

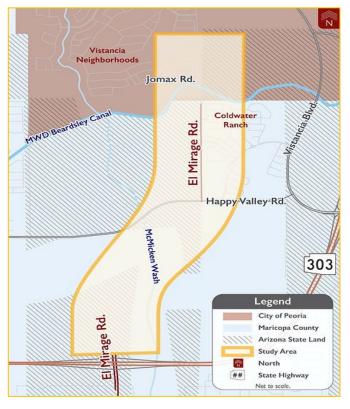
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Study focusing on improving El Mirage Road from Loop 303 to Jomax Road Public input sought as "scoping" phase begins October 1

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/

The study area is a half-mile wide, extending from Loop 303 to north of Jomax Road for approximately one-third of a



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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.

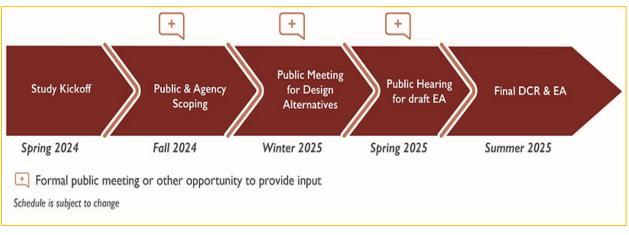
During scoping, the public can submit comments and questions in two ways:

Email:Info@elmirageroadextension.comMail: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 <u>study website</u> and visit the <u>Public Meetings & Hearings</u> 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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