



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

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Purpose of the Scoping Report

This Scoping Report describes (1) how the public was engaged during the 30-day scoping period for the project to prepare a Design Concept Report (DCR) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for proposed improvements to El Mirage Road between Loop 303 and Jomax Road, and (2) the results achieved. It includes exhibits (figures, tables, and appendices) to demonstrate the public involvement messaging and methods used and all public comments received.

- » For purposes of this report, “the project team” refers to personnel from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), city of Peoria, and consultants supporting the El Mirage Road: Loop 303 to Jomax Road DCR and EA project.
- » This report pertains only to the Public Scoping process for the aforementioned project and does not include information or outcomes for the Agency Scoping process that occurred concurrently.

What is Scoping?

Scoping is an information-gathering process that occurs early in project development and frequently in conjunction with environmental studies carried out under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Members of the public (and agencies) are invited to provide specific concerns, recommendations, and information related to the proposed project and/or the study area for consideration by the project team during the analyses of environmental resources and the development of design concepts. In compliance with NEPA public involvement requirements, ADOT recommends but does not require scoping to occur during development of an EA (see Figure 1). When scoping occurs, it may include public or virtual meeting(s); or the public and agencies can be notified when the scoping process begins and invited to provide input during a specified time period.

Figure 1: NEPA Public Involvement Requirements for Transportation Projects

FIGURE 6-2 NEPA PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Public Involvement	FEDERAL ACTION LEVEL		
	Documented Categorical Exclusion (CE)	Environmental Assessment (EA)	Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
Notice of Intent	NA	Optional	Legally Required
Scoping Notices(s)	Optional	Recommended	Legally Required (30 days)
Property Owner Notification	Legally Required	Legally Required	Legally Required
Newsletter / Postcard	Optional	Recommended	Recommended
Agency / Public Scoping Meeting(s)	Optional	Recommended	Legally Required
Public Website(s)	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended
Public Information Meeting(s)	Optional	Recommended	Recommended
Local Officials Meeting	Optional	Recommended	Recommended
Public Hearing	NA	Recommended	Legally Required
Availability of Environmental Documentation for Review / Notice of Availability	Optional	Legally Required (30 days)	Legally Required (Draft 45 days; Final: 30 days)*
Notice of Final Environmental Document	Recommended	Recommended	Legally Required

Note: *The public comment period for a Draft EIS is 45 days with an option for 60 days or longer, if needed. No public review period is required for a combined FEIS/ROD.
The Title 23, Section 139 efficient environmental reviews for project decision making process for EAs is different than shown in the table and is optional/at ADOT's discretion under NEPA Assignment.

Legend: ■ Legally Required ● Recommended ◆ Optional NA Not Applicable

Source: ADOT Public Involvement Plan (2023)

Scoping: Overview

The 30-day public scoping period began on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024, and concluded on Friday, Nov. 1, 2024. In alignment with the project-specific [Public Involvement Plan](#) (PIP), the project team used several methods to notify the public about the scoping process and the ways to provide input such as the project website; the city of Peoria website and monthly newsletter; targeted emails; a press release; and city of Peoria social media (Facebook, Instagram). Members of the public were advised of the two ways to provide their input before the deadline of 5 p.m. (Arizona time) Friday, Nov. 1:

- » **By email:** Info@ElMirageRoadExtension.com or
- » **By mail:** Avenue Consultants/El Mirage Road Extension, 5353 N. 16th Street, Suite 380, Phoenix, AZ 85016.

The project team received 60 comments from the public. All comments were submitted by email. Most of the commenters (86 percent) said they support proposed improvements to El Mirage Road between Loop 303 and Jomax Road. Traffic was the top concern expressed both by those in favor of and opposed to the proposed project; concerns about congestion (existing or potentially project-induced) were expressed in 81 percent of comments. Safety and active transportation were other top issues of concern, most notably in relation to vehicular traffic.

Public comments (with personally identifying information redacted) are available for review in Appendix A, *Public Scoping Comments*. The city of Peoria received an additional six comments from social media posts on its Facebook page. The project team did not respond to social media comments; however, they are included with all other scoping comments for review and consideration by the project team. These comments are available in Appendix B: *Social Media Comments*.

Figure 2: Scoping at a Glance

Scoping Period	30 days (Oct. 1-Nov. 1, 2024)
Number of comments received	60
Percentage of comments received by email	100
No. 1 issue	Traffic
Other key issues	Active transportation, safety
Comments in favor of proposed improvements	52
Comments opposed to proposed improvements	4
Neutral comments	4

Scoping: Outreach Tools

The project team used several communication methods to reach the public in the General Outreach Area identified on page 4 of the project-specific PIP and illustrated here by Figure 3.

Figure 3: General Outreach Area



Targeted Emails

The project team developed a Stakeholder Database including businesses, various non-commercial organizations (such as faith-based institutions, community groups, schools), residents, and others in the General Outreach Area to notify about opportunities to provide input and other project milestones via a project-branded email alert. When scoping began, the database included 50 unique emails for individuals representing businesses, commercial developers/economic development advocates, community groups, first responders, homeowners' associations (HOAs), local governments, places of worship, schools, and senior centers. The list included but was not limited to:

- » Arizona Public Service
- » Arizona Fire and Medical Authority
- » Avista Senior Living
- » Benevilla
- » Brookdale Senior Living
- » Camino Crossing HOA
- » Christ Church of the Valley
- » City of Peoria
- » City of Peoria Fire Department
- » City of Peoria Police Department
- » Coldwater Ranch HOA

- » Cortebella HOA
- » Cross River HOA
- » Dos Rios HOA
- » Lake Pleasant Elementary School
- » Land Resources, Inc.
- » Maricopa County Department of Transportation
- » Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
- » Peoria Unified School District
- » Prince of Peace Roman Catholic Parish
- » Property Owners and Residents Association of Sun City West (PORA)
- » Rancho Cabrillo HOA
- » Sonoran Place
- » Sun City West C.A.R.E.S.
- » Trilogy Bicycle Club
- » Vistancia (Blackstone, Desert Bloom, Desert Sky, Sunset Ridge, Trilogy, Village at Vistancia)
- » Vistancia Elementary School
- » Westmarc

The project team sent the scoping email notification the morning of Oct. 1, 2024. Recipients of the email notification had the opportunity to amplify its reach by sharing it with others (e.g., HOAs were asked to share the information with residents of their communities). The email notification provided general information about the DCR and EA; the proposed improvements; the study area and schedule; and scoping process, including ways to provide input, the length of the comment period, and the comment deadline. It also provided a link to the website for more information and a link to the project email address.

The city of Peoria shared the scoping information with staff and elected officials. Peoria City Councilmember Brad Shafer—the representative of the 145-square-mile Mesquite District where the proposed project would be located—focused on the scoping process in the Mesquite District E-News on Oct. 3, 2024. Councilmember Shafer's email targeted residents, business owners/operators, community groups, and others who would be most affected by the proposed project.

Both targeted emails are available in Appendix C: *Targeted Emails*.

City of Peoria "Pulse on Peoria" Newsletter

Throughout October, the city used its weekly "Pulse on Peoria" newsletter to share scoping information. The newsletter was distributed to city residents on Mondays Oct. 7, Oct. 14, Oct. 21, and Oct. 28. The Oct. 28 edition reminded residents of the Nov. 1 scoping comment period deadline.

Copies of each newsletter are available in Appendix D: "Pulse on Peoria" Newsletters.

News Media

The city of Peoria sent a press release about the scoping process to all news media in its statewide database (TV, radio, and print) on Sept. 30, 2024. The press release included images of the study area and timeline that could be repurposed in print publications or online. The city of Peoria also posted the press release in the Newsroom on its website at <https://www.peoriaaz.gov/Home/Components/News/News/6105/439?npage=2> on Oct. 8, 2024.

The press release, and coverage it received by local news media, are available in Appendix E: *News Media*.

Project Website

The project website at <https://www.elmirageroadextension.com/> is the primary hub for information during all phases of the project. The aforementioned press release and the formal scoping letter that was sent to agencies for the concurrent Agency Scoping Process are housed under the **Resources** tab.

The formal scoping letter, as posted on the website, is available in Appendix F: *Scoping Letter*.

Social Media

Through its Facebook page and Instagram account, the city of Peoria shared information about the scoping process once a week in September and October. Social media posts provided images of the study area and links to the project website and email address. The final post in October reminded the public about the Nov. 1 comment deadline. Screenshots of social media posts are available in Appendix G: *Social Media*.

Scoping: Outcomes

The project team received 60 comments during the scoping period. Most commenters (86 percent) said they support proposed improvements to El Mirage Road between Loop 303 and Jomax Road. Of the remaining comments, seven percent were opposed and seven percent were neutral. All comments (100 percent) were submitted by email. The project team did not receive any comments by mail (see Table 1).

Table 1: Summary of Public Comments Received¹

SUBMISSION TYPE	NUMBER RECEIVED
By Mail	0
By Email	60
Total Comments	60
¹ This table does not include the six comments the city of Peoria received through social media; however, those comments were shared with project team members who are conducting environmental resource analyses and developing the design concepts for the EA and DCR.	

The project team categorized each comment as being **con**, **neutral** or **pro** in relation to the proposed project. The definitions of each categorization are provided below. Table 2 summarizes the categorization of each comment.

- » Con: Obviously opposed to the proposed improvements to El Mirage Road between Loop 303 and Jomax Road.
- » Neutral: Generally these comments concerned elements outside the scope of the proposed project and/or did not include an obvious statement in favor of or opposed to proposed improvements to El Mirage Road between Loop 303 and Jomax Road.
- » Pro: Obviously in favor of the proposed improvements to El Mirage Road between Loop 303 and Jomax Road.

Table 2: Comment Categorizations (CON, NEUTRAL, PRO)

COMMENT CATEGORY	NUMBER RECEIVED
Con Comments	4
Neutral Comments	4
Pro Comments	52
Total Comments	60

Prior to scoping, the project team developed a table of Topic Codes related to issues that are frequently associated with proposed transportation projects. As each comment was submitted, a Topic Code was assigned to help the project team identify trends in specific issues or concerns (see Table 3). The issue of traffic was addressed in 83 percent of comments and was the No.1 issue for commenters both in favor of and opposed to the proposed project.

- Those who oppose the project expressed concern about increased traffic on El Mirage Road and near homes if the project is constructed.
- Those who favor the project cited the need for an additional route in and out of residential areas and to and from city centers, schools and Loop 303 because of heavy traffic congestion and long commute times, and to keep pace with ongoing residential and commercial growth in Peoria, Surprise, and northwest Maricopa County.

Project proponents also cited the need for improved active transportation facilities. The safety of drivers and active transportation users was cited in several comments. Project opponents also expressed concerns about air quality and increased traffic noise if the project is constructed.

