

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.

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. The Draft DCR and EA are currently scheduled to be available for public review and comment in spring 2025 and be completed in summer 2025.

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.

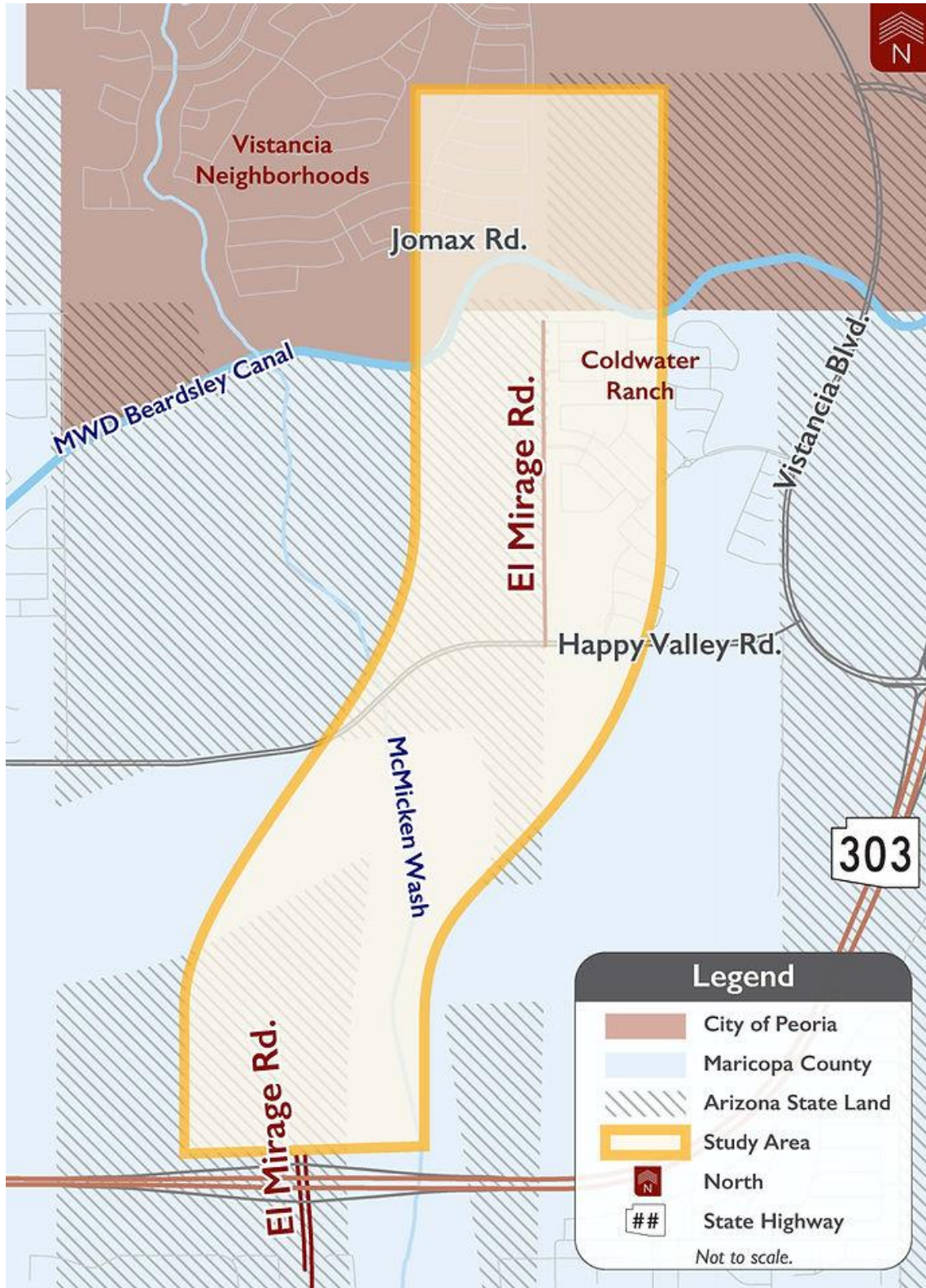
Please submit your comments or concerns by November 1, 2024, to ADOT c/o Mr. Justin Hoppmann by mail at AZTEC, 501 N. 44th Street, Suite 300, Phoenix, AZ 85008; via email at jhoppmann@aztec.us or by phone at 626.616.4846. Thank you for your time and continued assistance.

Sincerely,



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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 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated June 25, 2024 and executed by FHWA and ADOT.



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