

SAFETEA-LU SECTION 6002 COORDINATION PLAN

US 60 – Superior to Globe Study
Location/Design Concept Report and Environmental Impact Statement

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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the Coordination Plan

Section 6002 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) requires that a project's lead agencies establish a plan for coordinating public and agency participation during the environmental review process. Section 6002 applies to projects for which an environmental impact statement (EIS) is being prepared and is not optional for such projects.

The purpose of the SAFETEA-LU Section 6002 coordination plan (Plan) is to facilitate and document the lead agencies' structured interaction with the public and other agencies and to inform the public and other agencies of how that interaction will be accomplished. The coordination plan is meant to promote an efficient and streamlined environmental review process and good project management through coordination, scheduling, and early resolution of issues.

This Coordination Plan will:

- Identify cooperating and participating agencies,
- Identify project milestone coordination points, and
- Establish a framework for public involvement activities and describe the methods that will be used to inform the community about the project.

The project schedule outlined in this coordination plan is required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and must be provided to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and all of the cooperating and participating agencies in addition to being available to the public.

1.2 Project Overview

FHWA and ADOT, as joint lead agencies, have prepared this Plan as required by SAFETEA-LU Section 6002 for the proposed US 60 – Superior to Globe Location/Design Concept Report/EIS Study. The study will develop and evaluate alternative concepts for improvement and/or realignment of US 60 from the Town of Superior (milepost [MP] 222.6) to east of the City of Globe (MP 258.0) in Pinal and Gila counties (Figures 1 and 2). The US 60 study corridor is approximately 36 miles long, encompasses private, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Tonto National Forest (TNF), Arizona State Land Department (ASLD), city/town, and county lands. The proposed highway improvements may involve the relocation of the existing route on a new alignment north or south of the current highway. ADOT and FHWA are advancing this project through an EIS. The Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS was published in the Federal Register on April 30, 2009 and is provided in Appendix A.