Table 3: Comment Topic Codes

TOPIC CODE	TOPIC	GENERALLY ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING
AQ	Air Quality	Concerns that the project would increase air pollution
AT	Active Transportation	The need for more bike lanes, sidewalks, trails, and crossings
B	Budget	The project cost, funding source(s)
C	Construction Timeline	Construction start and end dates, length of construction, when the project would open
D/L	Design/ Location	The location of the roadway alignment, what it will look like, how many lanes, elevation of crossings, proximity to homes, streetlights, landscaping.
E	Environment* <i>*other than air and noise</i>	Concerns about native species of animals, plants; water; climate change; conservation.
M	Maintenance	Questions about who would maintain the project when it is open.
N	Noise	Concerns that the project would increase traffic noise; questions about noise abatement.
O	Other	Other topic not noted here.
RC	Roadway Classification	What type of road would we built; speed limit; users (e.g., local drivers or regional traffic and heavy trucks).
ROW	Right of Way	Concerns about potential acquisition of property.
S	Safety	Concerns for the safety of drivers, cyclists, pedestrians.
T	Traffic	The project is needed to alleviate congestion and reduce travel times vs. the project is not needed and would increase traffic by residential areas. Also questions about Annual Average Daily Traffic projections.

Of these topics, commenters addressed air quality, active transportation, budget, design/location, noise, other, safety, and traffic. Table 4 summarizes the topics addressed in public comments.

Table 4: Public Comment Topics of Concern



TOPIC	NUMBER OF COMMENTS¹
Air Quality	2
Active Transportation	4
Budget	1
Construction Timeline	
Design/ Location	1
Environment* <i>*other than air and noise</i>	
Maintenance	
Noise	2
Other	6
Roadway Classification	
Right of Way	
Safety	6
Traffic	49
¹ Some commenters addressed more than one topic when providing input.	


Stakeholder Database Subscriptions

Another positive outcome of the Scoping Process was the increase in subscriptions to the Stakeholder Database. Scoping provided an excellent opportunity to create overall awareness about the El Mirage Road: Loop 303 to Jomax Road EA and DCR project and invite the public to stay informed for its duration by subscribing for email updates. The project website at <https://www.elmirageroadextension.com/> (which was included in all scoping outreach materials) provides two opportunities for the public to subscribe for email updates: directly from the Home Page and from the Stay Informed tab. When the scoping process concluded, 290 people had subscribed for email updates, bringing the total number of unique email addresses in the Stakeholder Database to 340. This represents a **480-percent increase** in Stakeholder Database email addresses and surpasses the Public Involvement Measures of Success target goal of securing 50 new email subscribers during the life of the project as outlined in the project-specific PIP.

**Appendix A:
Public Scoping Comments**

No.	Date	Comment
1.	10/1/24	<p>This email will serve as public input for the proposed el mirage road extension from loop 303 to Jomax road. I just found out this was being proposed and had to provide input. This roadway improvement is necessary to handle the traffic demands of the continual growth of the northwest valley.</p> <p>Anyone who commutes in this area would agree this improvement needs to happen ASAP. The traffic congestion in this area, due to limited entry and exit points, would be greatly improved with the ability for this project to provide another entry / exit point for this high growth community. Please feel free to reach out via email or phone if you have any questions. I look forward to the possibility of this project coming to fruition soon!</p> <p>██████████ Rancho mercado community member / homeowner</p>
2.	10/1/24	<p>Extending this road is unnecessary as this road is used for residential access only to the coldwater ranch and retreat neighborhoods. For those wanting to get to jomax or vistancia have other access points and do not need to cut through these neighborhoods and this street This would only further cause issues of misuse on this road, speeding, accidents, this road is a complete straight away and there are already issues of racing as is, and speeding. For those wanting to go to vistancia or Jomax have multiple ways to access already. Why not provide access to this area using a more main road rather than this one that is a small quiet street. People off roading in the desert behind El mirage will also cause potential accidents for those speeding down El mirage if this road is opened. There is an issue of speeding and if there is an accident from speeding these cars can easily crash into the yards and houses on this street seeing as they are closely backed up to the street. There is not a wide enough gap to safely put distance from this street. This can cause injuries and death if not noted. Use another street.</p>
3.	10/1/24	<p>I am opposed to the extension of El Mirage Road to tie to Jomax Road.</p> <p>This extension is not necessary in my opinion and will only increase the amount of traffic congestion at the El Mirage Exit on the 303, on El Mirage Road and Jomax Road. The increase in commute traffic and commercial and industrial traffic. There are numerous planned communities that will be impacted by traffic noise, airborne pollutants and increase in traffic configuration requirements impacting the stopping and starting of cars and trucks increasing noise levels on a roadway that is already above the recommended noise levels. Also industrial type vehicles have a tendency to use Air or Jack Brakes or downshifting to slow the vehicle causing heighten noise levels.</p> <p>There currently exists a traffic route to travel to Jomax Road, that is the 303, exit at Happy Valley and proceed to Jomax, travel north on Happy Valley to Jomax, or from El Mirage Road to Williams Drive and on to Happy Valley Road and onward to Jomax.</p> <p>At least conduct a noise study prior to design to determine current levels of traffic noise from El Mirage Road.</p> <p>Respectfully, ██████████ ██████████ Sun City West, AZ 85375 ██████████</p>

No.	Date	Comment
4.	10/1/24	<p>I am opposed to the extension of El Mirage Road to connect with Jomax Road. In my opinion, this extension is unnecessary and will only worsen traffic congestion at the El Mirage Road Exit on the 303, as well as on El Mirage Road and Jomax Road, leading to increased commuter and industrial traffic. Numerous planned communities will be affected by increased traffic noise and airborne pollutants. Additional traffic control measures will increase the stopping and starting of vehicles and heighten noise levels on an already noisy roadway. Industrial vehicles often use Jake braking (downshifting) to slow down, further contributing to noise pollution in nearby planned communities.</p> <p>Currently, there is an existing traffic route to Jomax Road via the 303, with an exit at Happy Valley. I urge that a Maricopa County noise study be conducted to assess the current levels of traffic noise on El Mirage Road before any decisions on the extension are made.</p> <p>Sincerely,  Sun City West, AZ 85375</p>
5.	10/1/24	<p>I am a resident of Vistancia and in close proximity to the proposed changes for a two-mile extension of El Mirage Road from Loop 303 to Jomax Road. I have reviewed the study area and it appears most of the land is in unincorporated Maricopa County with only a small section in the city of Peoria. My question is how would city of Peoria residents benefit from this? It seems most of the traffic is coming from Surprise with the THOUSANDS of homes being built to/from W Happy Valley Road to Surprise as they have little to no access to the 303 except via W Happy Valley Rd. My understanding is that no funding is available for this project and my question is WHO will pay for this? Vistancia is being overdeveloped both residential, commercial and now even industrial ruining our once beloved community and more access immediately to the west of us will only bring more development that is out of control. Please provide better mapping highlighting the proposed "improvements" and traffic numbers and WHY this needs to be done and who will pay for it. Residents and developers are already faced with excessively high impact fees that will be passed on to home buyers and consumers so anything the facilities even more growth is not in the best interest of our community. Instead, they should assess opportunities off of W Happy Valley Road that can directly connect to the 303 without coming through Jomax/El Mirage or W Happy Valley/Vistancia Blvd. Leave Vistancia Blvd out of it!! We have had recent deaths and other serious traffic incidents along Vistancia Blvd due to over development and do not need more affecting our once peaceful community by making another high traffic and dangerous thoroughfare.</p> <p>Concerned Mesquite district resident </p>
6.	10/1/24	<p>Hello, I would like to see that bicycle lanes are included in the design, as it would make the commute to and from Peoria's west side (163rd, etc.) that much easier and safer.</p>
7.	10/1/24	<p>Good Day, Please add the off-ramp off of the 303 at El Mirage and connect it to Jomax or 147th. We live on 143rd and would LOVE another entry / exit point from our home to the Surprise / Peoria areas. It would be a great help with traffic, commuting and taking our kids to their events. Thank you for the consideration!</p>
8.	10/1/24	<p>Your study lacks clarity! Who are you kidding? The area you mention is already being graded and prepared for a roadway. Eyes don't lie.</p>

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9.	10/1/24	<p>The intersection of Happy Valley and El Granada has a higher number of residences feeding onto El Granada then onto Happy Valley. The traffic study should have included this intersection in addition to Happy Valley and Dysart.</p> <p>The Happy Valley and El Granada intersection is extremely dangerous due to the number of cars using El Granada vs Dysart.</p> <p>Best Regards, </p> <p>(EMAIL INCLUDED 2 SCREEN SHOTS WHICH ARE SAVED IN PDF FILE).</p>
10.	10/1/24	<p>Hi All,</p> <p>I live in Rancho Cabrillo and work up in Vistancia. The El Mirage road extension would be a huge help with me getting to work and will really help alleviate some of the traffic at the corner of Happy Valley and Vistancia Blvd. The line to get out of there in the mornings is a mile+ long. I know everyone in Rancho Cabrillo and all the other communities that are being built west of me would appreciate this. While we're at it we need a traffic light at El Grenada and Happy Valley Rd!!! Very unsafe in the mornings trying to go left onto Happy Valley.</p>
11.	10/1/24	<p>Dear City of Peoria Planning and Development Team,</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed extension of El Mirage Road from Loop 303 to Jomax Road. Given the rapid growth in our area, this extension is crucial to alleviate both current and future traffic congestion.</p> <p>As a member of this community, I have witnessed firsthand the increased traffic volume over the years. With more developments planned and the population continuing to grow, it is essential that we invest in infrastructure that will support our expanding community. The extension of El Mirage Road would not only improve traffic flow but also provide better access to key areas, enhancing the overall connectivity of our city.</p> <p>I urge the city to prioritize this project to ensure that our roads are equipped to handle the increasing demand. Thank you for considering the needs of our community and for your efforts in planning for Peoria's future growth.</p>
12.	10/1/24	<p>Dear City of Peoria Planning and Development Team,</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed extension of El Mirage Road from Loop 303 to Jomax Road. Given the rapid growth in our area, this extension is crucial to alleviate both current and future traffic congestion.</p> <p>As a member of this community, I have witnessed firsthand the increased traffic volume over the years. With more developments planned and the population continuing to grow, it is essential that we invest in infrastructure that will support our expanding community. The extension of El Mirage Road would not only improve traffic flow but also provide better access to key areas, enhancing the overall connectivity of our city.</p> <p>I urge the city to prioritize this project to ensure that our roads are equipped to handle the increasing demand. Thank you for considering the needs of our community and for your efforts in planning for Peoria's future growth.</p>
13.	10/1/24	<p>Would be wonderful. Living in Rancho Mercado, it's difficult to get to the 303. Going to Grand is a nightmare and going to Vistancia is always busy. Trying to get to Vistancia is very inconvenient. El Mirage would be so helpful and alleviate pressure from the other exits and roads. Very hopeful this could get approved and funded.</p>

