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SR 79 and 79B Intersection Improvement Project and Trial Closure

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) will be conducting a two-week study to evaluate a possible alternative that will increase safety at the intersection of State Routes 79 and 79B south of Florence. A short section of northbound

SR 79B will be closed for two weeks. During this time, motorists traveling northbound on SR 79 into Florence will be temporarily rerouted to make a left turn at Butte Avenue to access SR 287 and downtown Florence via Main Street.

Please note that detour route and dates have changed from previous announcements. Northbound SR 79B will re-open the morning of Thursday, February 16.

BACKGROUND

In 2010, ADOT evaluated three roadway alternatives based on design, safety, construction cost, constructability and public input. After further evaluation, ADOT developed a fourth alternative in fall 2011 to enhance safety and improve traffic flow at the SR 79 and 79B intersection.

The fourth alternative uses existing roadways and would require no new major construction. The lane that connects northbound SR 79 to northbound SR 79B (access to Coolidge and downtown Florence) would be closed. This closure will eliminate traffic crossing at the intersection of SR 79 and 79B.

TRIAL STUDY

A trial closure of northbound SR 79B will be conducted from **Feb. 1 to 15, 2012**, to evaluate the possibility of using this alternative permanently.

Near the completion of the trial closure, a survey will be mailed to area residents, businesses and schools. We highly encourage you to complete and submit the survey so we can document your feedback on the proposed closure. The results of the survey and trial will be studied and made available in late spring 2012.

If you would like to provide your comments before the survey is mailed, please contact the ADOT Outreach Team:

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