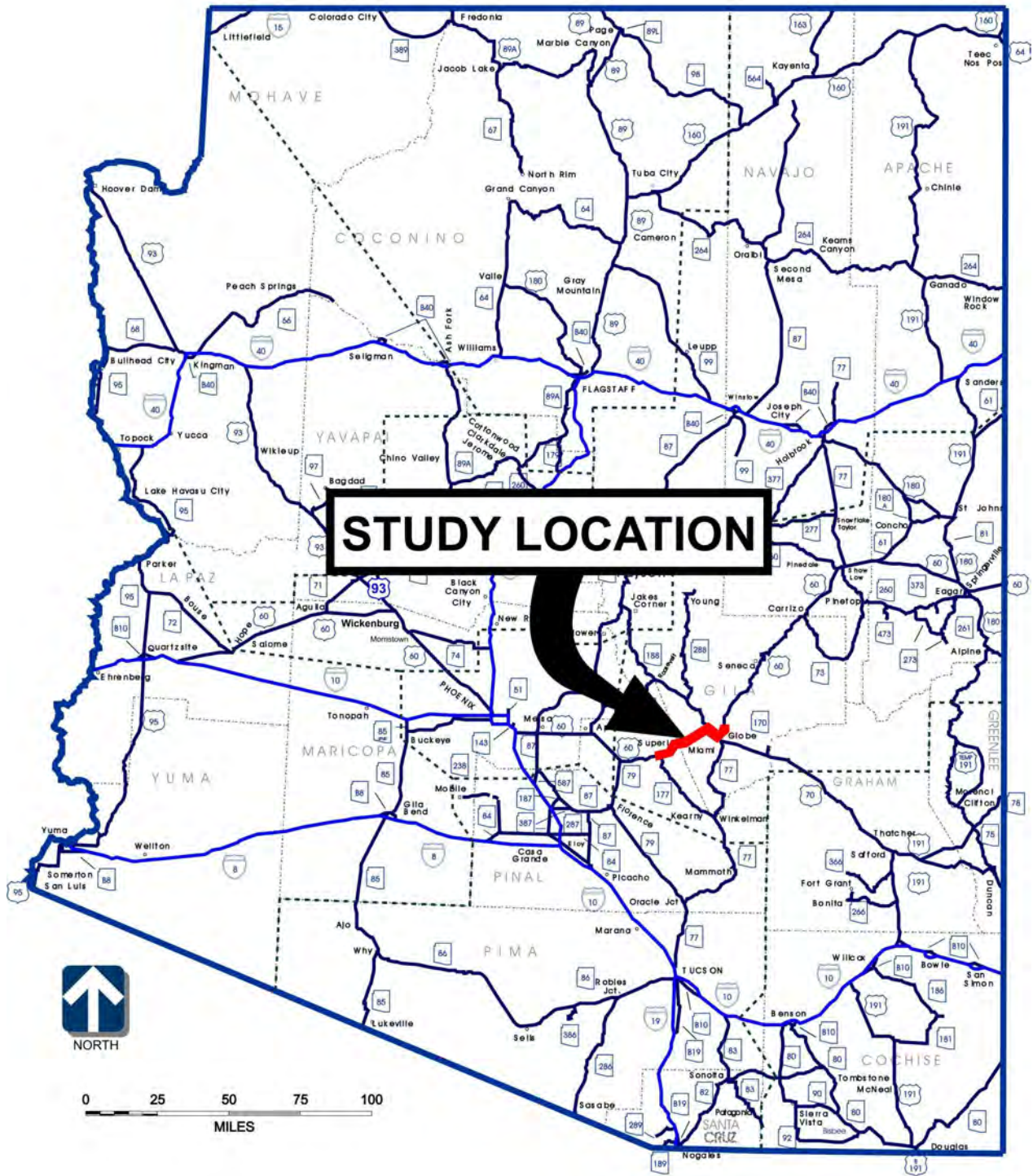


Figure 1. State location map

US 60 - Superior to Globe, MP 222.6 to MP 258.0

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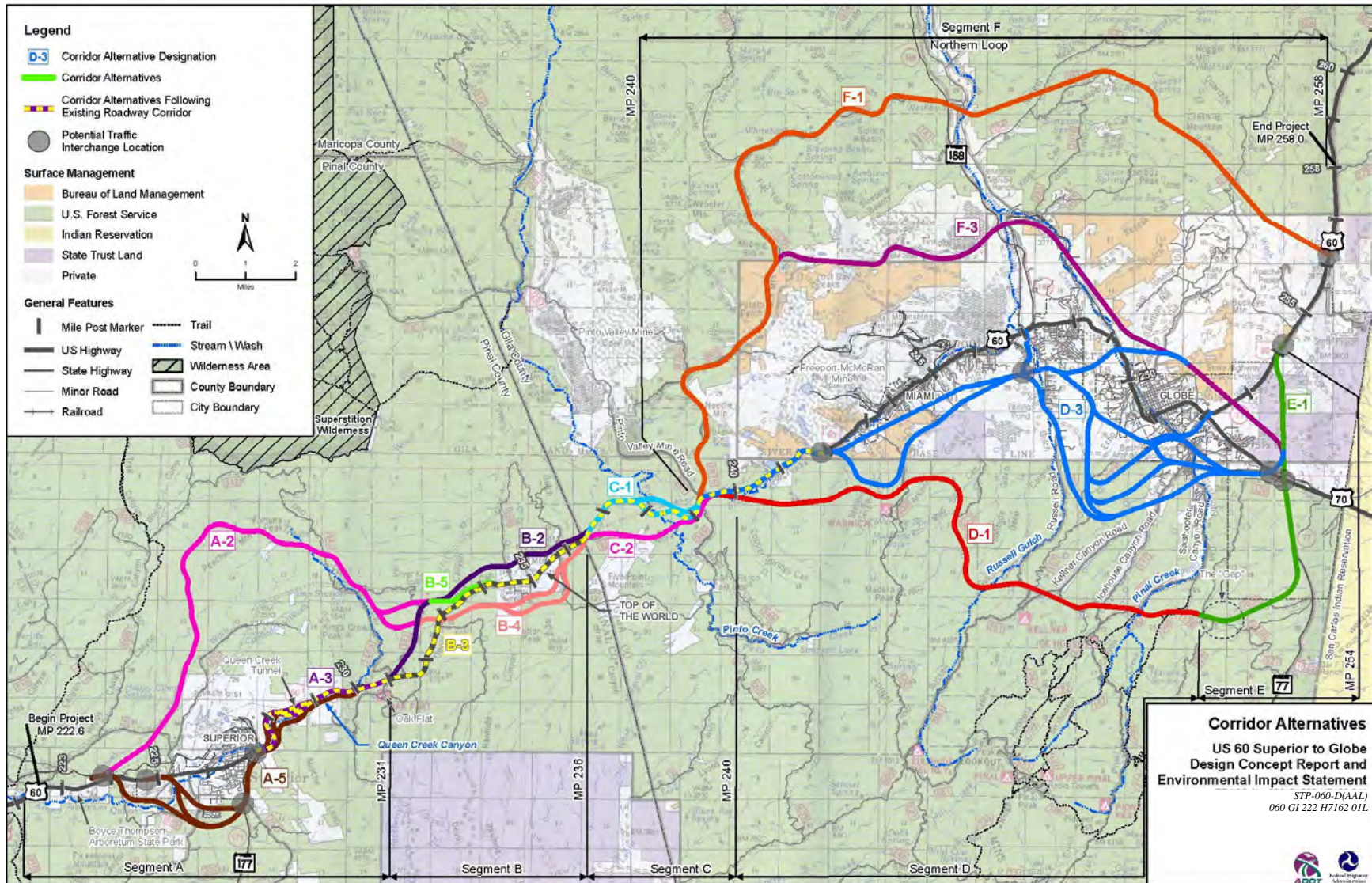


Figure 2. Corridor alternatives map

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US 60 is a major east-west regional transportation route through central Arizona that provides a major commercial and recreational connection for statewide and interstate traffic. The 16-mile long section of two-lane mountainous roadway along with the 8.5-mile long urban condition section creates congestion due to local traffic mixing with through and truck traffic. Continuing regional and local traffic growth will increase congestion and operational problems. Based on the deficiencies of the existing highway and the projected growth, the project is needed to improve traffic service and regional connectivity, reduce traffic crashes and fatalities, and enhance access to areas for public use.

