



**Northwestern Cochise County
Long-Range Transportation Plan
Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA)
Public Meeting Summary
June 30, 2009**

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1.0 Introduction

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), in coordination with Cochise County and the City of Benson, is preparing a Long-Range Transportation Study and Plan for the northwest Cochise County area. The study is being conducted under the Planning for Rural Areas (PARA) program. The PARA program is sponsored by the ADOT Multimodal Planning Division and provides federal funds to non-metropolitan communities for the purpose of conducting transportation planning studies.

The purpose of this long-range transportation plan is to identify potential highway and arterial routes to meet anticipated transportation demands. The plan will include potential projects, strategies, and actions for the years 2020 and 2040. Local and state trends, citizen and stakeholder visions and goals, and emerging issues are key considerations in the development of this plan. The plan will consider all of the transportation modes within the northwest area, including the I-10 corridor; state highways and interchanges; local county and city streets; and rail, transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities. To develop this plan, four recent transportation plans are being synthesized and combined with on-going planning.

The first public meeting for the Northwest Cochise County Transportation Study was held on Wednesday, June 30, 2009. The meeting was held at the Benson Senior Citizens Center located at 705 West Union Street in Benson, Arizona from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Approximately 50 people attended the public open house, including about 35 local residents. Representatives from Cochise County, City of Benson, ADOT Multi-Modal Planning, ADOT Communications and Community Partnerships, and the Governor's Office also were present, as well as representatives from the URS Corporation Planning Team. These representatives attended to present project information and to address the public's concerns and questions.

2.0 Outreach Summary

Notice of the meeting was provided to the community, agency representatives, and the media in several ways. During the month prior to the meeting, residents of the City of Benson received notifications in their water bills announcing the meeting. Display advertising was placed in the San Pedro Valley News-Sun on June 17 and June 24, 2009. An announcement was placed on the large LED city sign located at 4th Street next to the Visitors Center. A press release was also issued by ADOT to the media.

Stakeholder meetings were held in June, July and August 2009 to gather information and input about the transportation needs and goals of various agencies and businesses. Each



stakeholder attending these meetings was provided with a meeting announcement regarding the June 30, 2009 public meeting.

3.0 Meeting Overview

Upon arrival at the meeting, attendees were encouraged to view and comment on the display boards and to talk with members of the Study Team and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). At 6:30 p.m., Charlene FitzGerald, ADOT Project Manager, called the meeting to order. Ms. FitzGerald introduced Brad Hamilton, City of Benson Public Works Director, and Karen Lambertson, Cochise County Planner, members of the TAC who were in attendance, and the Study Team. She then provided a brief overview of the study area and the purpose of the public open house. Following Ms. FitzGerald's introductions of Mr. Hamilton and Ms. Lambertson, each gave a brief welcome, and introduced local officials who were attending the meeting.

Bill Harmon, ADOT Safford District Engineer, was then introduced and he reviewed the previous and current planning studies that have been completed or are underway. Mr. Harmon discussed the transportation improvements planned for the study area, including the B-10 underpass at the Union Pacific Railroad and the J-Six/Mescal traffic interchange. He then introduced Ron Ross, URS planning team, to provide a presentation on the progress of the planning project.

In his presentation, Mr. Ross stated the purpose of the study and explained that the outcome of the study is to be a long-range transportation plan with projects identified that would meet the needs and goals of the study area. He explained the planning process, and identified the participants of the team, including the TAC and stakeholders. Mr. Ross clarified that the elements of the plan would include state highways and local roads; special issues, including railroads, impact fees, and environmental and cultural concerns; and multi-modal transportation needs to include trails, bikeways, and equestrian routes. Finally, Mr. Ross provided a summary of the themes that had been identified from the stakeholder interviews and explained that comments received through the public comment process would be added to those themes.

Following Mr. Ross' presentation, the floor was opened to the public for a question and answer session. A summary of the questions received during the meeting is included in Section 4.0.

After the question and answer period, additional time was allotted for attendees to again view the display boards and participate in individual discussions with members of the TAC and the study team. Two large maps of the study area were displayed on tables, allowing for the public to provide their comments directly on the maps.



Comment forms were provided to attendees as they arrived at the meeting and were available throughout the evening. A total of six question forms were completed and submitted at the meeting on June 30, 2009. Twelve e-mail and fax comments were submitted after the meeting. In most cases, the e-mail messages were sent to one or all of the study team. Scanned copies of all comments and sign-in sheets from the open house are included in Appendix B of this document.

