Appendix I: E-mailed Comments

Book, Michael

From: Timothy Tait [TTait@azdot.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2007 11:22 AM
To: Rousan@aol.com
Cc: Book, Michael
Subject: RE: transportation

Dear Mr. Rousan,

The project team appreciates your interest regarding the proposed State Route 801. This proposed freeway, like all of ADOT's projects, requires careful and full analysis.

This phase of SR 801 is studying the connection between the proposed Loop 303 and the proposed Loop 202. This phase is scheduled to be funding for construction as part of Phase 4 of the Regional Transportation Plan for the years 2021-2025 by the Maricopa Association of Governments, the regional transportation planning organization.

State Route 801 (proposed Loop 303 to proposed Loop 202) would eventually have connections to the west and east, as funding become available. In the western section, SR 801 is also being studied between SR 85 and the proposed Loop 303. Construction of an interim roadway for this segment is funded for 2023-2025. In the eastern section, SR 801 would connect with the proposed South Mountain Freeway, as you mentioned. The City of Phoenix is studying a proposed roadway called the Avenida Rio Salado, which would continue from the SR 801/South Mountain Freeway connection and continue eastward to 7th Street. The exact alignment and timing of construction has not been determined.

For more information on the proposed Avenida Rio Salado, please contact Belinda Cummings with the City of Phoenix at 602.534.7067.

Sincerely,

Timothy Tait
Community Relations Project Manager
Arizona Department of Transportation
office 602.712.7070

From: Rousan@aol.com [mailto:Rousan@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, May 11, 2007 7:00 AM
To: adot@policydevelopmentgroup.com
Subject: transportation

If this freeway is going to be built it should go all the way to I-17 at the Durango curve or Central Ave. If it ends at the south mountain freeway you will cause the same bottleneck that occurs at the I-10 Broadway curve. The freeway could be built along the river bed on land that is not used now. This would also help clean up one of the most blighted areas in the city. It could be built as a parkway from 55th ave to I-17 or all the way to Central Ave. Don't waist the opportunity to make the southwest valley a much nicer area.
Thank you,
Scott Rousan

See what's free at AOL.com.

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Book, Michael

From: Timothy Tait [TTait@azdot.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 9:38 PM
To: Philbin20@aol.com
Subject: RE: Southwest Valley Freeway E-news

Friend of the River,

I will pass along your comments for inclusion in the State Route 801 project file. We appreciate your comment - and the time you have taken to become informed about this proposed new freeway for the southwest Valley.

Sincerely,

Timothy Tait
Community Relations Project Manager
Arizona Department of Transportation
Office: 602.712.7070 :: Cell: 602.501.5038

-----Original Message-----
From: Philbin20@aol.com [mailto:Philbin20@aol.com]
Sent: Mon 5/21/2007 6:10 PM
To: Timothy Tait
Subject: Re: Southwest Valley Freeway E-news

As a twenty(20) year resident of the Southern Ave and 99th Ave area, the Broadway access would do the least damage to the river environment, there's nothing in the way on Broadway from Dysart to 91st Ave. Its seems very strange that dairy farmers who have been on Broadway for better then fifteen (15) years would all of sudden sell out and move out to Paloma cause of power lines that have been there for years, or should I say utility corridor. I think that the state should mandate that no new housing projects along Broadway between Dysart and 91st Ave be approved till after the final corridor is chosen, and to destroy the river area from 91st Ave to Dysart that a federal program is trying to rebuild is a crime against the people and the environment that we along Southern Ave from 91st to Dysart have tried so hard to preserve

respectfully
A Friend of the River

See what's free at AOL.com <http://www.aol.com?ncid=AOLAOF00020000000503> .

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Book, Michael

From: Timothy Tait [TTait@azdot.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 25, 2007 4:20 PM
To: jen-murray@hotmail.com
Cc: Book, Michael
Subject: FW: Arizona 801
Attachments: SR 801 Alternatives.jpg

Ms. Murray,

The project team appreciates your interest regarding the proposed State Route 801 (proposed Loop 303 to proposed Loop 202).

Thank you for sending your address information. It was helpful in identifying how your property relates to the proposed SR 801 alternatives (see attached map). Both of these alternatives share a common alignment in the western and eastern portions of the study area. On the map, this is represented by the green areas. The difference between the north and south alternatives is in the middle section of the study area, represented by the blue and purple segments. Near where you live, the proposed alignment is south of the railroad tracks and Maricopa County Route 85.

As you know, a public meeting was held on May 17. The purpose of this informational meeting was to provide an update on the study and show refinements to the alternative corridors that are being carried forward. At this time, the corridor alignment and the associated interchanges have not been finalized. Please visit the project Web site at www.azdot.gov/valleyfreeways for additional study information.