Although some recent capacity improvements have been made to US 60, the roadway does not meet the expectations of statewide and interstate through traffic, and continuing traffic growth will increase congestion and operational problems over the next 20-plus years if no action is taken. ADOT and FHWA are undertaking this study to provide a regional highway that meets the current and future transportation needs of the traveling public.

2. Lead/Cooperating/Participating Agencies

2.1 Lead Agencies

Table 1 identifies FHWA and ADOT as the lead agencies for this project, including their roles and responsibilities. The expectations for lead and joint lead agencies are:

- Take such action as is necessary and proper to facilitate the expedited review of the environmental review process.
- Ensure that documents required under the National Environmental Policy Action (NEPA) are completed in accordance with SAFETEA-LU and applicable state and federal laws.
- Provide, as early as possible, but no later than the appropriate project milestone, project information on purpose and need, environmental resources, alternatives and proposed methodologies.
- Provide the Coordination Plan to Participating and Cooperating Agencies.

2.2 Cooperating Agencies

Cooperating agencies are specifically requested by the lead agency to participate during the environmental evaluation process for the project. NEPA regulations – codified in 23 Code of Federal Regulations 771.111(d) – require that those federal agencies with jurisdiction by law (with permitting or transfer authority) or with special expertise regarding any potential project-related environmental impact be invited to serve as cooperating agencies for an EIS. A state or local agency with similar qualifications or – when the potential impacts would occur on land of tribal interest – a Native American tribe may also become a cooperating agency.

Table 1. Lead Agency Roles and Responsibilities

Role	Agency	Point of Contact	Responsibilities
Lead Federal Agency	Federal Highway Administration	Mary Frye, Environmental Coordinator 602.382.8979 Mary.Frye@dot.gov Aryan Lirange, Area Engineer 602.382.8973 Aryan.Lirange@dot.gov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide overall authority and guidance for NEPA document • Prepare Notice of Intent • Publish notices in the Federal Register • Manage Section 6002 process • Develop a project purpose and need, the range of alternatives to be considered and other procedural matters • Identify and request the participation of cooperating and participating agencies • Prepare NEPA document in cooperation with ADOT • Review and comment on NEPA document • Meet with cooperating agencies upon request • Involve tribal governments in the NEPA process • Approve and sign Draft and Final NEPA document • Prepare and sign the Record of Decision documenting the selected alternative as well as alternatives considered in reaching the decision • Ensure that ADOT complies with all design and mitigation commitments
Joint Lead Agency	Arizona Department of Transportation	Tazeen Ahmed, Project Manager 602.712.8542 TAhmed@azdot.gov Jerry Barnes, Globe District Engineer 928.402.5612 JBarnes@azdot.gov Dee Phan, NEPA Planner 602.712.7767 DPhan@azdot.gov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare Notice of Intent • Manage Section 6002 process • Develop a project purpose and need, the range of alternatives to be considered and other procedural matters • Identify and request the participation of cooperating and participating agencies • Prepare NEPA document in cooperation with FHWA • Review and comment on NEPA document • Meet with cooperating agencies upon request • Involve tribal governments in the NEPA process • Approve and sign Draft and Final NEPA document

ADOT and FHWA invited the TNF, US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and BLM to be cooperating agencies for this project. The Corps and TNF accepted the invitation via letter on May 26, 2009 and June 4, 2009 (respectively). Although EPA and BLM declined ADOT's invitation to be cooperating agencies, EPA requested to be a participating agency and the BLM is identified as a review agency for this project (see pages 7 and 9 for a summary of participating and review agency responsibilities).

Accepted and pending cooperating agencies and their responsibilities for this project are listed in Table 2. If new information reveals the need to request another agency to serve as a cooperating agency, FHWA will issue an invitation to that agency. The expectations for cooperating agencies are:

- Identify as early as possible any issue of concern regarding the project's environmental or socioeconomic impacts.
- Identify as early as possible any issues that could substantially delay or prevent the granting of a permit or other approval needed for the project.
- Share information that may be useful to the lead agencies and other cooperating and participating agencies.
- Participate in meetings and field reviews.
- Participate in the scoping process.
- Provide comments on the purpose and need, study methodologies, and range of alternatives.
- Identify any issues of concern regarding the project's impacts on the natural and human-made environments.
- Provide timely input on unresolved issues.