4.0 Meeting notes

Meeting: Public Open House #1
Northwest Cochise County Transportation Study

Date: June 30, 2009

Location: Benson Senior Citizens Center
705 West Union Street
Benson, Arizona 85602

TAC ATTENDANCE

Charlene FitzGerald, ADOT Multimodal Planning Division
Brad Hamilton, City of Benson Public Works
Karen Lambertson, Cochise County Planning
Bill Harmon, ADOT Safford District Engineer
Reza Karimvand, ADOT Multimodal Planning Division
Linda Ritter, ADOT Communication and Community Partnerships

Consultant Staff in Attendance

Ron Ross, URS Corporation
Aaron Iverson, URS Corporation
Sunny Bush, URS Corporation

Question and Answer Session (During the Meeting) (Please note that the following is a summary, not a transcript)

Q = Question; A = Answer; C = Comment

Q: Could you please review the general themes for this project that are shown on the map?



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- A: Based on the stakeholder comments only, some of the anticipated issues to be addressed would include:
- Extension of SR 90 to the Benson Airport
 - Encroachment/parking/access issues in the downtown area (B-10) (identified by the downtown business representative)
 - Development of responder routes for emergencies between the I-10/Sybel interchange and the East end B-10 interchange (includes possible paving of Lonesome Road) and between the west end B-10/I-10 interchange and either J-Six/Mescal or the Marsh Crossing interchanges
 - School bus access between SR80 and SR90 (one route given as a possibility was Post Ranch Road)
 - Safety issues along SR80 from the St. David School to East Country Club Road
 - Connecting SR90 to the missile site using Titan Road
 - Maintenance of the high level of operations along SR 90, including maintaining strict access management protocols
- Q: Has there been talk of constructing a frontage road along SR 90 without getting on the freeway?
- A: Yes, several stakeholders expressed that there may be a growing need for this type of facility because of the potential for the development of a large number of residential units along SR90 that would create a demand for access.
- Q: Common themes have developed as a result of comments received – is there a way to comment? Are the maps available?
- A: Comment forms were provided for your use and may be completed tonight or sent via US mail, fax, or e-mail to the address located on the comment forms. You can add your comments directly on the maps located on the back of the comment forms. The maps will also be posted on the ADOT website for your reference.
- Q: Have you looked at common east/west routes? Is any one route preferable? (Some suggestions included Post Ranch Road, a 4th Ave (B-10) to SR 90 connection, extension of Jennela)
- A: We are looking at all the suggestions and open to any you may wish to provide.
- Q: What is the timeframe for comments?
- A: Comments are due July 15, 2009, but this date can be extended if necessary. All comments are welcomed and encouraged.

Ms. FitzGerald stated that at this point in the study, we are looking at current conditions.



Q: Could we have a list/summary of stakeholder comments?

A: This will be posted on the ADOT website in the future.

Q: The structure of Benson is messed up because of the way it is arranged. Specifically,

- The school districts are messed up. We should unify school districts so that the kids don't have to be transported so far. There are too many safety issues with transporting students from their neighborhoods to the St. David School.
- Boundary [parallel routes to I-10] roads are an issue. Growth won't be as great as the earlier plans say, so you are developing a freeway through low density areas.
- There are safety issues due to high speeds [unspecified as to which routes].
- I-10 is a problem with rollovers into the median. There is an abrupt drop off. Barriers are needed in the median.
- There is no reason to develop a road to the municipal airport now – it won't be needed for a long time, if ever. Industrial development in that area should be a private issue.

A: Thanks for these suggestions, they will certainly be considered.

Q: What rate of population growth are you using in this study?

A: Ms. FitzGerald explained that a 2.5 percent annual growth rate is being used, as this has emerged as a common theme over Arizona this year. For the traffic model we are using, we also look at future land use, density, and employment based on the City and County general plans. This data provides information regarding potential traffic issues.

Q: Is that analysis/modeling information going to be available for the public to review?

A: Ms. FitzGerald stated that the model results and input will appear in Calibration and Future Scenario segments of the study. We are now in the existing environment phase.

Q: The J-Six/Mescal residents do not want SR 90 going through their residential area. We have collected 400 signatures on a petition against putting a road in from J-Six to SR90. We are very much opposed and will gather support of more people. We want to keep this area private, with roads on both north & south sides of the development. Why is there no road shown on the north side of I-10 for emergency responders?