The SR 801 (proposed Loop 303 to proposed Loop 202) study began in summer 2005 with the data gathering process for the environmental and engineering portion of the study. The Draft Environmental Assessment is tentatively scheduled to be completed and available for public review in early 2008. A public hearing will be held at this time. It is estimated that the Final Environmental Assessment will be completed in the summer of 2008, along with the engineering planning study. It is anticipated that in 2009, the preliminary design would be completed. ADOT would then begin the process of purchasing the necessary right-of-way. This process would take several years since only a certain amount of money is funded each year for property acquisition. The proposed SR 801 Freeway (proposed Loop 303 to proposed Loop 202) is funded for construction in years 2021-2025, based on current Maricopa Association of Government timelines.

If you have any additional questions regarding this study, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Timothy Tait
Community Relations Project Manager
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office 602.712.7070 :: mobile 602.501.5038

-----Original Message-----
From: Jennifer Murray [mailto:jen-murray@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2007 5:10 PM
To: Book, Michael
Subject: RE: Arizona 801

Michael,

I am north of the railroad tracks, about 3 houses down from them. If I had a good pitching arm, I could throw a rock at them. My address is 4617 S.
181st Ave, Goodyear, AZ 85338. If you were to pull it up on mapquest, it doesn't exist to the address. I am about 1/2 mile - 1 mile west of the old Rubbermaid Facility.

Thank you.

>From: "Book, Michael" <Michael.Book@hdrinc.com>
>To: "Jennifer Murray" <jen-murray@hotmail.com>
>Subject: RE: Arizona 801
>Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 16:40:47 -0500
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>Ms. Murray,
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>It may be helpful if you provide me with your home address. (At least
>confirm that you are north of the railroad tracks and MC 85.) When I
>have your location, I can better answer your question.
>
>Thank you.
>
>Michael Book
>HDR ONE COMPANY | Many Solutions
>3200 E. Camelback Road, Suite 350 | Phoenix, AZ | 85018
>Phone: 602.522.7774 | Fax: 602.522.7707 | Email:
>michael.book@hdrinc.com
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>-----Original Message-----
>From: Jennifer Murray [mailto:jen-murray@hotmail.com]
>Sent: Sunday, May 20, 2007 10:01 PM
>To: adot@policydevelopmentgroup.com
>Subject: Arizona 801
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>I am a concerned citizen about this freeway. I received a map in the
>mail, but would really like to know if my home is affected by it. I
>live at Broadway and Citrus. Is this going to cross over my house or
>be the main street to get to my house? The map just shows a "study"
>area. We just purchased our home and planned on living here a long
>time, but this may have an affect on us. Any updates or news would be
>appreciated.
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>Thank you,
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>Jennifer Murray
>jen-murray@hotmail.com
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Book, Michael

From: Timothy Tait [TTait@azdot.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2007 3:52 PM
To: Book, Michael
Subject: FW: Re State Rte 801

From: Christina Risley-Curtiss [mailto:Risley.Curtiss@asu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2007 11:44 AM
To: Timothy Tait
Subject: Re State Rte 801

Thank you for your informative conversation this morning about Rte 801. As I said I am emailing you my opinions and concerns so you have them in writing. My address is 11201 W. Hidalgo Ave so I am just 1 block north of Southern Ave in the area you would run the 801 if you choose the Southern Rte. I would like to voice my recommendation for choosing the northern option along Broadway Ave (which still is not that far from me). First of all while Avondale is concerned about the planned Lakin Ranch development that development has not yet completed its planning much less build anything. Consequently going along Broadway would not be disrupting current homes and businesses there because there aren't any or they are already subject to demolition. In addition, in my driving Broadway there remains the most undeveloped land along that route and so would disrupt fewer people. It is also a less complicated and straightforward route. In addition, the southern route runs counter intuitive to the already planned and in development Tres Rio River project which includes a recreational area with walking and riding trails and also wildlife enhancement. While adjustments for wildlife crossing the highway may be made the area is also planned to attract birds they do not mix with a high speed highway..it creates a hazard to them and the drivers. The southern route is also adjacent to a regional park that the highway would also disrupt. The money being spent to enhance the river area and make it an attraction for Avondale as well as others will be counteracted by a highway with its noise, pollution, lights and concrete. In addition, replacing the many rural residences along Southern Ave will be difficult because such properties are becoming less and less available. I for example have 14 animals, finding a similar irrigated property will be next to impossible even if I could afford it. So I believe it will a bigger quality of life issue for us than those living in developments—of which there are so-o many to choose from. So I strongly recommend that ADOT choose the least disruptive route and for the future a route that won't destroy a very big draw to this area-the entire river reclamation projects. Thank you for your attention. Have a good day.

