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Project Update



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Summary of public hearing for El Mirage Road widening and extension project now available

Final Environmental Assessment and Design Concept Report anticipated later this year

The <u>Virtual Public Hearing Summary Report</u> for the proposed extension and widening of El Mirage Road between Loop 303 and Jomax Road is now posted to the project website under the Resources tab. The document summarizes the Oct. 9 virtual public hearing notification, information presented, comments and questions received and the project team's responses to questions. Please note, the project team will address comments in the Final Environmental Assessment (EA), which is expected to be released by the end of 2025.

The comment period began on Sept. 24 and closed on Oct. 24.

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), in cooperation with the City of Peoria, Maricopa Association of Governments and Maricopa County, prepared the draft EA in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, and the initial Design Concept Report (DCR), to evaluate improvements to El Mirage Road. The improvements include widening and extending 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.

NEXT STEPS

The project team is currently reviewing input received during the comment period and will determine whether the proposed project results in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or if an additional environmental study is warranted to address the social, economic, natural and cultural resources evaluated in the draft EA. ADOT and the City of Peoria will announce when the final determination is made and will post the Final EA and DCR on the project website.

If the determination is a FONSI, the project would move into final design as early as spring 2026. Although additional funding for construction is needed, construction funding is programmed for fiscal year 2027. Construction would be funded through Propositions 400 and 479, the City of

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Virtual Public Hearing Summary Report

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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.

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