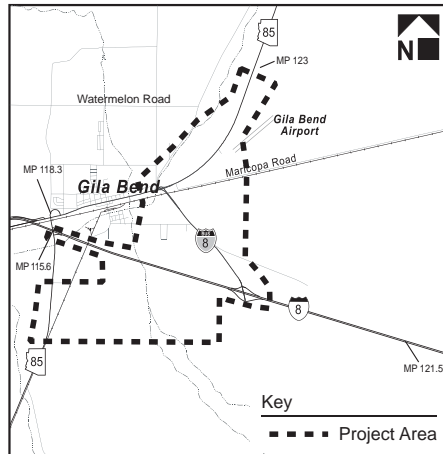


ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PUBLIC HEARING
State Route 85 at Gila Bend



**Town of Gila Bend
 High School Cafeteria
 308 North Martin Avenue
 Gila Bend, AZ 85337
 Wednesday October 28, 2009
 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
 Presentation Time – 6:30 pm**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), in coordination with the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), are evaluating proposed improvements to State Route 85 (SR 85) between Watermelon Road and Interstate 8 (I-8), in Gila Bend. A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared. FHWA and ADOT have been working with the Town of Gila Bend, other local, state, and federal agencies, and the community to determine the best location for the alignment of SR 85 and its connection with I-8.

The purpose of this hearing is to provide information about the Preferred Alternative and its potential environmental impacts and to receive public comments on the Draft EA. A presentation with an overview of the proposed project will begin at 6:30 p.m. Project representatives will be available to discuss the proposed improvements and any associated impacts. A court reporter will be present to record the proceedings, including public comments. Copies of the Draft EA are available for review at the following locations:

Gila Bend High School
 308 North Martin Avenue
 Gila Bend, AZ 85337

Town of Gila Bend, Town Hall
 644 West Pima Street
 Gila Bend, AZ 85337

Gila Bend Public Library/Community Center
 202 North Euclid Avenue
 Gila Bend, AZ 85337

The Draft EA is also available online at www.adotenvironmental.com. Comments will be accepted at the meeting, as well as by mail, to Michael Daehler, ADOT, c/o Logan Simpson Design Inc., 51 West Third Street, Suite 450, Tempe, AZ 85281, by fax to (480) 966-9232 or via email to pmccabe@lsdaz.com. To be included in the project record, comments must be submitted no later than November 6, 2009.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): people may request special accommodations, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Patricia McCabe at 480-967-1343 or e-mail at pmccabe@lsdaz.com. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation. This notice is available in alternate formats by contacting Patricia McCabe at the contact information referenced above.

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