

News Release

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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.

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 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 comment period from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Zoom Webinar Registration Link: https://tinyurl.com/mysaksar

Call In: 253.215.8782

Webinar ID: 883 3128 5837

Passcode: 430500

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 tab at

https://www.elmirageroadextension.com/resources.

Study Area Vistancia Neighborhoods Jomax Rd. Coldwater Ranch Mirage Happy Valley Rd. 303 Legend City of Peoria Maricopa County Rd Arizona State Land Study Area North 303 State Highway Conceptual Roadway Corridor Alignment Not to scale.

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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 Design Concept Report (DCR) to evaluate improvements to El Mirage Road. The 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 draft EA and initial DCR are currently available for review on the project website under the <u>Resources</u> 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, until 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24.

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.

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 forecast 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.

The 30-day comment continues through **5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24.** The public can provide comments in any of the following ways:

- Participate in the virtual public hearing on Thursday Oct. 9.
- **Email**: Info@ElMirageRoadExtension.com.
- Mail: 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 about the proposed project at https://www.ElMirageRoadExtension.com.

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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 (FHWA) and ADOT.

La revisión ambiental, la consulta y otras acciones requeridas por las leyes ambientales federales aplicables para este proyecto están siendo o han sido llevadas a cabo por ADOT de conformidad con 23 USC 327 y un Memorando de Entendimiento de fecha 6/25/2024 y ejecutadas por FHWA y ADOT.