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14.	10/1/24	<p>Dear City of Peoria Planning and Development Team,</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed extension of El Mirage Road from Loop 303 to Jomax Road. Given the rapid growth in our area, this extension is crucial to alleviate both current and future traffic congestion.</p> <p>As a member of this community, I have witnessed firsthand the increased traffic volume over the years. With more developments planned and the population continuing to grow, it is essential that we invest in infrastructure that will support our expanding community. The extension of El Mirage Road would not only improve traffic flow but also provide better access to key areas, enhancing the overall connectivity of our city.</p> <p>I urge the city to prioritize this project to ensure that our roads are equipped to handle the increasing demand. Thank you for considering the needs of our community and for your efforts in planning for Peoria's future growth.</p>
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16.	10/1/24	<p>Dear City Planning and Development Team,</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed extension of El Mirage Road from Loop 303 to Jomax Road. Given the rapid growth in our area, this extension is crucial to alleviate both current and future traffic congestion.</p> <p>As a member of this community, I have witnessed firsthand the increased traffic volume over the years. With more developments planned and the population continuing to grow, it is essential that we invest in infrastructure that will support our expanding community. The extension of El Mirage Road would not only improve traffic flow but also provide better access to key areas, enhancing the overall connectivity of our city.</p> <p>I urge the city to prioritize this project to ensure that our roads are equipped to handle the increasing demand. Thank you for considering the needs of our community and for your efforts in planning for Peoria's future growth.</p>
17.	10/1/24	<p>Dear City of Peoria Planning and Development Team,</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed extension of El Mirage Road from Loop 303 to Jomax Road. Given the rapid growth in our area, this extension is crucial to alleviate both current and future traffic congestion. As a member of this community, I have witnessed firsthand the increased traffic volume over the years. With more developments planned and the population continuing to grow, it is essential that we invest in infrastructure that will support our expanding community. The extension of El Mirage Road would not only improve traffic flow but also provide better access to key areas, enhancing the overall connectivity of our city. I urge the city to prioritize this project to ensure that our roads are equipped to handle the increasing demand. Thank you for considering the needs of our community and for your efforts in planning for Peoria's future growth.</p>

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19.	10/1/24	<p>Hi,</p> <p>First of all let me tell you that this is very much needed for the people in Peoria and Surprise with the increase in households on the Happy valley road in Peoria/Surprise and in the Vistancia area. I read the report here and the field study was performed in 2022 and since then there has been a lot of traffic increase and it is not up to date.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Happy valley and El-mirage intersection, we should definitely have " Intersection Option 2 " where two left lines on each side. 2. Also the El Mirage road from 303 to Happyvalley, the alternative 2 seems to be good, too much curve may not be safest with Alternative 1. 3. Along with this If Jomax road can be extended from Dysart road to Elmirage then it would reduce some of the traffic on to Happy valley and El Mirage intersection. <p>Could you update the project time liens like estimated start or end timelines?</p>
20.	10/1/24	<p>This road is needed badly The area has grown so fast the traffic demands it Safety first and another exit from the north in case of emergencies</p>
21.	10/1/24	<p>Hi there – I think it would be great Idea to extend El Mirage from the 303 to Jomax! It would alleviate traffic around the Happy Valley / Vistancia Road area. It would also be more convenient for travelers heading west from the Rancho Cabrillo area. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me.</p>
22.	10/1/24	<p>Hi! I would love to see our tax funding go towards the el mirage extension. This would cut mine and my husband's work commute by 10-15 minutes. Traffic off of the 303 and happy valley is very backed up each day, and this area continues to grow. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
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24.	10/1/24	<p>To whom it may concern, This is MASSIVELY needed! Every single morning the traffic line going on happy valley to vistancia blvd is atleast 1/4 mile long, it basically backs up past el mirage itself. This would be a much needed outlet off happy valley. Right now you have to go 5 miles out of your way to avoid that intersection. Please approve this and please accomplish it quickly. Sadly I only know all too well how slow the city of Peoria gets things done.</p>

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25.	10/2/24	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I just have a comment. This project needs to happen! There is so much growth and traffic coming through 303 and Happy Valley. This would make it so much easier to hop on the 303 and less traffic on Happy Valley and Vistancia intersection. Dysart extended to Lone Mountain would be great too! The kids in the neighborhood all go to Lake Pleasant Elementary and we have to drive far, especially with all the traffic on HV.</p>
26.	10/2/24	<p>We live in Sun City West for 20 years. It's about time this road goes through and would help traffic on Vistancia Blvd.</p>
27.	10/2/24	<p>Dear City of Peoria Planning and Development Team,</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed extension of El Mirage Road from Loop 303 to Jomax Road. Given the rapid growth in our area, this extension is crucial to alleviate both current and future traffic congestion.</p> <p>As a member of this community, I have witnessed firsthand the increased traffic volume over the years. With more developments planned and the population continuing to grow, it is essential that we invest in infrastructure that will support our expanding community. The extension of El Mirage Road would not only improve traffic flow but also provide better access to key areas, enhancing the overall connectivity of our city.</p> <p>I urge the city to prioritize this project to ensure that our roads are equipped to handle the increasing demand. Thank you for considering the needs of our community and for your efforts in planning for Peoria's future growth.</p>
28.	10/2/24	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I am writing to express the need for this road extension on behalf of my community. Due to the explosive growth in the area, traffic and accidents have become a major issue for the surrounding communities. I am a resident of Peoria, and believe this would help immensely. Thank you for your time.</p>
29.	10/2/24	<p>I highly agree this extension is needed especially with all the new homes being built in that area. It'll reduce traffic back ups drastically. I hope this extension does happen as it is much needed for that area.</p>
30.	10/3/2024	<p>Dear City of Peoria Planning and Development Team,</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed extension of El Mirage Road from Loop 303 to Jomax Road. Given the rapid growth in our area, this extension is crucial to alleviate both current and future traffic congestion.</p> <p>As a member of this community, I have witnessed firsthand the increased traffic volume over the years. With more developments planned and the population continuing to grow, it is essential that we invest in infrastructure that will support our expanding community. The extension of El Mirage Road would not only improve traffic flow but also provide better access to key areas, enhancing the overall connectivity of our city.</p> <p>I urge the city to prioritize this project to ensure that our roads are equipped to handle the increasing demand. Thank you for considering the needs of our community and for your efforts in planning for Peoria's future growth.</p>




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32.	10/4/2024	<p>Dear City of Peoria Planning and Development Team,</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed extension of El Mirage Road from Loop 303 to Jomax Road. Given the rapid growth in our area, this extension is crucial to alleviate both current and future traffic congestion.</p> <p>As a member of this community, I have witnessed firsthand the increased traffic volume over the years. With more developments planned and the population continuing to grow, it is essential that we invest in infrastructure that will support our expanding community. The extension of El Mirage Road would not only improve traffic flow but also provide better access to key areas, enhancing the overall connectivity of our city.</p> <p>I urge the city to prioritize this project to ensure that our roads are equipped to handle the increasing demand. Thank you for considering the needs of our community and for your efforts in planning for Peoria's future growth.</p>
33.	10/3/23	<p>Good Day City of Peoria, ADOT, Maricopa County, and Others,</p> <p>I am writing to state I am in FULL support of the proposed extension of El Mirage Road from 303 to Jomax.</p> <p>As someone who lives on W Happy Valley Road and commutes daily the traffic and backup on that road to make the right turn to Happy Valley Rd is growing daily. This extension will be able to fulfill a need in this area which is another option for highway access, and getting to the city centers.</p> <p>I urge the city to make this a priority. With all the development in this area the backup and motor vehicle accidents will worsen without this new option.</p>
34.	10/3/24	<p>Hello!</p> <p>I would like to throw my support of this road extension for El Mirage. I regularly commute and both ends of happy valley gear very cluttered. I feel like this will greatly improve traffic flow for our growing community. If there is anything I can do to further support this initiative, please let me know.</p>
35.	10/3/24	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I am in favor of this extension. Vistancia Blvd. is the only way in and out of our community of Trilogy and also for many new subdivisions. The traffic on Vistancia Blvd. at many times of the day is LA worthy. The proposed extension would help considerably. Thank you.</p> <p>██████████</p>

No.	Date	Comment
36.	10/4/2024	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I hope this finds the right people to make this study or planning go through on this topic and to build the road!! The Northbound El Mirage exit for the loop 303 is already built for a reason. It's just building the road and connecting it with Happy Valley Road that needs to take place ASAP. I am not too sure how many intersections or areas in the valley that have there own social media pages and talk groups like the 163rd and US 60 area which has claimed a lot of lives, media attention and flack for the Surprise City Council / Police Department / Fire Department.....THE BUILDING OF THIS LOOP 303 EXIT WOULD HELP SAVE LIVES!!!!.....I'm not too sure why there is even a request for the people to weigh in on this. Just come look at the only 2 ways to get to the area which is littered with new construction and home owners in the area and you will see. The only way is US 60 and 163rd or Happy Valley and Loop 303....it would DRAMATICALLY reduce the traffic jams in both of those areas at all times of the day/night by building this exit to connect to Happy Valley. I know there are no funds for this project but I would hope there would be soon because PEOPLES LIVES COUNT ON IT....</p> <p>Thank you</p>
37.	10/4/24	<p>As the [REDACTED] when this area was being master planned, I totally agree that this roadway, in this corridor needs extending. It meets both Peoria's, Surprise's, and MC's transportation masterplan.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
38.	10/4/24	<p>ElMirage Extension is desperately needed for bicyclists and vehicles traveling from and to Vistancia. Vistancia Blvd is the ONLY means for bicyclists to leave Vistancia. It has become congested and dangerous - especially at the intersections of Happy Valley Blvd and Loop 303. Extending ElMirage will give us a safer and less congested route to Peoria and Surprise.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>702-769-7386</p>
39.	10/6/24	<p>Good evening,</p> <p>I am a resident in the north Peoria area and feel that expanding El Mirage road to expand would be a positive for the area as it quite possibly would help alleviate the traffic congestion at the happy valley exit. I travel from happy valley road to get my son from his fathers house around 4pm and the traffic doubles my drive time.</p> <p>I have been living in the area for 16 years and feel this would greatly improve the flow of traffic and the drive time for our expanding community.</p>
40.	10/8/24	<p>Hello!</p> <p>The roads of El mirage and jomax should absolutely connect through Loop 303.</p> <p>The traffic in all directions would improve greatly and allow for quicker travel time. Especially if any road constructions would be needed in the future in the area since there are not many other direct connections it would allow the city and state to make improvements with less pushback.</p> <p>More connections along the 303 will help grow Surprise and Peoria and with all the new neighborhoods coming, in my opinion- it's already due!</p> <p>Thank you for allowing feedback.</p>