Christina Risley-Curtiss, MSSW, PhD
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Associate Professor & Co-Director, Child Welfare Training Project
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"The animals of the world exist for their own reasons. They were not made for humans any more than black people were made for whites or women for men." Alice Walker

"Animals may aid us in our everyday lives, in our dreams, meditations. Since they were created before humans, they are closer to the SOURCE and can act as allies, guides and familiars in our search for wholeness." An Inuit woman

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Book, Michael

From: Timothy Tait [TTait@azdot.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2007 9:59 AM
To: sely1@cox.net
Cc: Book, Michael
Subject: SR801 Proposed Loop 303 to Proposed Loop 202

Mr. Ely,

Thank you for your interest in the State Route 801 (proposed Loop 303 to proposed Loop 202) study. Your comment regarding your support for the south alternative has been forwarded to the study team.

If you would like to be added to the study mailing list to be notified of the next public meeting, please e-mail me your mailing address information.

If you have any additional comments or questions regarding this study, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Timothy Tait
Community Relations Project Manager
Arizona Department of Transportation
office 602.712.7070 :: mobile 602.501.5038

From: Sean Ely [mailto:sely1@cox.net]
Sent: Friday, May 25, 2007 6:00 PM
To: ADOT@policydevelopmentgroup.com
Subject: SR801 Proposed Loop 303 to Proposed Loop 202

Just a comment regarding this new freeway. I am moving to Tolleson near Broadway this summer. I think ADOT should pick the south alternative along the Gila River. It would cause less homes to be destroyed and prevent property values from dropping since the south route has less residential & commercial properties.

Thank you,

Sean Ely

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Book, Michael

From: Timothy Tait [TTait@azdot.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 08, 2007 11:32 AM
To: clpdgrimm@hotmail.com
Cc: Book, Michael
Subject: FW: State Route 801 Concerns

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Amator, Mr. and Mrs. David Amator, and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Grimm:

We appreciate your interest in the State Route 801 (proposed Loop 303 to proposed Loop 202) study and value your perspective - ADOT recognizes that selecting an alignment for a new freeway is never an easy issue. The comments regarding your support for the north alternative have been forwarded to the study team.

To provide a brief overview of the process moving forward:

SR 801 (proposed Loop 303 to proposed Loop 202) study began in summer 2005 with the data gathering process for the environmental and engineering portion of the study. The study team is still evaluating the various elements associated with the north and south alternatives. They include:

- Community input
- Cost and right-of-way
- Engineering elements (such as drainage implications and traffic operation projections)
- Environmental elements (such as biology and cultural resource impacts and air quality concerns)

The Draft Environmental Assessment is tentatively scheduled to be completed and available for public review in early 2008. A public hearing will be held at this time. It is estimated that the Final Environmental Assessment will be completed in the summer of 2008, along with the engineering planning study. It is anticipated that in 2009, the preliminary design would be completed. ADOT would then begin the process of purchasing the necessary right-of-way, should the proposed freeway be approved for construction. This process would take several years since only a certain amount of money is funded each year for property acquisition. The proposed SR 801 Freeway (proposed Loop 303 to proposed Loop 202) is funded for construction in years 2021-2025, based on current Maricopa Association of Government timelines.

It has been verified that you are on the study mailing list and will be sent any future notifications regarding this study and will be notified by mail when the public hearing is scheduled.

If you have any additional comments or questions regarding this study, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Timothy Tait
Community Relations Manager
Arizona Department of Transportation
office 602.712.7070

-----Original Message-----
From: Carrie Grimm [mailto:clpdgrimm@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2007 9:00 PM
To: mrwilcox@mail.maricopa.gov
Cc: ADOT@policydevelopmentgroup.com
Subject: State Route 801 Concerns

We are residents who live along Southern Avenue in the area of the proposed southern route for State Route 801. On May 17, 2007 we attended ADOT's State Route 801 study meeting at Desert Edge High School. There are now two possible routes being considered: a northern alignment just south of Broadway Rd. and a southern alignment just north of the Gila River.

The city of Avondale strongly favors the southern route because the northern route would "bisect the city." Translation: the

freeway would interfere with future development and revenue for Avondale.

ADOT was very clear in saying that the southern alignment would displace more homes, cost millions upon millions more, and add over a mile of freeway. The southern route will take a dip south and run right along the banks of the river, consequently wiping out what little rural community there is left and adversely affecting the wildlife in the Gila. ADOT was also clear that the municipal government is speaking louder than the citizens. As citizens, we are addressing this letter to you to let you know that we are opposed to the southern alignment, and the City of Avondale shouldn't have an advantage in helping to make this decision just because their voice is louder, especially since much of the land being considered is in the County not the City.