A: We took the line off north side of I-10 on the map because of safety issues that need to be addressed. The issue has been expressed by emergency responders that



due to the topography in the area, the head lights on a north side emergency route would blind or confuse the westbound drivers on I-10. Remember, the lines currently on the map are only to convey themes, not specific locations or given concepts.

- Q: ADOT hasn't ever addressed these issues and the fatality rate is horrible – how can we count on ADOT to do the right thing?
- A: Mr. Harmon stated that information is currently being gathered with this study to assess the best use of funds so that we can meet the most critical needs with the limited funds we have. A different configuration on north side of I-10 would address auto light issues.
- Q: Why are we considering a bypass north or south of the J-Six area when other areas are less safe? The most accidents are at Cienega Creek Drive near Vail and the curve at I-10 and SR90.
- A: The priorities are being considered. Mr. Harmon emphasized that safety is ADOT's priority and that's why we are realigning the curve at I-10 and SR90, as well as installing a weather station in Texas Canyon.
- Q: We agree that the Texas Canyon project is great. But why are we considering a new route from Gas City to Whetstone?
- A: Ron Ross explained that this option was proposed as one possible solution by emergency responders, not by developers.
- Q: Frontage roads were previously not discussed by ADOT in this planning process. Is that issue now open for consideration?
- A: Mr. Harmon explained that funding for frontage road construction through ADOT is not available at this time given the number of other improvement projects underway. Also, frontage roads are difficult and costly to maintain. Mr. Harmon stated that he would encourage other agencies to assist with maintenance, and all options are being examined in this study.
- Q: Frontage roads are effective for emergency access when there are accidents. This was brought up in detail five years ago and is very relevant today. Frontage roads need to be incorporated in the plan.
- A: Mr. Harmon stated that this comment is important and encouraged the speaker to provide this input on a comment form.



- Q: If there is only a small amount of money for maintaining frontage roads, where will money come from for big projects?
- A: Mr. Harmon explained that ADOT gets funds from gas taxes & other revenue streams and there are different uses for these funds. Revenue from gas taxes go to Washington D.C. and is divided up among the states. Most of the funding for projects comes from gas taxes, but several factors have reduced the level of this income, including the recession (less gas is sold because people can't afford to travel); alternative fuel cars that need little gas; and higher gas prices, causing people to drive less. At this rate, the Highway Trust Fund will go broke within the near future.
- Q: We know that the Mescal traffic interchange is being upgraded, but why not upgrade the Skyline traffic interchange area?
- A: Through this planning process we are developing a list of projects to be prioritized and put in a 5-year plan. There will be opportunities for public input regarding new projects throughout the study process.
- Q: This plan isn't just going to be used for transportation planning – zoning and planning decisions will come out of this.
- A: The plan is to identify transportation needs and projects which are based on the City and County general plans. Zoning and other planning decisions are treated as input but are not an outcome of this plan.
- C: Ms. FitzGerald asked the meeting attendees to point out their issues on the display maps. She asked about other issues of concern that should be considered as part of the planning process.
- Q: Can you explain how a connecting road near Escalante can cross the San Pedro going into Escalante Wash? How many engineers have been here and have actually been on these roads? Could ADOT use input from us as residents? How much field review do you do?
- A: Mr. Harmon explained the process for establishing a new road and stated that many knowledgeable individuals would be involved and would contribute to any decision.
- Q: How much notice would be given to private property owners if a road will go through their land? How long does it take between design to construction?



A: This is a long-range project (2020 and 2040) and we are in the very preliminary stages of collecting data. The normal process for locating and designing a roadway begins with a scoping study to determine the need and support for the project, and to identify the issues associated with developing a roadway. Once this task is complete and the decision is ready to go forward, it is placed on the ADOT 5-year plan. There are no plans in the process which would take private land. This project is only a planning process to assist ADOT, the County and the City to develop a vision for what future transportation improvements maybe needed in order to address current deficiencies and to support projected growth. If the growth does not occur, nothing will be built.

Q: Is your plan considering that technological improvements that may occur would change these scenarios?

A: Yes. The planning process is designed to re-evaluate the basis on which the plan is made on a routine basis. As part of that process the plan will identify opportunities, such as preserving right-of-way, where appropriate to achieving the vision.

Ms. FitzGerald asked if there were any urgent issues on local roads at this time. The following responses were offered:

- Mescal cattle guard at Cherokee
- Walking entrance to Quick Pick from Meadowlark Lane over cattle guard – fence
- If Ruppel Road opened up it would give business access – take the fence down and open Ruppel Road and Mescal (County issue)
- On the J-Six off ramp the fence blocks the drivers' view. Reza Karimvand, ADOT Tucson, explained that this is a sight/distance problem and stated that ADOT would work to fix it within 4 to 5 months.