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41.	10/7/24	I will be very interested to hear details about the proposed extension of El Mirage Road to allow for additional access from my development at Trilogy. I am very much in favor of this project. The recent construction on Vistancia made it obvious that we are severely limited with only one route of bicycle access to the rest of Peoria. Even with Vistancia open, a second access would be welcome as the amount of traffic on Vistancia is dangerous for cyclists, and I have personally experienced some close calls while riding in the bike lane. The additional access from El Mirage Road would likely have less traffic, which would be so nice. Thanks for working on this project.
42.	10/8/24	Hello team, Building the El Mirage extension to Happy Valley Road will be a blessing to the communities in on this area. The existing roads get blocked and traffic slows down considerably during peak hours. Additionally vehicles turning into happy valley road from Rancho Cabrillo community create unsafe driving conditions. Adding additional exit and junctions with signals will help control the traffic better. Also widening the happy valley road to 2 lanes on each side across the length will also help. Looking forward to seeing this implemented at the earliest. Thanks, [REDACTED]
43.	10/8/24	This extension would alleviate the back up of traffic on Happy Valley Road at the 303. The traffic will only increase as houses continue to be built between Happy Valley Rd. and Grand Avenue. It's already a dangerous intersection and it will only get worse with two thousand new houses projected in the area. I'm all for it!! [REDACTED]
44.	10/8/24	I support the 2 mile extension of El Mirage Rd from loop 303 to Jomax Rd.
45.	10/10/24	To whom it may concern, I am strongly in favor of the El Mirage extension north from AZ303 to Jomax road. Vistancia is in dire need of an additional route out of Vistancia that does not include Vistancia Blvd. or AZ303. It would be best if this work is made a priority over other projects such as redoing the intersection of Vistancia and Happy Valley. Had the El Mirage extension been complete prior to resurfacing Vistancia Blvd there would have been much less traffic congestion. Thanks, [REDACTED]
46.	10/11/24	This would relieve a ton of traffic at HVR and Vistancia Blvd light intersection. I'd be in favor of improving El Mirage Road. Please!! Open this road.

No.	Date	Comment
47.	10/14/24	<p>Hello, My name is [REDACTED] and I am a resident of the Vistancia neighborhood in North Peoria. I'm writing in support of this road extension solely for the purpose of adding additional access points to our growing community. The current three access points of Happy Valley, Jomax, and Lone Mountain are fine, but considering the hundreds (if not thousands) of future homes in development, it's imperative that more access points be installed. The recent Vistancia paving project caused so many headaches for weeks — further proving the need for this project.</p> <p>In addition to this project, I also believe that the connection of Dysart from Ridgeline to Happy Valley, and Jomax from Vistancia to Lake Pleasant are extremely important connection points to reduce travel time and make overall movement easier for the residents of Vistancia. I understand the scope of this project is for the El Mirage extension, but hopefully the additional extensions are also in the works.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>
48.	10/14/24	<p>I'm a homeowner that is actually a Surprise resident, but we live in a home in Rancho Mercado, just across the Surprise city limits. We routinely use the intersection at Happy Valley and Vistancia, however, and I really would like to advocate for the need for an extension of El Mirage Road. Traffic on both ends of Happy Valley Road (at Vistancia and in Surprise on I63rd) is generally awful, and an extension like this would really help traffic in both places, as homes in both Rancho Mercado and Rancho Cabrillo could exit this corridor via the 303 instead of always clogging up the other two places. I'd be happy to discuss if you'd like.</p> <p>Thanks, [REDACTED]</p>
49.	10/14/24	<p>Hi, I live in the Mystic community in NW Peoria. I understand there is a road extension study being conducted for El Mirage between the 303 and Jomax Road. This extension is vitally necessary for the communities in NW Peoria. It cannot be overstated that the current road situation is dangerous. With all the subdivisions being built along Happy Valley Road, it is irresponsible to only have 2 outlets for all of those people - at either end of Happy Valley Road. The amount of traffic is insane, and should there be a fire emergency or some other evacuation needed, it would be disasterous.</p> <p>Please connect the 303 and Jomax Road via El Mirage. Construction cannot be started soon enough.</p> <p>Thank you. [REDACTED]</p>
50.	10/3/24	<p>This extension would be extremely helpful to the existing and future communities in the area!!!</p>
51.	10/3/24	<p>We need this BADLY. As an avid bicycle rider the traffic is only going to get worse along the Vistancial/Happy Valley corridor with all the industrial, housing and schools going in. There is only one way out for bikers. The other way, Lone Mountain, which in my opinion should also be extended, only leads to the 303.</p> <p>Please consider getting this done more sooner than later.</p> <p>Regards, [REDACTED]</p>
52.	10/18/24	<p>Get it done ASAP...at least the section from 303 to Happy Valley.</p>

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53.	10/21/24	This extension is desperately needed to assist with alleviating the traffic on Happy Valley Road under the 303 and to provide better access to the residential developments that are continuing on to the West, on Happy Valley and further North of the area.
54.	10/21/24	I've been here in Vistancia for 8+ years and this is the one piece of road building that I've been wishing for all along. I often need to reach Grand Ave, Bell Rd or Waddell Rd for both medical appointments and shopping. Right now it's a round about trip when I exit Vistancia at Blue Sky and El Mirage. The extension can't get built soon enough to please me. Thank you.
55.	10/23/24	I support the 2 mile extension of El Mirage Rd from loop 303 to Jomax Rd. [REDACTED] Surprise, AZ 85387
56.	10/21/24	Hello, I would like to extend my opinion in regards to this project. We definitely need this extension due to the high volume of traffic using grand and happy valley to come to the residential area north of the 303. This would help elevate the extensive traffic with new housing being built. Many of my neighbors agree. We would love this as it would make access much easier and also reduce the number of accidents we are seeing from people spending along happy valley and jomax trying to get home due to the high traffic wait times at happy valley lights and grand. Thank you, [REDACTED]
57.	10/21/24	October 21, 2024 To Whom it May Concern, I am writing to highlight the urgent need to expand El Mirage Road to accommodate another route out of Vistancia Village. The current traffic congestion on Vistancia Blvd. and Lone Mountain Rd has become increasingly problematic, especially when Vistancia Boulevard closed earlier this month. The traffic situation has escalated to insane levels, with excessive delays and inconveniences for residents and commuters. With only two accessible routes, the volume of vehicles on Vistancia and Lone Mountain is overwhelming, causing significant frustration and safety concerns. It's essential that we have an additional route to alleviate this pressure and ensure smoother traffic flow. I urge you to consider the expansion of El Mirage Road as a priority. By creating an additional route out of Vistancia, we can significantly improve the quality of life for residents and enhance overall traffic management in the area. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your prompt response and swift action. Sincerely, [REDACTED]

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58.	10/29/24	<p>RE: City of Peoria for Consideration Road Extension</p> <p>I am a homeowner in the neighboring city of North Surprise. The possibility of a new exit from the 303 to the homes around and near Happy Valley Rd. is exciting. ADOT spends so much time, money and energy on the east valley freeways, it feels like we are forgotten about on the west side. This community NEEDS/ REQUIRES another ingress/egress resource from the 303.</p> <p>Below is a screen map of areas that I pray you will protect when extending El Mirage Rd. The area in RED is El Mirage road that currently exists, with some connections needed near the Beardsley Canal. The current roads are near developed communities. Consideration to the additional traffic should be taken. BUT more importantly, the burden of the traffic light at Happy Valley Rd. and Vistancia Blvd would get relief with this exit and extension, (circled in black).</p> <p>This light is DANGEROUS. It causes back up at the 303 exit at Happy Valley, because there is no other exit from the 303 after Grand Ave/ Hwy 60. Homeowners already have a HORRIBLE challenge with the Grand & 163rd Ave traffic mess.</p> <p>Right now there are only 2 ways to access homes in North Surprise and North Peoria which is Grand and 163rd or Happy Valley & Vistancia Blvd.</p> <p>The homes in these fast growing communities are making it dangerous and challenging to live. To get to a grocery store or a doctor appointment takes 30 min just to get around these ingress/egress restrictions.</p> <p>These communities are in need and should be the top priority for available resources. I know that Surprise City Councilman Nick Haney is fighting for this area to get help. Now if Peoria would also fight for help, we might have safer roads in our communities.</p> <p>Sincerely,  Homeowner in N. Surprise</p>
59.	10/31/24	<p>I want to submit my support for the possibility of the El Mirage extension from Loop 303 to Happy Valley Road.</p> <p>My son lives in the Rancho Cabrillo neighborhood off Happy Valley and Dysart. There are only 2 ways to get there, 163rd to Happy Valley in Surprise and the Vistancia exit from 303.</p> <p>Both back up during rush hour times and having a 3rd option would relieve a lot of that congestion. And since the on and off ramp from Loop 303 is already built, it seems like a no brainer to finish what Adot started.</p> <p>Thank you,  Surprise</p>
60.	10/31/24	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am absolutely in favor of extending el mirage road to Jomax road. There is so much congestion as a result of the limited roads in and out of the communities north of the 303 and the increased drive times of having to detour back to the 303 and happy valley.</p> <p>Pleas make this happen ASAP.</p> <p>Thank you, </p>

Appendix B:
Social Media Comments

No.	Platform	Comment
1.	Facebook	About time. They've been needing to do this for a while now.
2.	Facebook	We definitely need this . 0.50 cents which is being stated as tax increase , but am willing to pay more, if this can be done quickly to ease the traffic congestion.
3.	Facebook	This is desperately needed!!
4.	Facebook	Our area needs this badly!!! Not to mention there is a road being made behind the APS PLANT already and tons of land cleared for that.
5.	Facebook	We have been needing this done for years!
6.	Facebook	Just want to point out, a yes vote on prop 479 this November is what funds this project, as they mention, there is currently no funding available for it. 479 is only an extension of the half-cent sales tax that has already been in place since 1985, a yes vote is NOT a vote for a tax increase! Disclaimer: I am not involved in govt, just a passionate supporter of this project as someone whose entire life is contained within 6 exits of the 303. I live, work, daycare, & shop between Lone Mtn and Bell. Let's get this done, Peoria! <input type="checkbox"/>

Appendix C: Targeted Emails

El Mirage Road Extension Loop 303 to Jomax Road

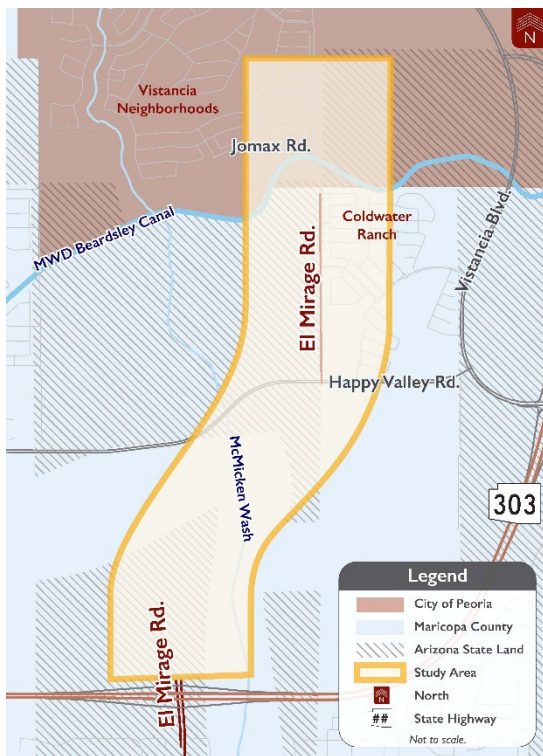
October 1, 2024



Study focusing on improving El Mirage Road from Loop 303 to Jomax Road Public input sought as “scoping” phase begins on Oct. 1

PEORIA—The potential two-mile extension of El Mirage Road from Loop 303 to Jomax Road is the focus of a Design Concept Report (DCR) and Environmental Assessment (EA) as the City of Peoria, Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), Maricopa County, and other agencies seek solutions to meet current and projected traffic demands and improve access to Loop 303 in the northwest Valley. Public input is now being sought as the 30-day scoping phase of the study begins.