Table 2. Cooperating Agency Roles and Responsibilities

Role	Agency	Point of Contact	Responsibilities
Cooperating Agencies	Tonto National Forest	Gene Blankenbaker, Forest Supervisor 602.225.5200 gblankenbaker@fs.fed.us Steve Blair, ADOT Liaison 480.610.3302 sblair@fs.fed.us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formally accept cooperating agency status Provide relevant and available data for studies Review and comment on project documents as appropriate to expertise Contribute in the development of mitigation measures, when appropriate Assist with responses to comments on the draft NEPA document by providing information for which the agency has expertise Review draft and final NEPA document prior to public review
	US Army Corps of Engineers	Sallie McGuire, Arizona Branch Chief 602.640.5385; ext. 221 Sallie.Mcguire@usace.army.mil Kathleen Tucker, ADOT-Corps Liaison 602.640.5385 Kathleen.a.tucker@usace.army.mil	

2.3 Participating Agencies

Section 6002 of SAFETEA-LU created a new category of agencies to participate in the environmental review process for EISs; federal, state, tribal, regional, and local governmental agencies with an interest in the project. These participating agencies are formally invited to participate in the environmental review process.

Nongovernmental organizations and private entities cannot serve as participating agencies. Any federal agency invited to participate in the environmental review process shall be designated as a participating agency unless the invited agency informs the lead agency, in writing, by the deadline specified in the invitation that it: 1) has no jurisdiction or authority with respect to the project, 2) has no expertise or information relevant to the project, and 3) does not intend to submit comments on the project.

ADOT and FHWA invited the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD) and the Central Arizona Association of Governments (CAAG) to be participating agencies. The AGFD accepted the invitation and a response from CAAG is pending. Additionally, the Environmental Protection Agency was invited to become a cooperating agency. EPA declined the invitation to be a cooperating agency due to limited resources and requested to be a participating agency instead. The participating agencies are shown in Table 3. Designation as a participating agency does not imply project support and, if applicable, does not provide an agency with increased

oversight or approval authority beyond its statutory limits. The expectations for participating agencies are:

- Identify as early as possible any issues that could substantially delay or prevent the granting of permits or other approvals needed for the project.
- Provide input on this plan and schedule.
- Participate in the scoping process.
- Provide comments on the purpose and need, study methodologies, and range of alternatives.
- Identify any issues of concern regarding the project’s impacts on the natural and human-made environments.
- Provide timely input on unresolved issues.

Table 3. Participating Agency Roles and Responsibilities

Role	Agency	Point of Contact	Responsibilities
Participating Agency	Arizona Game and Fish Department	Larry D. Voyles, Director 623.236.7278 LVoyle@azgfd.gov Russ Haughey, Habitat Program Manager, Region VI 480.981.9400; ext 3550 RHaughey@azgfd.gov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide relevant and available data for studies • Review and comment on project documents, as appropriate to expertise • Contribute in the development of mitigation measures, when appropriate • Review draft and final NEPA document prior to public review
	Central Arizona Association of Governments (status pending)	Bill Leister, Transportation Planning Director 520.689.5004 BLEister@caagcentral.org	
	Environmental Protection Agency	Tom Plenys, Environmental Review Office (415) 972-3238 Plenys.thomas@epa.gov	

2.4 Review Agencies

Though not a requirement of SAFETEA-LU, review agencies have been identified for this study. They include local, state, and federal agencies that are given the opportunity to provide relevant data for project studies, review resource technical reports when required, review draft and final NEPA documents as part of public review process and participate in agency meetings. The review agencies identified for this study are shown in Table 4.

Table 4. Review Agencies

Role	Agency	Point of Contact	Responsibilities
Review Agency	Bureau of Land Management	Emily Garber, Field Manager 623.580.5616 Emily_Garber@blm.gov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide relevant data for project studies • Provide input on resource technical reports when required • Provide input on draft and final NEPA documents as part of public review process • Participate in agency meetings
	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Greg Beatty, Biologist 602.242.0210 Greg_Beatty@fws.gov	
	Arizona State Land Department	Sue Russell, Land Disposition Project Leader 602.542.3115 SRussell@land.az.gov	
	Arizona State Historic Preservation Office	David Jacobs, Compliance Specialist 602.542.7140 djacobs@azstateparks.gov	
	San Carlos Apache Nation	Wendsler Nosie, Chairman 928.475.2361 Chairman_Nosie@sc-apachetribe.com Vernelda Grant, Tribal Archaeologist and Director 928.475.5797 Vernalda_Grant@sc-apachetribe.com	
	Gila County	Steve Stratton, Public Works Director 928.425.3231; ext. 8501 SStratton@co.gila.az.us Darde deRoulhack, Floodplain Administrator 928-425-3231 DdeRoulhack@co.gila.az.us	
	Pinal County	Greg Stanley, Public Works Director 520.866.6582 Gregory.Stanley@co.pinal.az.us Elise Moore, Flood Control Section Chief 520-866-6638 Elise.Moore@co.pinal.az.us	
	City of Globe	C.M. "Mike" Humphrey, Public Works Director 928.425.4959 globepublicworks@cableone.net Larry Hansen, Engineer 928.425.8346 globepublicworks@cableone.net	
	Town of Superior	Rebecca Brothers, Public Works Director 520.689.5752; ext 13 publicworksdir@superior-arizona.com	
Town of Miami	Wes Sukosky, Public Works Director 928.473.4403 miamideputyclerk@cableone.net		

3. Coordination Points and Responsibilities

Table 5 summarizes the project milestones and deliverables that require various levels of agency and public coordination. The table lists the coordination point, the agencies responsible for the distribution of information (information out) and those that are responsible for providing input (information in). Generally, agencies and the public have 30 days from the date of a deliverable to provide comments, with the exception of a 45-day review period for the Draft EIS.