Mr. Ross was asked to explain the next steps in the study process.

1. Additional stakeholder interviews will be conducted, including discussions with the Cochise Trails Association and the J-Six Community Economic Development Group
2. The Current Conditions Report will be completed, including identifying current system deficiencies. The report will be placed on the webpage when it is completed.
3. Alternatives taking into consideration future growth patterns that may develop will be described allowing the planners to define the transportation system needed to support the growth.
4. The TAC and County and City planners will identify evaluation criteria to measure the performance of the transportation alternatives.



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5. A traffic demand model is being developed to assist planners in identifying transportation infrastructure alternatives.
 6. A second public meeting is planned so that the public can review the transportation alternatives and provide feedback.
 7. Based on this input, alternatives for 2020 and 2040 will be selected by the TAC.
 8. A final plan will be presented to the City of Benson City Council and Cochise County Board of Supervisors in the spring of 2010.

Q: Is there a community member on TAC? There needs to be a balance to include private individuals.

A: The TAC has representatives from the Trails Association, J-Six Economic Group, and St. David School in addition to ADOT, County and City agencies.

At the conclusion of the question/answer period, attendees were encouraged to view the displays of environmental, growth and transportation resources in the study area and to talk with study team members about their opinions and expectations.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.



Appendix A

Sample Outreach and Meeting Materials

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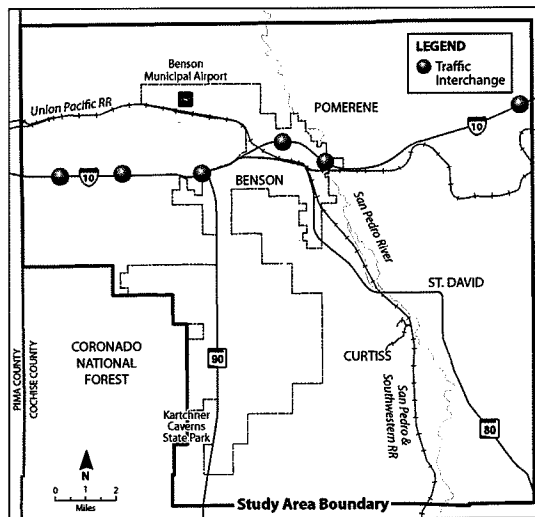
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There will be a brief presentation at 6:30 p.m. ADOT staff and representatives from URS Corporation will be available to answer questions.

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Your comments are needed to help assess both the constraints and possibilities for future transportation infrastructure in the northwest area. This long-range transportation plan will consider all of the transportation modes within the northwest area including the I-10 corridor; state highways and interchanges; local county and city streets; and rail, transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The plan will include implementation strategies and priorities for the selected plan for the years 2020 and 2040 based on need and available finances.

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Agenda

- 6:00 Open House
- 6:15 Welcome and Introductions
Charlene FitzGerald, ADOT – MPD
Brad Hamilton, City of Benson
Karen Lamberton, Cochise County
- 6:30 Previous and Current Planning
Bill Harmon, ADOT, Safford Office
- 6:45 Presentation of the Northwest Cochise
County – Benson Transportation Plan
Ronald Ross, URS Corporation
- 7:10 Questions and Answers from the Public
Planning Team
- Public Input and Open House*
- 8:00 Adjourn

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* The planning team will be available to talk with attendees and to assist in taking comments on the transportation needs of Northwest Cochise County, City of Benson, and the Communities of St. David and Pomerene.

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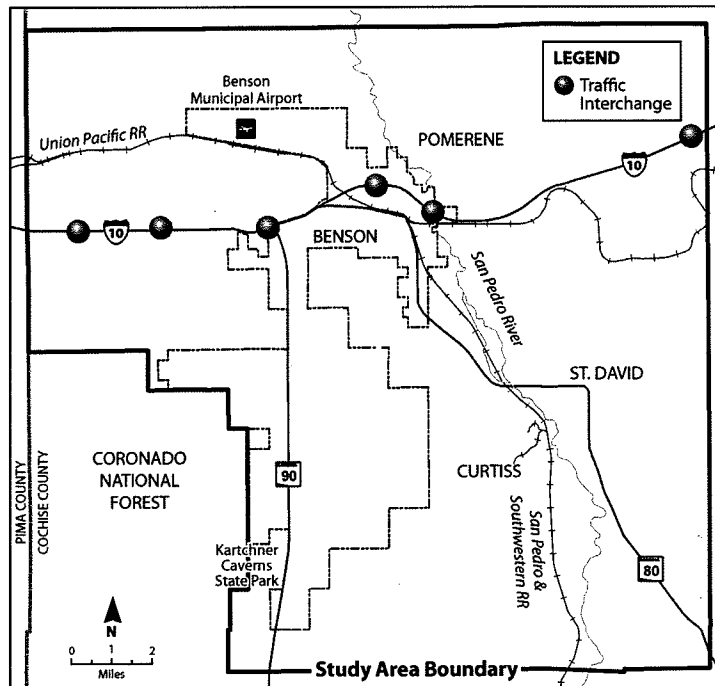
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Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