This scoping phase is the first of several opportunities for the public to provide input about the study area and ask questions about the possible future roadway project. More information is available at <https://www.elmirageroadextension.com/>



Study Area Map

The study area is a half-mile wide, extending from Loop 303 to north of Jomax Road for approximately one-third of a mile. The new El Mirage Road alignment, if constructed, would be within the study area. Currently there is no funding for final design or construction of the project.

The DCR and EA will evaluate roadway improvements such as lane configuration, pedestrian and bicycle use, drainage improvements, right of way impacts, traffic impacts, and other considerations. They will also evaluate the potential environmental effects that could result from future implementation of the new roadway segment, as well as potential impacts if no action is taken (that is, no changes are made to El Mirage Road in the study area). Environmental topics to be addressed include but are not limited to biological resources, cultural resources, water resources, hazardous materials, traffic noise, and air quality.

During scoping, the public can submit comments and questions in two ways:

Email: Info@elmirageroadextension.com

Mail: Write to Avenue Consultants/El Mirage Road Extension, 5353 N. 16th Street, Suite 380, Phoenix, AZ 85016.

Emails and written correspondence must be received or postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, 2024.

The study is anticipated to last through summer 2025, and public meetings and a public hearing will be scheduled. For information about upcoming public meetings, visit the [study website](#) and visit the [Public Meetings & Hearings](#) tab or subscribe to receive updates by email from the [Stay Informed](#) tab.



Formal public meeting or other opportunity to provide input

Schedule is subject to change

Study Timeline

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.

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Pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other nondiscrimination laws and authorities, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Persons who require a reasonable accommodation based on language or disability should contact the City of Peoria at (623) 670-5800. Requests should be made as early as possible to ensure the State has an opportunity to address the accommodation.

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Stay Connected! Visit the study website at ElMirageRoadExtension.com or email the study team at Info@ElMirageRoadExtension.com.

Contact the study team by mail at: Avenue Consultants/El Mirage Road Extension,
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From: Councilmember Brad Shafer <brad.shafer-peoriaaz.gov@shared1.ccsend.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2024 9:01 AM
To:
Subject: Public Input Requested: El Mirage Rd. Improvement Study



Public Input Requested for "Scoping" Phase of El Mirage Rd. Improvement Study

The City of Peoria, Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), Maricopa County, and other agencies are looking at a potential two-mile extension of El Mirage Road from Loop 303 to Jomax Road. These agencies are working on a Design Concept Report (DCR) and Environmental Assessment (EA) to meet current and projected traffic demands and improve access to Loop 303 in the northwest Valley. The public is asked to weigh in as the 30-day scoping phase of the study that began on October 1.

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FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024

6:00 p.m. – Regular City Council Meeting

City Council Chamber (8401 W. Monroe St., Peoria, AZ)

Meeting agendas and information are available at peoriaaz.gov/council.

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Appendix D:
“Pulse on Peoria” Newsletters

City of Peoria Week of October 7

November 5 General Election

To prepare for the General Election, check your voter registration to make sure your information is up to date at www.beballotready.vote.

Peoria has Council Elections for the Ironwood and Willow Districts.

Proposition 496 – Water and Wastewater Utility Franchise is also on the ballot.

Other important dates:

October 9 - Ballots mailed and early voting begins

October 25 - Last day to request an early ballot

October 29 – Recommended last date to mail your ballot

For more information about Peoria's elections, visit <https://www.peoriaaz.gov/clerk>.



The 411 on Prop 479

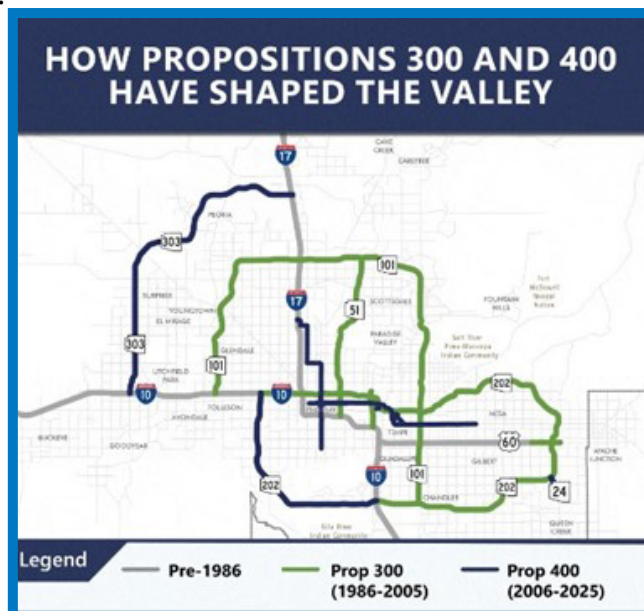
Prop 479 is the continuation of an existing, dedicated half-cent sales tax in Maricopa County to fund transportation. This dedicated half-cent sales tax was first established by voters in 1985 with the approval of Proposition 300 and subsequently renewed in 2004 with the voters' approval of Proposition 400.

The construction of Loop 101 through Peoria was funded by Prop 300. Loop 303, through our city limits, was constructed through Prop 400 funds.

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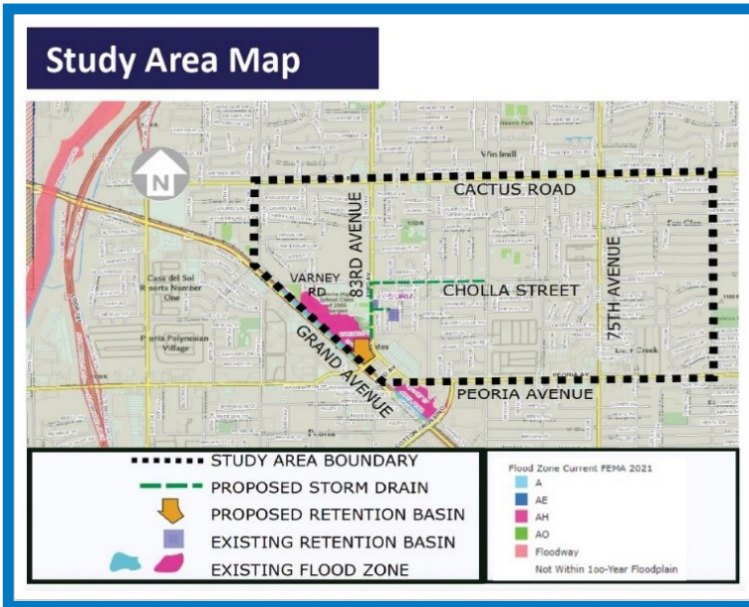
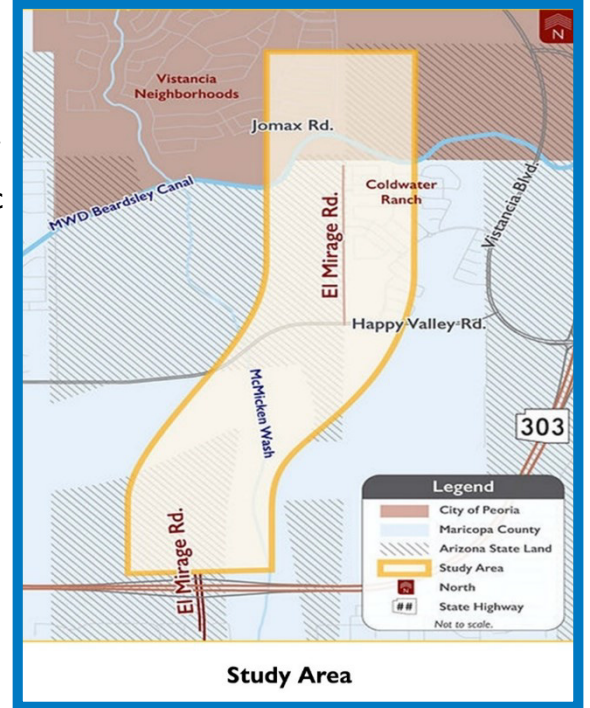
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Residents who live in this area who have experienced flooding are also invited to fill out the survey and share any pictures of flooding through this link, <https://peoriadrainageproject.com>.

Public Meeting
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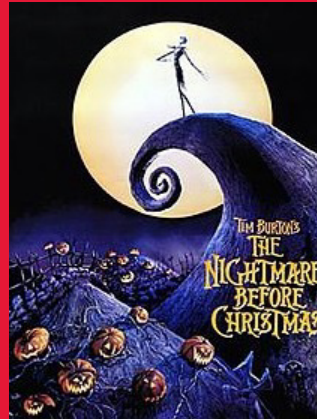
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Fall Movie Night

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It is free to attend and free to park. There will be food trucks with food and drinks for sale, bounce

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Annual G.A.I.N. Public Safety Night

Join Peoria's Police & Fire-Medical Departments at G.A.I.N. Public Safety Night on Saturday, October 12, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Pioneer Community Park, 8755 N. 83rd Avenue. Get a up-close look at police cars, fire trucks, specialty emergency vehicles and equipment, and the new Police-Fire Aviation Unit. Safety organizations will have displays offering to show how to keep you and your family safe. There will be free bouncy activities, face painting and other activations.

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Second Saturdays Returns to Downtown Peoria

Downtown Peoria's Second Saturdays monthly music and art festival returns October 12 and runs through April 12, 2025. Second Saturdays take place at 83rd Avenue and Jefferson Street from 4 to 8 p.m. Each Second Saturday features a dynamic lineup of live music, artisan vendors, art installations, and premiere food trucks. It is free to attend. Learn more at www.peoriaaz.gov/events.