Table 5. Coordination Points, Information Requirements, and Responsibilities

Coordination Point	Information Out		Information In	
	Responsibilities	Agencies Responsible	Responsibilities	Agencies Responsible
Notice of Intent (NOI)	Send participating agencies a copy of the NOI; publish notice in newspapers and Federal Register	FHWA ADOT	Comments on NOI	Lead Agencies
Purpose and need ¹	Provide participating and cooperating agencies and the public with draft purpose and need statement; solicit comments; hold scoping meetings	FHWA ADOT	Comments on purpose and need statement	Lead Agencies, Cooperating Agencies, Participating Agencies, Public
Impact assessment methodologies and level of detail required for analysis of alternatives ²	Provide participating and cooperating agencies opportunity to collaborate on the development and review of the methodologies and level of detail required for the analysis of alternatives	Lead Agencies, Cooperating Agencies, Participating Agencies	Collaboration and input through the development of methodologies, and comments on proposed methodologies	Lead Agencies, Cooperating Agencies, Participating Agencies
Range of alternatives ¹	Provide participating and cooperating agencies and the public with range of alternatives being considered; solicit comments; hold scoping meetings	FHWA ADOT	Comments of range of alternatives and issues, concerns, and opportunities Develop evaluation criteria	Lead Agencies, Cooperating Agencies, Participating Agencies
Existing natural and human-made conditions	Identify environmental resources located within project area and general location of alternatives	FHWA ADOT	Identify any issues that could substantially delay permit approval	Lead Agencies, Cooperating Agencies, Participating Agencies

Table 5. Coordination Points, Information Requirements, and Responsibilities (continued)

Coordination Point	Information Out		Information In	
	Responsibilities	Agencies Responsible	Responsibilities	Agencies Responsible
Draft EIS ³	Provide participating and cooperating agencies copy of Draft EIS; provide copies for public; hold public hearings	FHWA ADOT	Comments on Draft EIS	Lead Agencies, Cooperating Agencies, Participating Agencies, Public
Preferred alternative	Selection of preferred alternative based on Draft EIS analysis and comments received during the public hearings	FHWA ADOT	N/A	N/A
Final EIS ¹	Provide participating and cooperating agencies copy of Final EIS; provide copies for the public	FHWA ADOT	Comments on Final EIS (not required)	Lead Agencies, Cooperating Agencies, Participating Agencies, Public
Record of Decision (ROD) ¹	Publish ROD in Federal Register	FHWA	Comments on Final EIS (not required)	Lead Agencies, Cooperating Agencies, Participating Agencies, Public

Notes: ¹ 30-day comment period for participating and cooperating agencies and public.

² 30-day comment period for participating and cooperating agencies and public; period can be modified; not required by SAFETEA-LU.

³ 45-day minimum comment period for public and review agencies.

4. Project Schedule

This schedule includes key milestones, decision-making deadlines the agencies responsible for information out (distribution of information) and those that are responsible for information in (providing input). Table 6 includes the minimal key milestones and decision-making deadlines for each agency approval.

Table 6. Milestones and Decision-Making Deadlines

Coordination point	Information Out		Information In	
	Anticipated Date	Agencies Responsible	Anticipated Date	Agencies Responsible
NOI	March 2009	FHWA ADOT	NOI published in Federal Register April 30, 2009	FHWA
Purpose and need	May 2009	FHWA ADOT	June 2009	Lead Agencies, Cooperating Agencies, Participating Agencies
Public and agency scoping	Public scoping meetings June 2, 3, and 4, 2009 Agency scoping meeting June 11, 2009	FHWA ADOT	July 6, 2009	Lead Agencies, Cooperating Agencies, Participating Agencies
Impact assessment methodologies and level of detail required for analysis of alternatives	September 2009	FHWA ADOT	October 2009	Lead Agencies, Cooperating Agencies, Participating Agencies
Range of alternatives	August 2009	FHWA ADOT	August 2009	Lead Agencies, Cooperating Agencies, Participating Agencies
Existing natural and human-made conditions	February 2010	FHWA ADOT	March 2010	Lead Agencies, Cooperating Agencies, Participating Agencies
Circulate Draft EIS for team review	September 2010	FHWA ADOT	October 2010	Lead Agencies, Cooperating Agencies, Participating Agencies
Advertise Draft EIS	February 2011	FHWA ADOT	April 2011	Lead Agencies, Cooperating Agencies, Participating Agencies

Table 6. Milestones and Decision-Making Deadlines (continued)

