



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

Draft Environmental Assessment and  
Design Concept Report

## Elders Concerns Group Meeting Study Update

September 14, 2022

# Agenda

**ADOT**

- Project overview
- Recommended alternative
- Project funding status
- Next steps / Final Selection
- How to participate and provide input

**ADOT**

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# I-10, Loop 202 to SR 387 Study

- Engineering and environmental study
- 26-mile corridor between Phoenix and Casa Grande
- I-10 mainline widening
- Interchange and crossroad improvements
- Fiber optic connectivity



# What is the No-Build Alternative?

- The No-Build Alternative represents the existing transportation system with ongoing maintenance.
- The No-Build Alternative provides a basis against which social, environmental and economic impacts can be measured.
- The No-Build Alternative is used as a baseline, or a benchmark, to compare against the build alternatives.

# Recommended Build Alternative (RBA)

- I-10 median widening
- Reconstructed interchanges
  - Wild Horse Pass Blvd.
  - SR 347/Queen Creek Rd.
  - Riggs Rd.
  - SR 587/Casa Blanca Rd.
  - SR 387/SR 187/Pinal Ave.
- New Interchange
  - Seed Farm Rd.



# Recommended Build Alternative (RBA)

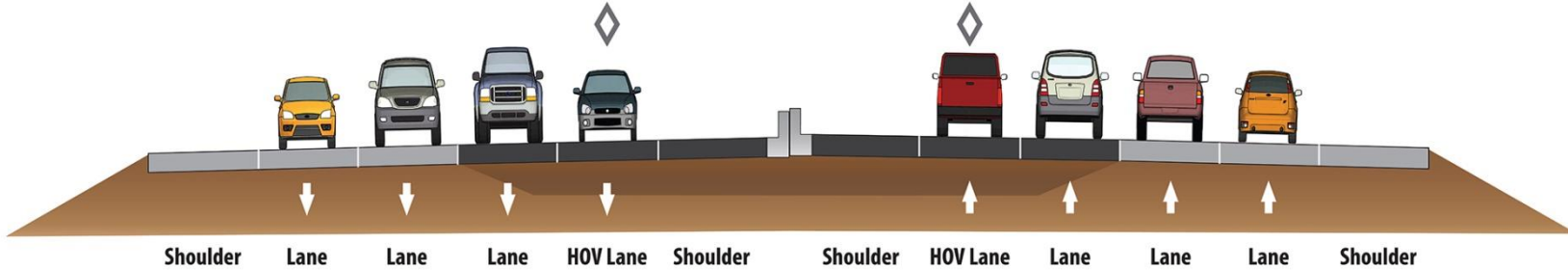
- Upgraded crossroads
  - Goodyear Rd.
  - Nelson Rd.
  - Gasline Rd.
- Removed crossroad
  - Dirk Lay Rd. (returning easement)
- Fiber Optic Conduits
  - Will include freeway management technology



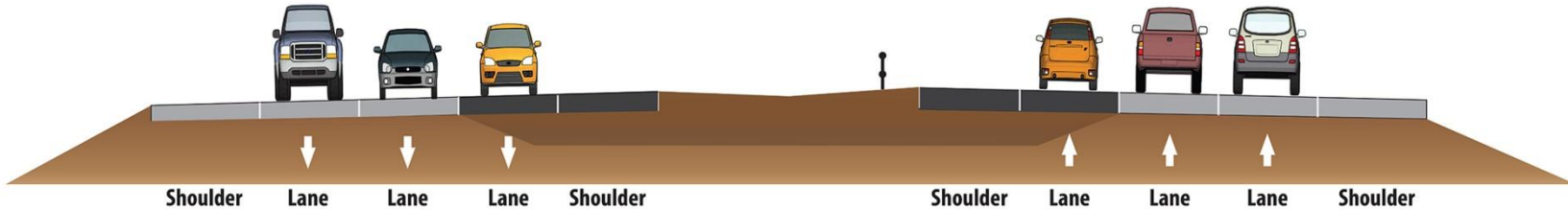
# Recommended Build Alternative: I-10 Freeway

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Loop 202 to Riggs Road



Riggs Road to SR 387





# Recommended Build Alternative: Crossroad Examples

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**Wild Horse Pass Blvd.**



**Seed Farm Rd.**



**SR 587/Casa Blanca Rd.**





# Recommended Alternative (RA)

## The RBA is the Recommended Alternative

- The RA is documented in the draft Environmental Assessment and Design Concept Report for your review and comment.
- The RA was developed **using a consensus-based process** between ADOT, the Gila River Indian Community, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Maricopa Association of Governments and FHWA.
- The **No-Build Alternative does not meet study's purpose and need** and received **no notable support** from the stakeholders or from the public feedback.

# Recommended Alternative (RA)

- The RA **satisfies the study's purpose and need.**
  - Increases I-10's capacity reducing congestion and travel times.
  - Adds wide shoulders and a median barrier system reducing crashes and minimizes traffic backups and detouring due to incidents.
  - Improves interchange and crossroad operations and provides bike and pedestrian accessibility.
  - Rehabilitates or replaces pavements and bridges, reducing maintenance.

# Project Funding Status

- Expected cost: \$990 million.
- Agencies have partnered to identify and apply for the necessary funding.
- State Legislature allocated \$400M.
- ADOT submitted for a federal MEGA Grant requesting \$360M.
- MEGA Grant selection fall 2022.
- If successful, 100% of the project would be funded.



State Funds

Local Funds

Federal MEGA Grant

# Next Steps

- Following the close of our comment period on **Oct. 9, 2022**, the study team will review, evaluate and respond to all comments from the partner agencies and the public.
- ADOT, in cooperation with the Gila River Indian Community and Bureau of Indian Affairs, will then select the final alternative.
- This selection, combined with the input from the public comment period, will be documented in the final EA and DCR documents.



# Public Comment Period: Aug. 19 – Oct. 9

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## Ways to submit comments:

- Public verbal comments at the public hearings, documented by a court reporter.
- Private verbal comments directly to a court reporter.
- Written comments.
- Email, mail or phone.
- Location-specific comments through online map tool.



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*All comment methods are equal*

# Upcoming 9/15/22 In-Person Public Hearing

**ADOT**

- **5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**
  - Formal Public Comments
  - Open House
- **Location:**
  - Gila River Indian Community  
District 4 Multipurpose Building  
2230 N Home Run Dr.  
Sacaton, AZ 85147



# Upcoming 9/20/22 Virtual Public Hearing

- **5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**
  - Formal Public Comments
  - Virtual Open House
- **Virtual Hearing Access Information:**  
<http://i10wildhorsepasscorridor.com/#hearing-info>

**Thank you!**

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**Questions?**