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STAY SAFE & COOL THIS SUMMER!

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Hydration Stations

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Sunday: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Peoria City Hall

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Peoria Main Library

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Sunrise Mountain Library

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Peoria Development and Community Services Building

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Visit one of our Hydration Stations or Cooling Centers.

Reel-y Fun Opportunity with Peoria Parks Rangers

This week, Peoria's Parks Rangers are offering a free fishing class for kids 17 years old and under, Saturday, October 12, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Rio Vista Recreation Center, Lakeview West Room, 8866 W. Thunderbird Road. This exciting class is half-indoor, half-outdoor. Participants will master the basics of fishing. Gear is provided for the first 50 attendees. Sign up now by calling 623-773-7137 or register at www.peoriaaz.gov/Recplace.



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NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES CORNER

Nominate a Good Neighbor

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Featured Resource of the Week

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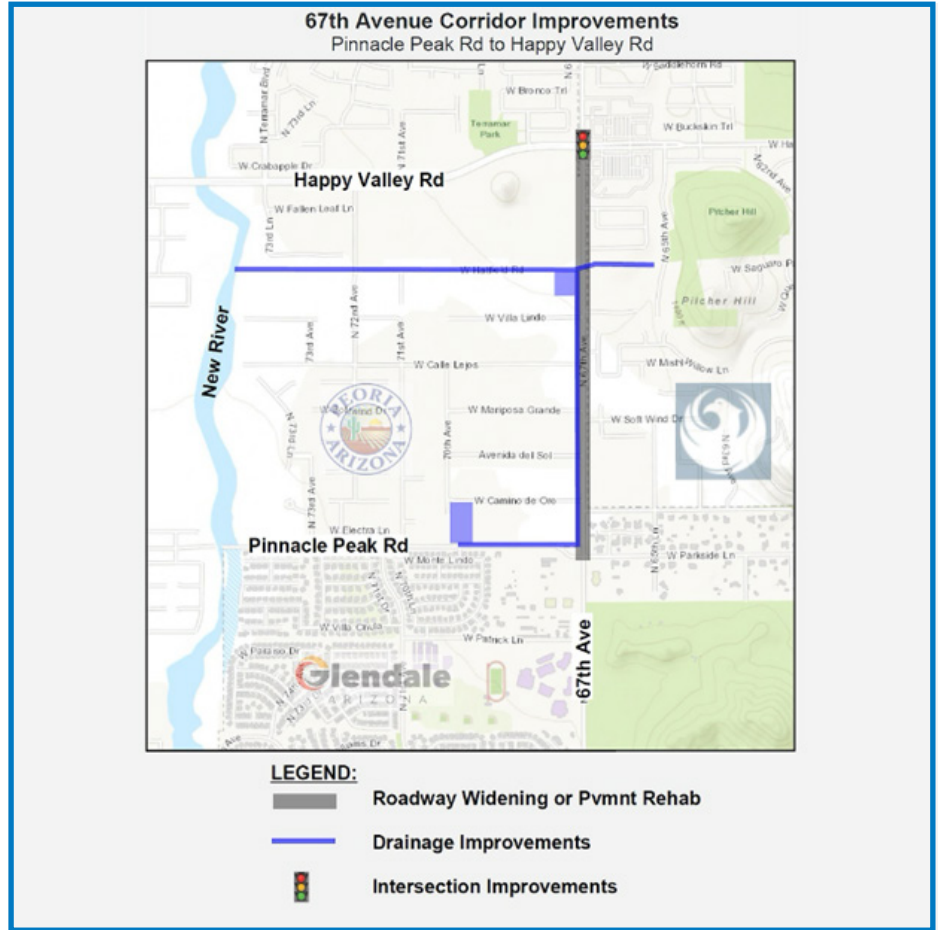


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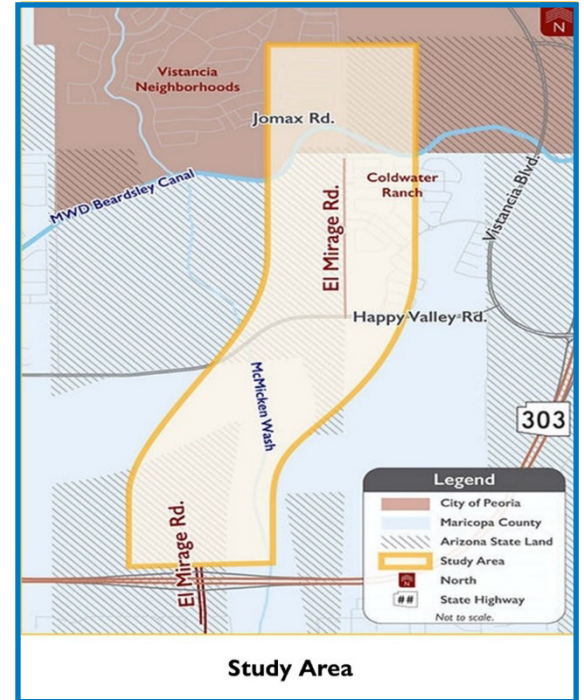
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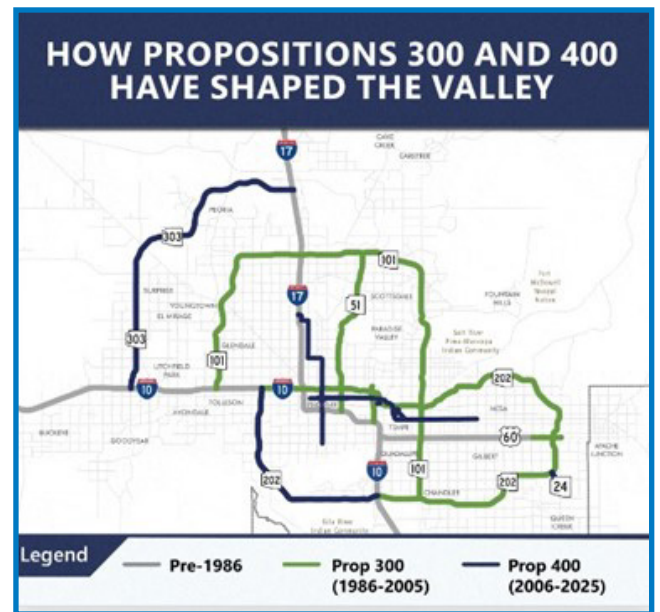
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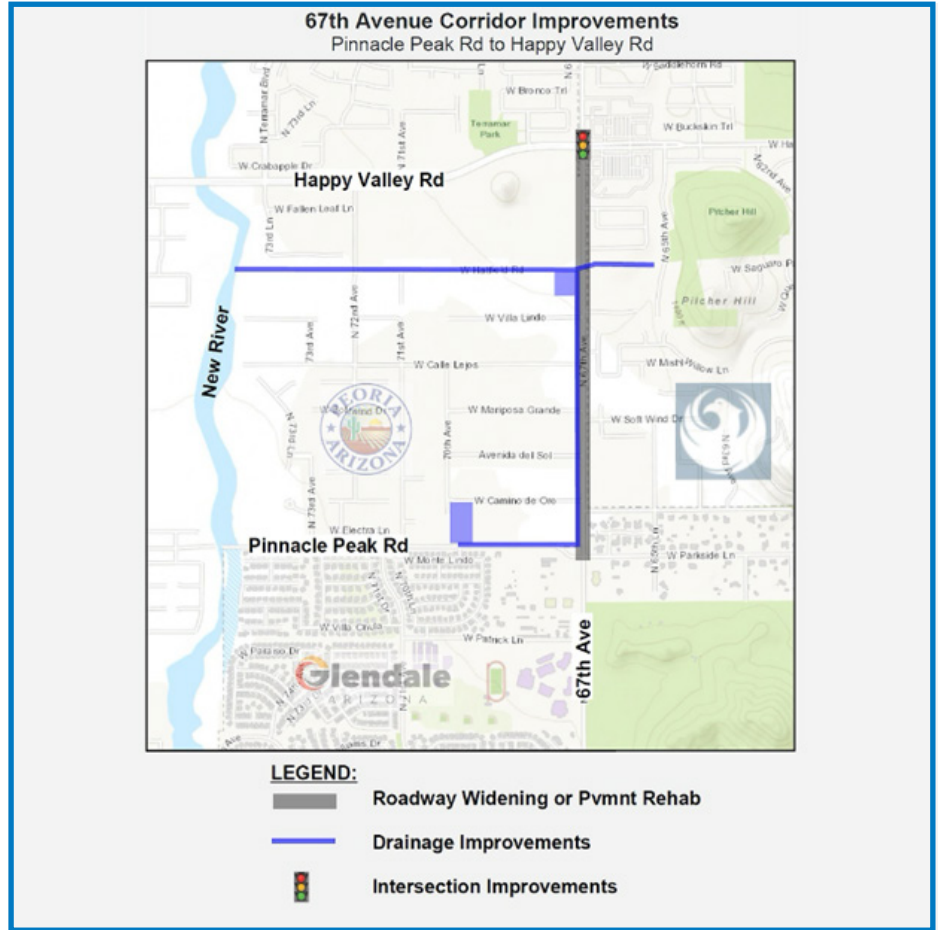


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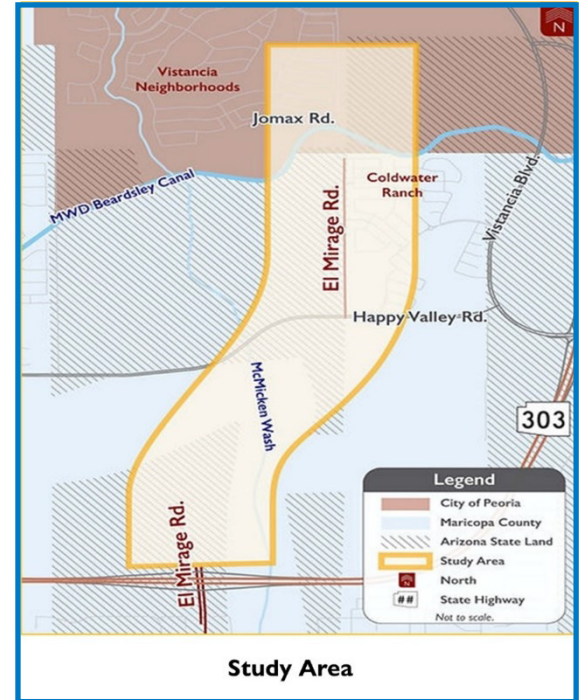
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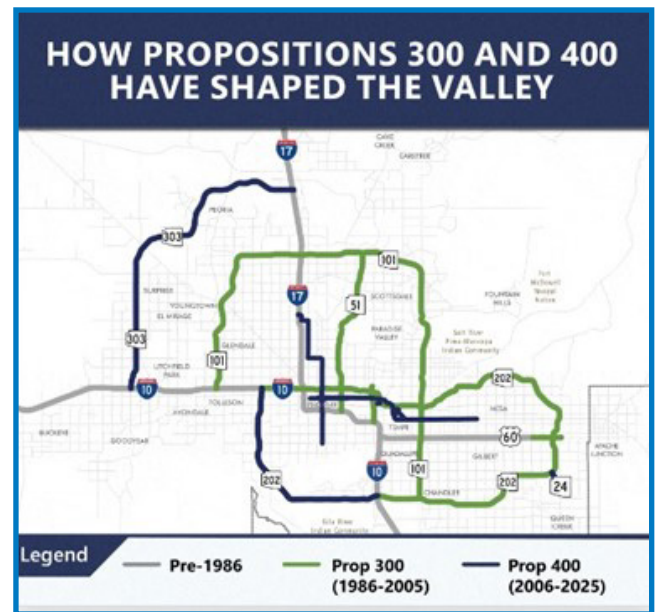
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The City of Peoria currently has \$185M of future freeway improvements and \$240M in city arterial improvements targeted for partial funding through the continuation of Prop 479, along with some federal and other state transportation funds. A 20-year continuation of the tax is projected to generate \$14.9 billion in revenues (2020 dollars) to support transportation projects throughout Maricopa County.