The northern route would be more appropriate and displace fewer residents.
Many miles of the northern route lay within a designated utility route that already includes power lines and and underground water line which goes to the Palo Verde Nuclear Plant. Since this area is already a designated utility route, this would be an appropriate location for the freeway.

Our homes will be completely destroyed or adversely affected if the freeway is built on the southern route. Our family, like many others that live in the southern area, have lived on and farmed this land for generations. We chose the rural life style where your neighbors are not an arms-length away, where we can raise farm animals without complaints from subdivisions, and continue to farm the land homesteaded by our grandfathers.

We ask that you represent the Maricopa County citizens that will be adversely affected by the southern route and endorse the northern route.

Thank you for your time and consideration in regard to this matter.

Tom & Paula Amator
11622 W. Southern Avenue
Tolleson, AZ 85353

David & Kristie Amator
5811 S. 102nd Drive
Tolleson, AZ 85353

Phil & Carrie Grimm
10214 W. Southern Avenue
Tolleson, AZ 85353

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Book, Michael

From: Timothy Tait [TTait@azdot.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 08, 2007 11:38 AM
To: taytaykhatib@starband.net
Cc: Marisa P. Walker
Subject: FW: Contact CANAMEX

Ms. Khatib,

The Arizona Department of Transportation's Right-of-Way Group handles the acquisition of property that is needed to construct future freeways to serve the needs of the state.

In cases where ADOT will need to acquire land from property owners, each property owner will receive written notification announcing ADOT's intentions for appraisal and acquisition. The property owner will than have the option of having either ADOT hire an independent appraiser or the property owner hiring an appraiser to determine the property's value. When the value has been determined, ADOT will be compensating the property owner the value of their property as well as certain relocation costs.

For specific information regarding the policies and procedures regarding ADOT's property acquisition process, you can call the ADOT Right-of-Way Group at 602.712.7316.

According to the laws that govern eminent domain, ADOT has the power of condemnation if a person refuses to sell, although efforts are made to resolve land acquisition without proceeding to condemnation.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Timothy Tait
Community Relations Manager
Arizona Department of Transportation
office 602.712.7070 :: mobile 602.501.5038

From: Lynne Khatib [mailto:taytaykhatib@starband.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2007 11:09 PM
To: Marisa Walker
Subject: RE: Contact CANAMEX

The land that is necessary on which to build the Corridors - people on that land have to be moved. How does that work out? Are they notified beforehand? Are they compensated for their properties? From Mexico through the U.S. and on to Canada. State by state - province by province. It is a complex situation for many people.

What about those people who don't want to move - are they forced? By what law? Is there a resource for information on how the landowners are moved?

I can't imagine what I would do in their position, and what about deeds to land? Are they valid now with the oncoming of the

North American Union?

From: Marisa Walker [mailto:MarisaW@AZcommerce.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2007 1:55 PM
To: taytaykhatib@starband.net
Subject: Re: Contact CANAMEX

Ms. Khatib, thanks for your message. I apologies I am not clear on what you are referring to, specifically what relocation.

Marisa Paula Walker
CANAMEX Corridor Coalition

----- Original Message -----
From: Lynne Khatib <taytaykhatib@starband.net>
To: Marisa Walker
Sent: Thu May 24 11:31:24 2007
Subject: Contact CANAMEX

Amazing accomplishments - I don't see any mention of those who have to move so that the project is realized. Are their negotiations and compensations for them?

How does that work? Is there a resource for that information?

Thank you, Mrs. Myra Khatib (taytaykhatib@starband.net)

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Book, Michael

From: Book, Michael
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2007 1:54 PM
To: s_emory2001@yahoo.com
Subject: State Route 801
Attachments: 051607 Final Public Comment Sheet.pdf

Mr. Emory,

The study team appreciates your interest in the State Route 801 (proposed Loop 303 to proposed Loop 202) study.

To provide a brief overview of the process moving forward:

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It has been verified that you are on the study mailing list and will be sent any future notifications regarding this study and will be notified by mail when the public hearing is scheduled. I have also added your e-mail to the list so that you will receive any e-newsletters that the study team may send.

Attached is a copy of the comment sheet that was distributed at last month's meeting for SR 801. It would be helpful if you could send me the comment form back in a timely manner, but as I explained in our phone conversation, you can send it to me after the June 18, 2007, deadline that is listed.

For more information, regarding the latest study information, please visit the following location:
http://www.azdot.gov/Highways/valley_freeways/SR801/index.asp

To view the May 17, 2007, open house exhibit boards and PowerPoint presentation, please click on this link:
http://www.azdot.gov/Highways/valley_freeways/SR801/meeting_notices.asp#meetings

If you know of anyone else who would like to be on the study mailing and e-mail lists, please provide me with their names and mailing/e-mail addresses.

Thank you.

Michael Book
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