



INTERSTATE 10 INA ROAD TRAFFIC INTERCHANGE TO RUTHRAUFF ROAD TI STUDY

FACT SHEET

Project overview

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), is evaluating improvements to Interstate 10 from the Ina Road Traffic Interchange (TI) to the Ruthrauff Road TI. The project area is located within Pima County, the City of Tucson and the Town of Marana. The project will be developed in the following two phases:

- Phase One – preparation of an ADOT Design Concept Report (DCR), an Environmental Assessment (EA) to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and a Project Implementation Plan to identify the order of construction activities, timing and funding elements
- Phase Two – preparation of plans to preliminary engineering level (30 percent completion)

Project milestones and anticipated study schedule

- Public scoping meeting – complete
- Government officials briefings – complete
- Property owner briefings – complete
- Public meeting – complete
- Draft environmental reports – complete
- Initial DCR/Implementation Plan – spring 2012
- Draft EA – spring 2012
- Public hearing – spring 2012
- Final DCR/EA – summer 2012

Potential project improvements

- Widening of I-10
- Improvements to traffic interchanges and crossroads, including grade separation between crossroads and the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) at Ina, Sunset and Ruthrauff roads
- Replacement of I-10 bridges over Orange Grove Road, Cañada Del Oro Wash and Rillito River

Purpose and need for project

- Improve traffic capacity – additional capacity is needed on I-10 to accommodate future traffic volumes anticipated for the year 2040
- Improve traffic flow and access – improve access at railroad crossings (currently up to 50 trains per day, with an anticipated increase of up to 90 per day, with Union Pacific Railroad double-tracking in progress); improve traffic flow on westbound exit ramps at Ruthrauff Road and Ina Road, which currently backs up onto the frontage roads and occasionally onto I-10
- Meet current standards – project would result in upgrading I-10 to meet current standards; I-10 bridges over the Rillito River currently do not meet freeboard requirements (distance from bottom of bridge to water surface elevation); the inside shoulder lanes on I-10 are too narrow in some locations
- Improve safety at railroad crossings – reduce potential for vehicle-train collisions; provide improved access for motorists and emergency service vehicles to Northwest Hospital
- This project is part of the regional transportation planning process; transportation planners and elected officials identified the needed improvements; voters approved the RTA Plan in 2006

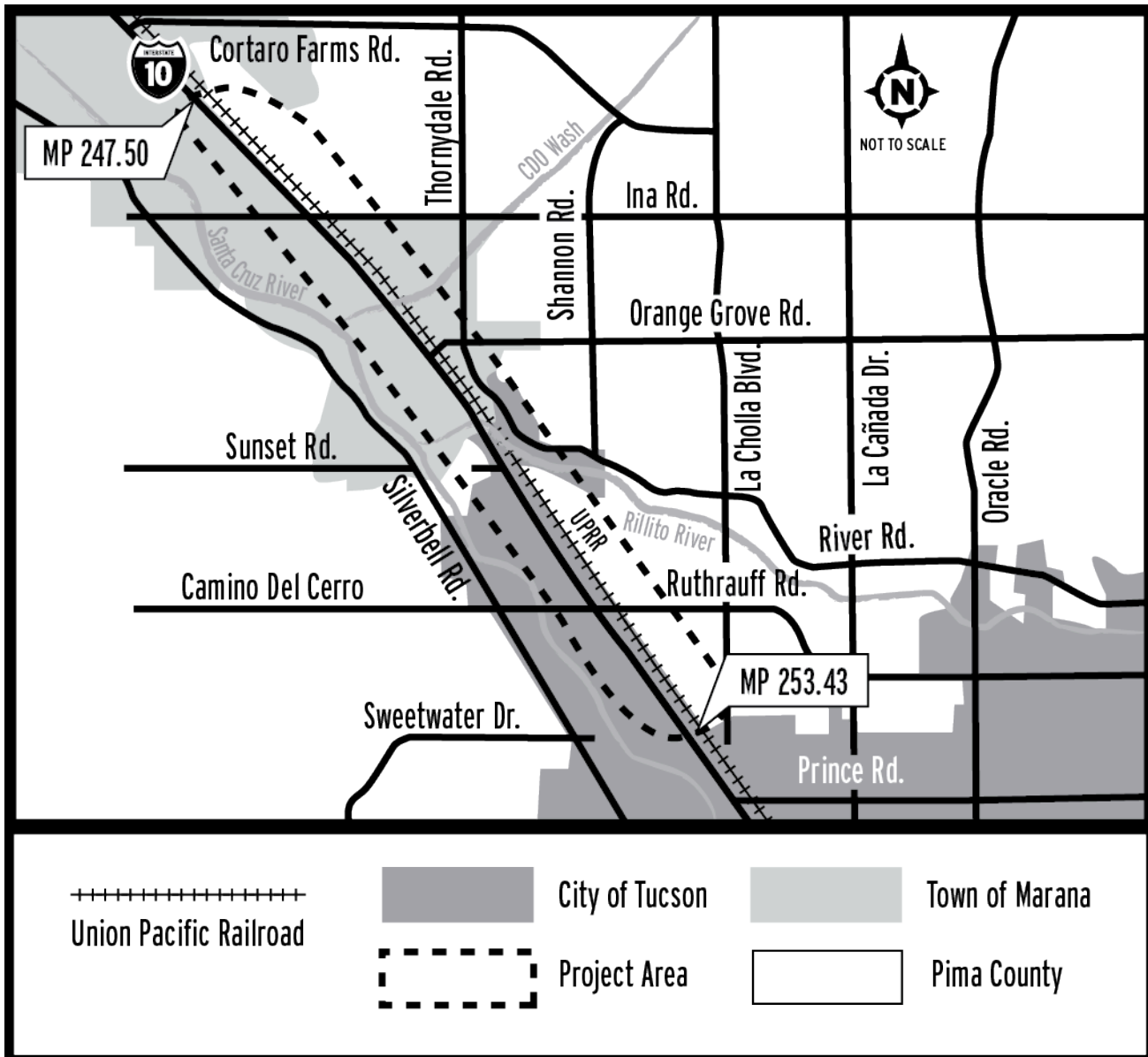
Public involvement

An agency scoping meeting and a public scoping meeting were held in October and November 2009 to introduce the project and receive agency and public comment on the proposed improvements. Agency involvement is ongoing. Property owner briefings were held in October and November 2010. A public meeting was held in March 2011 to obtain public comments on the project alternatives, and a public hearing is planned for spring 2012 to obtain public comments on the draft EA. The public is encouraged to provide input via mail, e-mail or comment form on the project website at www.azdot.gov/ina2rr.

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Project Map



Interstate 10: Ina Road Traffic Interchange to Ruthrauff Road TI