Prop 479 is on the November 5, 2024, Maricopa County ballot. A "yes" vote extends the tax until 2045. A "no" vote will discontinue the tax at the end of 2025.

For a list of the projects identified for the City of Peoria and neighboring areas that would be funded under Prop 479 and more information, visit <https://www.peoriaaz.gov/engineering>.



City of Peoria Week of October 28

Halloween Trick or Treat Safety

Halloween is Thursday, October 31. Here are tips to keep kids safe as they go trick or treating Halloween night.

- Attach safety reflectors to your child's costume or carry glow sticks so they are visible to drivers.
- Check labels making sure costumes and wigs are fire resistant.
- Costumes, masks and shoes should fit well to prevent tripping or vision issues.
- Do not allow children to carry knives, swords or other props with hard edges.
- Use sidewalks. If there are none, walk on the far edge of the road facing traffic.
- Avoid eating homemade treats and inspect candy before eating.
- Always use the buddy system and never approach homes that are dark.
- If your kids are trick or treating without an adult, plan a route and establish a curfew.



Mountains, Open Space, and River Ecosystems (M.O.R.E.)

Peoria, Arizona is adding more open space to its Mountains, Open Space, and River Ecosystems (MORE) program. The city's goal is to double the current 3,865 acres of open space in the coming years.

Lake Pleasant Heights, Aloravita, Vistancia North, and Saddleback Heights are some of the areas contributing to the increase in open space.

Development agreements require new communities to dedicate about 15% of their planned area to open space. The city is also working with trusts and foundations to help fund ongoing costs. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will play a key role in managing and using the new land.

For more information, look at maps and watch the October, 15 City Council presentation, visit

<https://www.peoriaaz.gov/government/departments/parks-recreation-and-community-facilities/more>.



MEETINGS

The next City Council Meeting is Tuesday, November 19 at 6 p.m. Meeting agendas and information are available at www.peoriaaz.gov/council.

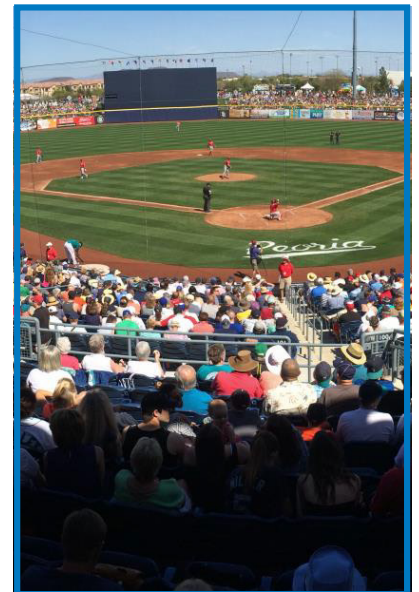
The next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is Thursday, November 17, at 6 p.m.

All City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission meetings are held in the Peoria Council Chamber, 8401 W. Monroe Street. They are also broadcast live through Cox Channel 11, Facebook, and YouTube.

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www.youtube.com/@DigitalPeoria

JOB OF THE WEEK

Venue Operations Assistant



This position provides game day and event operations assistance at the Peoria Sports Complex during Spring Training games and various other events. The venue operations assistant works with the Operations Team to execute planned events, game-day operations and various other activities.

Schedule: varies

Salary: \$18/hour

Apply: www.peoriaaz.gov/jobs



General Election Deadlines

Tuesday, October 29 is the recommended last day to mail your ballot to arrive at the tabulation office by the election day deadline. Early voting is underway. Voters can drop off a ballot at Peoria City Hall Lobby, 8401 W. Monroe Street. Lobby hours are Monday - Thursday, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Peoria has Council Elections for the Ironwood and Willow Districts.

Proposition 496 – Water and Wastewater Utility Franchise is also on the ballot.

For more information about Peoria’s elections, visit

<https://www.peoriaaz.gov/government/departments/city-clerk-office/elections/election-dates>. Check your voter registration to make sure your information is up to date at www.beballotready.vote.

2024 November General Election Peoria Voting Centers and Drop Boxes

Below are location details and hours of operation for the 2024 November General Election within Peoria, however, you may vote at any location within Maricopa County. Check Locations.Maricopa.Vote or call (602) 506-1511 to find the location closest to you and ensure the site is open. Facility hours are subject to change.

DISTRICTS		POLL OPENS	DAYS	HOURS
Acacia	Peoria City Hall 8401 W. Monroe St., Peoria Drop box only. No in-person voting. Closed Fridays, Saturdays, & Sundays	10/9	10/9 - 11/4	7am - 6pm
			11/5	6am - 7pm
	Worship & Word Church 8175 W. Grand Ave., Peoria In person voting. Ballot drop box.	11/4	11/4	9am - 5pm
			11/5	7am - 7pm
Mesquite	Copper Hills Church/Westwing 27035 N. Black Rock Rd., Peoria In person voting. Ballot drop box.	11/4	11/4	9am - 5pm
			11/5	6am - 7pm
	Mountain Vista Club/Vistancia 29701 N. Surprise Point, Peoria In person voting. Ballot drop box.	11/5	11/5	6am - 7pm
Palo Verde	Grace in the Desert Adventist Church 13450 N. Plaza Del Rio Blvd., Peoria In person voting. Ballot drop box.	11/4	11/4	9am - 5pm
			11/5	6am - 7pm
	Life in Christ Lutheran Church 14802 N. 75th Ave., Peoria In person voting. Ballot drop box.	11/5	11/5	6am - 7pm
Ironwood	Journey Church 9049 W. Lake Pleasant Pkwy., Peoria In person voting. Ballot drop box.	11/4	11/4	9am - 5pm
			11/5	6am - 7pm
	Lakes Rec Ctr @ Westbrook Village 19251 N. Westbrook Pkwy., Peoria In person voting. Ballot drop box.	11/5	11/5	6am - 7pm
Peace Lutheran Church 18265 N. 89th Ave., Peoria In person voting. Ballot drop box.	11/5	11/5	6am - 7pm	
Church of Jesus Christ of LDS/Peoria 22034 N. 83rd Ave., Peoria In person voting. Ballot drop box.	11/5	11/5	6am - 7pm	
Other	Church of Jesus Christ of LDS - Happy Valley 11922 W. Happy Valley Rd., Peoria In person voting. Ballot drop box.	11/5	11/5	6am - 7pm



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Arizona Fall League Peoria Sports Complex Schedule

This week, Peoria Sports Complex hosts:
Tuesday, Oct. 29, 1:30 p.m. Scottsdale Scorpions at Peoria Javelinas
Thursday, Oct. 31, 1:30 p.m. Surprise Saguaros at Peoria Javelinas
Friday, Nov. 1, 1:30 p.m. Surprise Saguaros at Peoria Javelinas

The Javelinas team includes prospects from the Seattle Mariners, San Diego Padres, Atlanta Braves, Miami Marlins and Milwaukee Brewers.

For the schedule and ticket information, visit www.peoriasportscomplex.com.

Last week to email or mail letter for public input on El Mirage Road Extension Study

Friday, November 1 is the last day for the public to email or mail comments and questions for the scoping phase of the El Mirage Road Extension project. The City of Peoria, Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), Maricopa County, and other agencies are looking at a potential two-mile extension of El Mirage Road from Loop 303 to Jomax Road. These agencies are working on a Design Concept Report (DCR) and Environmental Assessment (EA) to meet current and projected traffic demands and improve access to Loop 303 in the northwest Valley. Currently there is no funding for final design or construction of the project.

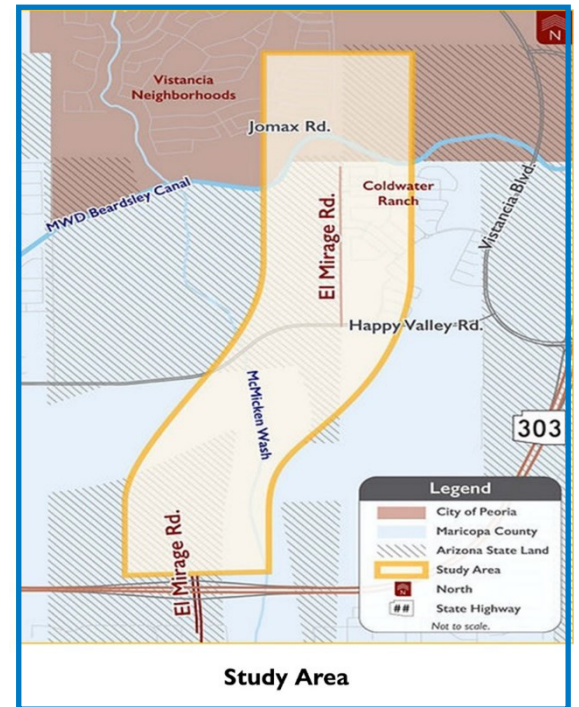
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Public Meetings are scheduled for early 2025. For more information, visit <https://www.elmirageroadextension.com/>.



The History of American Music

Peoria Arts and Culture is hosting an informational and performance series exploring American Music:

- Nov. 5 at 6 p.m. - Gospel
- Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. - Jazz
- Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. - Motown

Each date will feature Valley Vocalist Sandra Bassett. It is free to attend the shows at McMillin Theater inside the Peoria Center for the Performing Arts. There is limited seating. Reserve your ticket online at Theaterworks.org or call 623.815.7930.



