funding is programmed in fiscal year 2027. If construction occurs it is currently anticipated to last approximately 18 months (schedules are subject to change based on unforeseen circumstances). Thank you.