PLEASE GIVE US YOUR THOUGHTS

As we begin preparation of the long-range transportation plan, we would appreciate any comments you may wish to provide. Please feel free to add your comments to the map on the reverse side of this form.

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Appendix B

**Scanned Comment Forms and
Sign-in Sheets**



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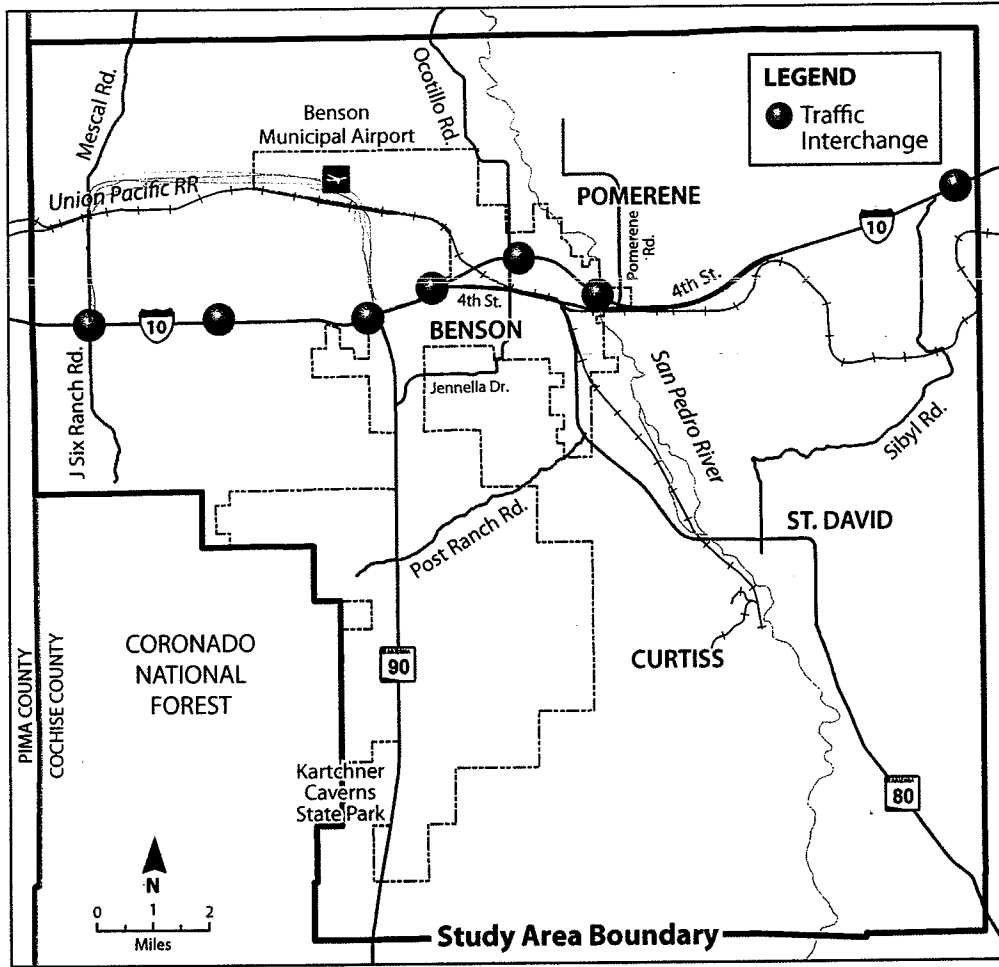
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ACCESSES THE BUSINESS "DISTRICT" IN MESCAL. ~~THE~~
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QUICK PIC GAS STATION. THERE IS A ROAD, RIPPLE RD,
WHICH WOULD ACCESS THE BUSINESS "DISTRICT" FROM
MESCAL ROAD BUT IT IS FENCED AT MESCAL ROAD.
GRANTED, THE MESCAL BUSINESS "DISTRICT" IS SMALL
AND ONLY PARTIALLY DEVELOPED. I THINK THAT
EASY ACCESS WOULD HELP GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT
IN THE WHOLE OF MESCAL. MY QUESTION - CAN ADOT
OPEN THE WEST END OF RIPPLE ROAD TO MESCAL ROAD

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Additional Comments

AND PAVE THIS SAME WEST END ?