Coordination point	Information Out		Information In	
	Anticipated Date of Information Out	Agencies Responsible	Anticipated Date of Information In	Agencies Responsible
Preferred alternative	June 2011	FHWA ADOT	July 2011	Lead Agencies, Cooperating Agencies, Participating Agencies
Initial Final EIS	August 2011	FHWA ADOT	September 2011	Lead Agencies, Cooperating Agencies, Participating Agencies
Final EIS	November 2011	FHWA ADOT	December 2011	Lead Agencies, Cooperating Agencies, Participating Agencies
ROD	March 2012	FHWA	April 2012	N/A

5. Revision History

This section is reserved for documenting changes to the Plan. As the study progresses the Plan will be updated with input obtained during the study process. Changes to the Plan will be documented in Table 7.

Table 7. Revision History

Version	Date	Document Name	Revision Description (Including why it was needed)

6. Additional Information

This section is reserved for additional information as needed such as Memorandums of Understanding or supplemental materials.

7. Public Involvement Plan

The Public Involvement Plan (PIP) details the outreach efforts and their associated timeline. The stand alone PIP is included in Appendix B. As the study progresses the PIP will be updated with input obtained during the study process.

Appendix A. Notice of Intent

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) revision of a current information collection. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on December 3, 2008, vol. 73, no. 233, pages 73687–73688. Standards have been established for the operation of agricultural aircraft and for the dispensing of chemicals, pesticides and toxic substances. Information collected shows applicant compliance and eligibility for certification by the FAA.

DATES: Please submit comments by June 1, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carla Mauney at Carla.Mauney@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)**

Title: Agricultural Aircraft Operations.

Type of Request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

OMB Control Number: 2120–0049.

Form(s): 8710–3.

Affected Public: An estimated 3,980 Respondents.

Frequency: This information is collected on occasion.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: Approximately 3.5 hours per response.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: An estimated 14,037 hours annually.

Abstract: Standards have been established for the operation of agricultural aircraft and for the dispensing of chemicals, pesticides and toxic substances. Information collected shows applicant compliance and eligibility for certification by the FAA.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation/FAA, and sent via electronic mail to oir_suhmmission@omb.eop.gov, or faxed to (202) 395–6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department,

including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimates of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued in Washington, DC on April 23, 2009.

Carla Mauney,

FAA Information Collection Clearance Officer, IT Enterprises Business Services Division, AES–200.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration****Environmental Impact Statement: Final and Gila Counties, AZ**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Pinal and Gila counties, Arizona.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Davis, Senior Engineering Manager for Operations, Federal Highway Administration, Arizona Division Office, 4000 North Central Avenue, Suite 1500, Phoenix, Arizona 85012, Telephone: (602) 382–8970, Fax: (602) 382–8998, e-mail:

Ken.davis@fhwa.dot.gov; or

Mary Frye, Environmental Coordinator, Federal Highway Administration, Arizona Division Office, 4000 North Central Avenue, Suite 1500, Phoenix, Arizona 85012, Telephone: (602) 382–8979, Fax: (602) 382–8998, e-mail:

Mary.Frye@thwa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), will prepare a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve and/or realign US Highway (US) 60 in Pinal and Gila counties, Arizona from west of Superior at approximately milepost (MP) 222.6 to east of Globe at approximately MP 258.0. The proposed project evaluation will include, but not be limited to potential impacts to residential and commercial development, cultural

resources, mining, Threatened and Endangered Species, jurisdictional waters of the U.S., scenic resources, air and noise quality, hazardous materials, and secondary and cumulative impacts.

Improvements to the corridor are considered necessary to provide for the existing and projected traffic demand. Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action, (2) improvements to the existing US 60, and (3) at least 18 different segment alignments for potential relocation and development of the highway north and south of the existing US 60 on lands managed by the Tonto National Forest (TNF), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), as well as on private lands. The TNF and BLM have been invited to accept the roles of Cooperating Agency for the study in addition to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed interest in this proposal. Formal NEPA agency and public scoping meetings, a series of public information meetings and public hearings will be held.

Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearings. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Kenneth Davis,

Senior Engineering Manager for Operations, Federal Highway Administration, Arizona Division Office, Phoenix, Arizona.

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Appendix B. Public Involvement Plan

**US 60 – Superior to Globe, MP 222.6 to MP 258.0
Location/Design Concept Report & Environmental Impact Statement**

Project No: 060 GI 222 H7162 01L
Federal No. STP-060-D(AAL)
Contract No. 07-17.1
Public/Agency Involvement Plan

January 2008 to January 2011

Overview

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) have initiated a Location/Design Concept Report and Environmental Studies of US 60 from Superior to Globe. The study area extends from approximately Milepost (MP) 222.6 to MP 258.0 on US 60. These studies will result in an alternative selection and environmental document.

Public and agency outreach efforts were initially discussed in a project kick-off meeting held at ADOT in Phoenix on February 21, 2008. A subsequent meeting was held on April 25, 2008 to further discuss public outreach efforts. This Public/Agency Involvement Plan details outreach efforts and their associated timeline.

