

Open House

Northwest Cochise County Long-Range Transportation Plan

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Benson Senior Center



What is a Long-Range Transportation Plan?

- **Describes preferred growth scenarios for 2015, 2020 & 2040**
- **Presents a preferred transportation alternative for implementing the growth scenarios**
- **Identifies the transportation projects necessary to implement the preferred transportation alternative**
- **An approved Transportation Plan is a requirement for the City of Benson and Cochise County to request federal and State funds to build the improvements**
- *Note: Transportation system includes State Highways, major local streets, pedestrian, bike and equestrian trails, and transit*

- **In addition to the Long-Range Transportation plan the City of Benson and Cochise County asked two additional questions:**
 - **How can access and safety be improved for the highway crossings over the Union Pacific and San Pedro & Southwestern tracks?**
 - **How can impact fees be implemented to pay for improvements to the transportation system?**

Why are we here tonight?

- **We talked with your public officials and private developers to learn about their plans and concerns**
- **We researched available data basis to develop an understanding of the current conditions**

- **Maps around the room describe the physical and cultural conditions of the Study Area**
- **The common themes identified from our discussions with stakeholders are listed and shown of a map**

- **We are here so that we can learn about:**
 - current access and transportation issues,
 - your vision for future growth,
 - important cultural, environmental, and physical characteristics,
 - ideas on how the transportation system might be developed,
 - pedestrian, bike, equestrian, specialized transit and commuter travel needs,
 - previous plans, studies and recommendations not yet identified, and
 - other related issues we should know about as we develop a plan for Northwest Cochise County



QUESTIONS and COMMENTS