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Peoria Tool Lending Center

Many people lost plants from this summer's intense heat. If you need to repair your landscaping after the harsh summer months, Peoria operates a free Tool Lending Center where residents can borrow the following tools:

- Available Tools
- Axe
- Edger
- Extension Cord
- Hedger (17" and 24")
- Hoe
- Lawn Mower (Electric)
- Leaf Blower
- Loppers (small, medium, and large)
- Pick Axe
- Pitch Fork
- Rakes (Arizona, leaf, rock & garden)
- Push Broom
- Post Hole Digger
- Shovel (round / square)
- Sledge Hammer
- Shop Vac
- Weed Eater
- Wheel Barrow
- Seed Spreader (wheeled and handheld)
- Submersible Pump

Rules

- Peoria resident age 18 or older
- All items must be returned CLEAN
- Photo ID (driver's license) and proof of residency (utility bill) are required at tool checkout
- Borrowed tools are NOT for commercial use

Note: We do NOT have chain saws available to borrow.



For more information, visit

<https://www.peoriaaz.gov/government/departments/neighborhood-and-human-services/community-assistance/assistance-programs/tool-lending-center>.

Neighborhood Services Featured Resource of the Week



The mission of Dress for Success is to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire, and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. Dress for Success currently serves the west valley out of the Peoria Resource Center which is located inside the Community Center at 8335 W. Jefferson Street. Their Peoria office hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Dress for Success provides a robust offering of life-changing services such as:

Styling – through personal styling, Dress for Success gives a woman the confidence she needs to successfully begin a new career.

Career Center – Dress for Success clients gain access to the resources, support, and education they need to excel in their career.

EducateHER – Dress for Success gives women the opportunity to earn college certificates for livable wage careers.

Mobile Career Center – at Dress for Success they bring their services to clients, removing the hurdle of transportation.

Resume Roundup – is a workshop designed to assist clients in crafting custom-built resumes, which will help them target specific job interests. This workshop is scheduled to take place on the second Thursday of each month through the end of 2024. For time and location details, please contact jackie@dressforsuccessphoenix.org or call 602-489-7397.



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Appendix E: News Media



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News Release

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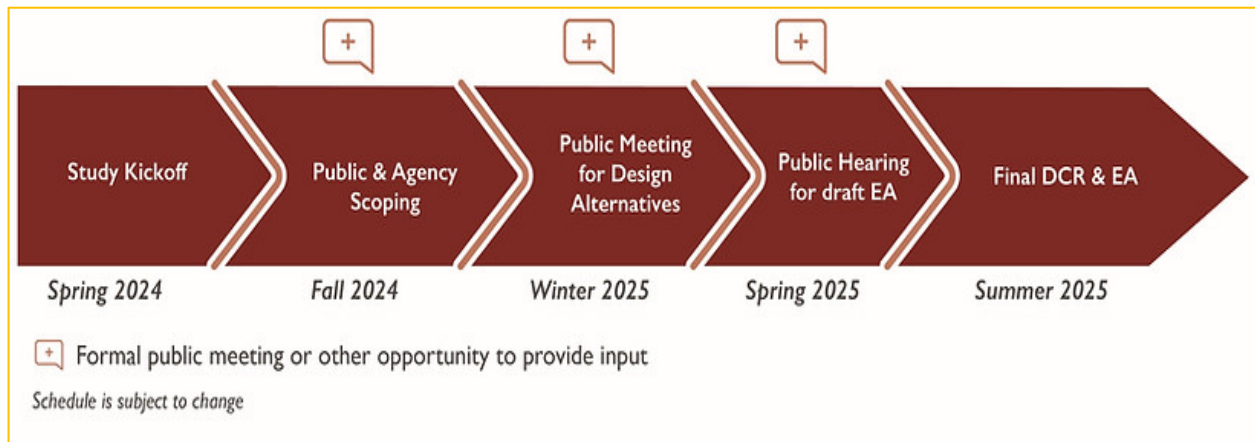
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[study website](#) and visit the [Public Meetings & Hearings](#) tab or subscribe to receive updates by email from the [Stay Informed](#) tab.



Study Timeline

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.

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Post Date: 10/08/2024 7:26 AM

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For more information, visit <https://www.elmirageroadextension.com/>

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Peoria Times (Digital Edition): October 14, 2024

The screenshot shows the Peoria Times website header with the logo and navigation menu. Below the header is an advertisement for watching NFL games live on YouTube TV. The main article is titled "City seeking input on El Mirage Road improvement" and is dated October 14, 2024. A map of the study area is included, showing the proposed extension of El Mirage Road from Loop 303 to Jomax Road. To the right of the article is a "Digital Editions" subscription box and a "Click below to read this week's issue" link. Below the article is a thumbnail for the "Best of Peoria 2024" issue.

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The cover of the "Sound of Freedom" newsletter for the Luke Community. It features a "New Chapter" section with a photo of two soldiers in military uniforms. The text on the cover includes "A New Chapter", "All from 100 of America's 100th CMB at Luke AFB", "Stepping to New Heights", "A Climb to Comfort", and "A Climb to Comfort".

Click below to read the **Best of Peoria 2024**.

The cover of the "Best of Peoria 2024" issue. It features a large, colorful ice cream cone as the central graphic. The text includes "Best of Peoria", "WHO'S the BEST?", and "2024".

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Online version available [here](https://www.peoriatimes.com/news/city-seeking-input-on-el-mirage-road-improvement/article_a680cbac-8696-11ef-a93f-0788fa4a27b.html) and at: https://www.peoriatimes.com/news/city-seeking-input-on-el-mirage-road-improvement/article_a680cbac-8696-11ef-a93f-0788fa4a27b.html

**Appendix F:
Scoping Letter**

September 30, 2024

Re: PEO-0(231)T 0000 MA PEO T0428 01D El Mirage Rd. SR303 – Jomax Road

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Peoria and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), in cooperation with other local and state agencies, are preparing a Design Concept Report (DCR) and an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate a potential new segment of El Mirage Road between State Route Loop 303 (SR303L) and Jomax Road (see study area map below). This new segment of roadway would accommodate current and projected traffic needs in response to increased development in areas along the State SR303L and near roadways and traffic interchange (TI) locations in the northwest Valley.

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This letter serves as our agency's invitation to review the proposed project based upon the information provided above. If you or others in your agency have any specific concerns, suggestions, or recommendations pertaining to this specific proposed project, please let us know. This may include information on future development, general plans, or capital improvement projects that would be affected or should be considered in the development of the DCR or EA, to name a few. In addition to this letter more project information can be found on the project website at <https://www.elmirageroadextension.com>. Project information is also being distributed to known interested members of the public for input.

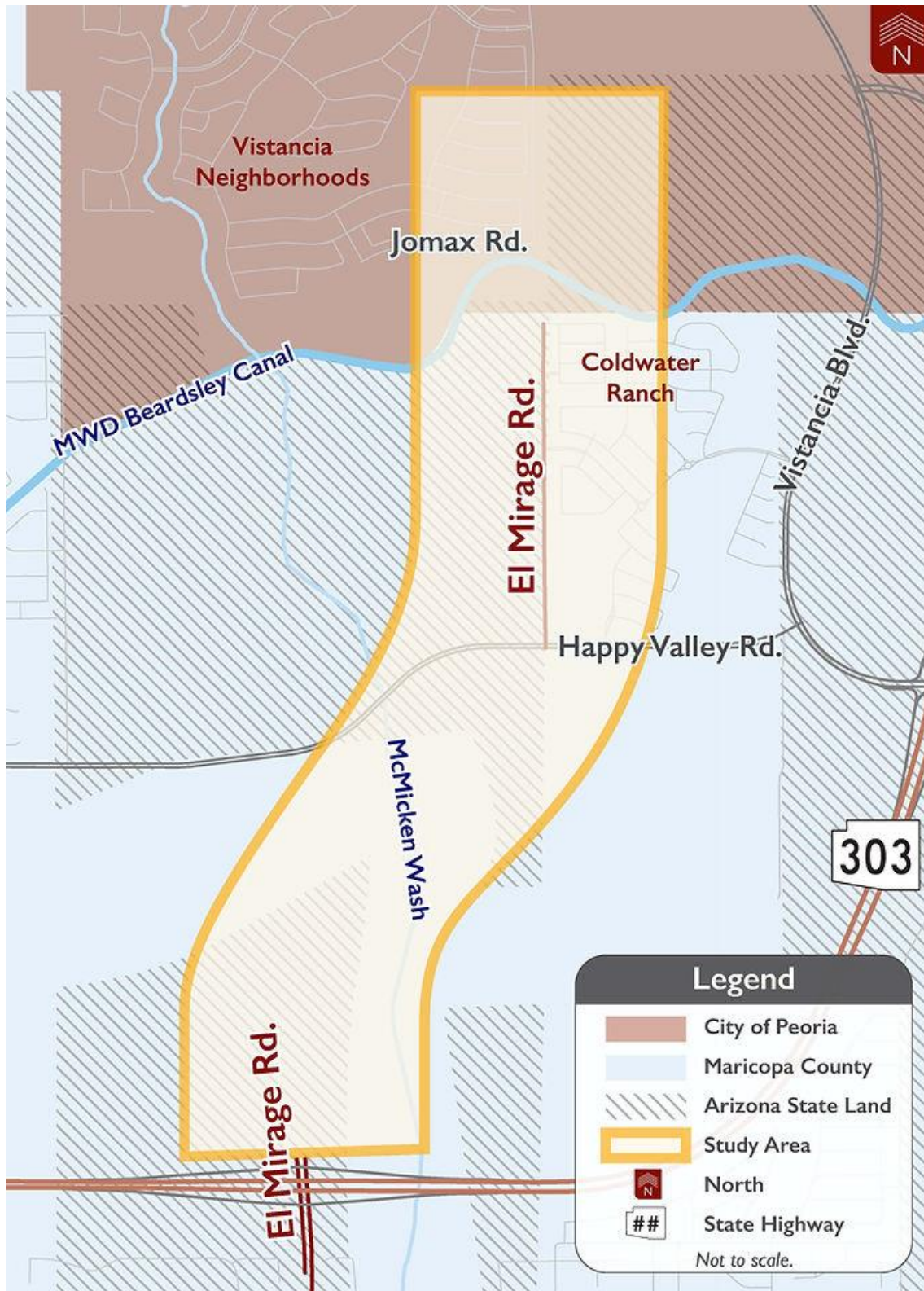
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Sincerely,



Justin Hoppmann
Senior Environmental Planner
AZTEC Engineering

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Study Area Map
 T0428 03D
 El Mirage Rd., SR303 – Jomax Road

Appendix G: Social Media

City of Peoria Instagram Post (October 1, 2024)

Study Area

Legend

- City of Peoria
- Maricopa County
- Arizona State Land
- Study Area
- North
- State Highway
- Not to scale.

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