Public involvement for this study will focus on residents, property owners, and businesses in the immediate study area, as well as residents, businesses, major property owners, community leaders, conservation and environmental groups, Native American Tribes, the mining industry, and government agencies in the region. Government agencies in the region will include Pinal County, Gila County, Apache Junction, the Town of Superior, City of Globe, Town of Miami, City of Safford, and others.

The outreach methods, meeting formats, and distribution materials used in the public/agency involvement process will comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 6002 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and will be crucial in laying the foundation for developing consensus.

1.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS

1.1 Public Scoping Meetings

Three Public Scoping Meetings will be held during the evaluation of the study to provide community members an opportunity to provide comments regarding the area under study and a preliminary range of alternatives. These meetings will be an opportunity to build relationships in the area as well as build consensus through dialoging with the public.

These Public Scoping Meetings will be held in Gold Canyon, Superior, and Globe in appropriate venues. The meeting venue and date will be determined based upon team member and facility availability. The attendees, notification, and meeting format will be the same as that used for the public meetings as described above.

1.2 Public Information Meetings

Three Public Information Meetings will be held in Gold Canyon, Globe and Superior once the study has progressed to an appropriate level (concurrent with development of alternatives). The meeting purpose will be to provide information based on public input of the corridor alternatives. The public will have an opportunity to provide feedback on the alternatives recommended for further study. The meeting venue and date will be determined based upon team member and venue availability. The attendees, notification, and meeting format will be the same as that used for the public scoping meetings as described above.

1.3 Public Hearings

Three Public Hearings will be held in Gold Canyon, Globe and Superior once the draft Design Concept Report (DCR) and draft environmental document are complete. These meetings will follow the legal process for a public hearing. The project team will present the draft environmental document and DCR and formal testimony will be taken by a court reporter. This testimony will be included in the final reports. The meeting venue and date will be determined based upon team member and venue availability. The attendees and notification, and meeting format will be in accordance with the NEPA. ADOT will arrange for a court reporter to attend the public hearings and provide a transcript of the hearings.

1.4 Public Meeting Deliverables

Kaneen Advertising & Public Relations will provide the following for the public meetings:

- Develop meeting notifications (advertisement, press release, and postcard mailer)
- A planning session for key participants will be held approximately 5 weeks prior to the meetings
- Provide nametags for all participating project team members
- Provide sign-in sheets, comment sheets, question cards, informational handouts, and light refreshments to accommodate an estimated 100 meeting attendees
- Provide electronic copies of public meeting materials for CCP to post on the project website
- Perform meeting setup (1 hour prior to meeting) and takedown (30 minutes following the meeting)
- Book a venue and pay the fee required for use of the facility
- Provide two representatives to attend the meeting who will assist with setup and cleanup, as well as greeting, providing information, taking notes, keeping a record of attendance, and encouraging the public to provide input
- Coordinate with CCP to secure directional sandwich boards and set them up in advance of the meeting
- Prepare a brief meeting summary report and submit it to ADOT no later than two weeks after the close of the meeting comment period. The summary report will include a brief description of the meeting, copies of the sign-in sheets, copies of any handouts made available to the public, copies of written comments submitted to ADOT, and a brief public comment summary
- Notify ADOT of comments/inquiries that require follow-up beyond providing basic meeting or project information
- Prepare a fact sheet with project information provided by URS and approved by ADOT CCP

The **engineering consultant, URS**, will provide the following for the public meetings:

- Slide presentation
- ADOT-approved technical information for URS to use in creating handout materials
- Exhibits and easels for the exhibits

The lead environmental firm, **Logan Simpson Design** will provide the following for the public meetings:

- ADOT-approved environmental information to use in creating handout materials
- Attend public meetings

ADOT/CCP will provide the following for the public meetings:

- Exterior “sandwich board” signs directing people to meeting facility
- One member of CCP to attend meetings
- Post meeting information on the project web site

2.0 AGENCY MEETINGS

2.1 Agency Scoping Meeting

An Agency Scoping Meeting will be on June 11. This meeting will provide agency representatives an opportunity to voice issues, concerns, and opportunities regarding the area under study and a preliminary range of improvement alternatives. The meeting venue and date will be determined based upon team member and venue availability. Appropriate agency representatives will be invited to attend, representing jurisdictions and resources in the vicinity. The list of representatives will be circulated among the project team to ensure that all appropriate agencies are included. The meeting will consist of a short presentation to describe the study to the agency representatives, followed by an open discussion in which each representative will be asked to share their issues, concerns, and opportunities.

2.2 Agency Information Meeting

An Agency Information Meeting will be the same day as the first Public Information Meeting. The meeting purpose will be to provide agency representatives an opportunity to provide feedback on the alternatives recommended for further study. The meeting venue and date will be determined based upon team member and venue availability. The attendees, notification, and meeting format will be the same as that used for the public meetings as described above.

2.3 Agency Meeting Deliverables

Kaneen Advertising & Public Relations will provide the following for the agency meetings:

- Provide sign-in sheets, informational handouts, and light refreshments to accommodate an estimated 40 meeting attendees
- Perform meeting setup 30 minutes prior to and following the meeting
- Reserve a meeting facility
- Provide one representative to attend the meeting who will assist with setup and cleanup, as well as taking notes and keeping a record of attendance
- Prepare meeting minutes and submit them to ADOT no later than two weeks after the meeting. The minutes will include a brief description of the meeting, a summary of agency comments, copies of the sign-in sheets, and copies of any handouts.

The lead environmental firm, **Logan Simpson Design** will provide the following for the agency scoping meetings:

- Send meeting notifications to the appropriate agencies and facilitate the agency scoping and information meetings.

3.0 PUBLIC OUTREACH METHODS

3.1 Newspaper Advertisement

Kaneen Advertising & Public Relations will develop a newspaper advertisement for the ADOT Project Team review at least 30 calendar days prior to each public meeting. The newspaper advertisement will be formatted as a camera-ready display advertisement that announces the location, date, and time of each public meeting and the purpose of the meeting, as well as a general line-art vicinity map of the project for reference. Following ADOT approval of the advertisement, Kaneen Advertising & Public Relations will arrange to have the advertisement published at least 15 days prior to and again one week prior to the meeting in the local area news papers including the *Superior Sun*, *Arizona Silverbelt*, *Copper Country News*, *San Carlos Apache Moccasin*, *Arizona Republic*, *Eastern Arizona Courier*, and other local newspapers as-needed.

3.2 Press Release

Kaneen Advertising & Public Relations will develop a draft press release for ADOT review 30 days prior to each public meeting. Comments will be incorporated and a final press release will be submitted to ADOT for approval. ADOT CCP will distribute the final press release to appropriate media organizations approximately 14 calendar days prior to the meeting dates.

3.3 Public Meeting Notification Mailer

Kaneen Advertising & Public Relations will develop and distribute a public meeting notification mailer that will be distributed to the project mailing list described below two weeks prior to each public meeting. The mailer will be printed on postcard size cardstock, black and white, using the same graphics and text used in the newspaper advertisement. The postcard camera-ready artwork will be printed by the US Post Office for mass-mailing distribution.

3.4 Mailing List

Kaneen Advertising & Public Relations will develop a project mailing list to include addresses of postal customers within a 5-mile radius of the existing US 60 corridor, local elected officials, the Chamber of Commerce, and community organizations. Agency and project team contacts will also be included in the mailing list. URS, Logan Simpson Design, and ADOT CCP will provide names to be included in the mailing list. Returned notices will be tracked and non-deliverable addresses will be removed from the mailing list. The mailing list will be a work in progress with updates provided as-needed. Prior to each public meeting, the mailing list will be updated to include addresses of those who have requested to be on the mailing list.

3.5 Online

Kaneen Advertising & Public Relations will provide electronic versions of all materials presented at the public meetings and will review web content developed by CCP to ensure accuracy of information.

3.6 Newsletters

Three newsletters will be prepared and distributed to those who have expressed an interest in the project and to the mailing list described above. The initial newsletter will be prepared early to introduce the project, the project team, and the purpose of the project. A second newsletter will be prepared and distributed to inform and gather feedback on the recommended alternative. A third newsletter will be prepared and distributed during the final design stage to report the final results of the project to the public. The final design stage will likely not happen for a long time. So for planning purposes, only two newsletters should be considered.

3.7 One-on One Contacts

The project team will conduct one-on-one and small group meetings with stakeholders such as major property owners, special interest and environmental groups, the Native American Tribes, and others. These contacts will be made early in the project and will be ongoing through out the study process. To ensure compliance with NEPA guidelines, all comments (through phone, email, or postal delivery) will be directed to the ADOT NEPA Planner. A simple contact log will be used to track one-on-one contacts, phone calls, emails and letters with questions, comments and concerns about the project. If a one-on-one meeting is requested, Kaneen Advertising & Public Relations will set up the appointments and location for the meetings, document the meetings, and follow-up if needed.

3.8 Special Presentations

In addition to the public information meetings, special presentations shall be made to interested groups, neighborhood associations, elected officials, businesses, and community groups. ADOT CCP will manage and coordinate special presentations.

3.9 Government Relations

Under direction of ADOT CCP, Sandra Junck Carpenter, who is part of the Kaneen Consortium, will provide government relations with state and local elected officials and special interest groups. Government relations will include providing information through elected official briefings and presentations as-determined by ADOT CCP. CCP will document the contacts and provide documentation to the ADOT NEPA planner and Logan-Simpson Design.

4.0 ONGOING COORDINATION ACTIVITIES

A Kaneen Advertising & Public Relations staff member will attend regularly scheduled and special project team meetings to represent CCP and to keep the team updated on public involvement activities and issues. Kaneen Advertising & Public Relations will document public involvement activities and compile a summary of those activities to be included in the environmental document.