NOTE : I UNDERSTAND THAT RIPPLE ROAD IS COUNTY OWNED AND THIS SECTION OF MESCAL ROAD IS ADOT OWNED • (RR)

THANK YOU FOR COMING!

You may leave your comments at the registration table or send them to:
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PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE
JUNE 30, 2009



Northwest Cochise County
Long-Range Transportation Plan



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Benson Senior Citizen's Center

705 W. Union Street • Benson, AZ 85602

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Name: DOM SMITH

Address: PO. BOX 544

City, State, Zip: Benson AZ 85602

Telephone: 520 686 3725 Email: _____

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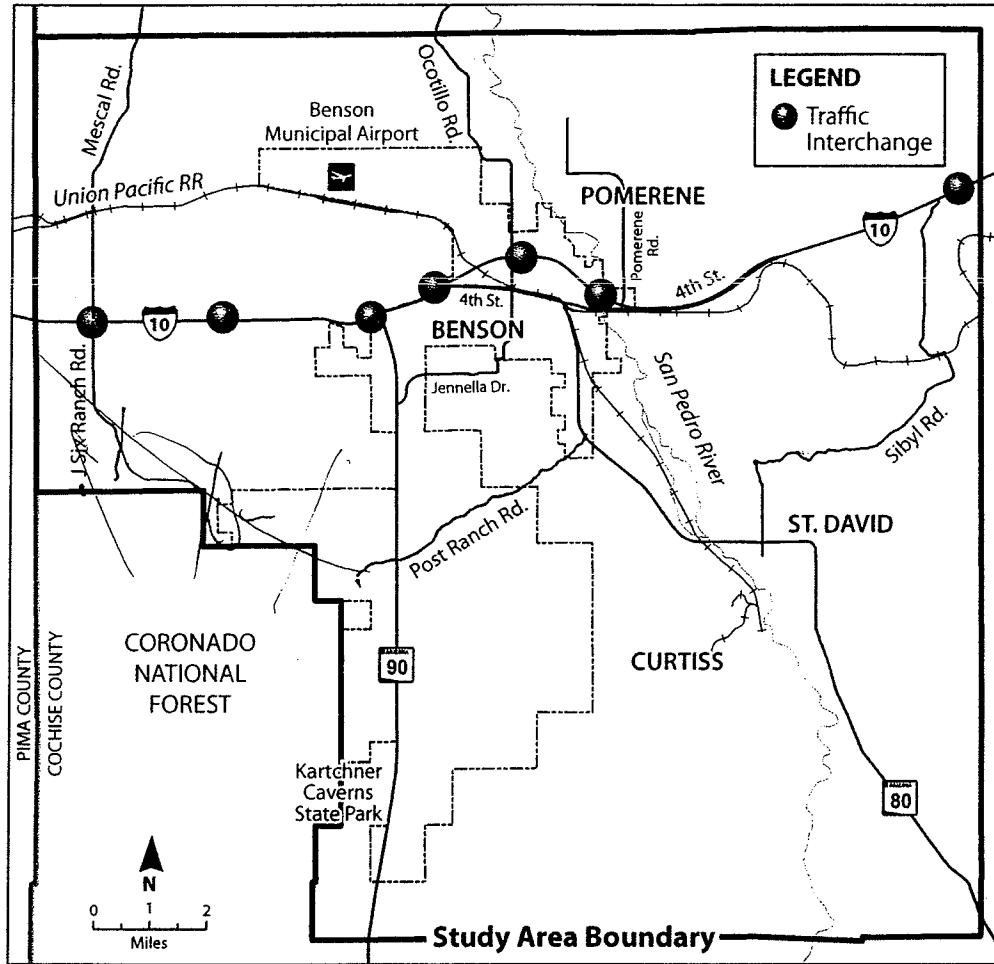
① Major renovation badly needed to Skyline Road
Intersection.

② Extend TITAM ROAD WEST TO J-6 ROAD
while FIXING Sky Line Road Shortest, cheapest
ROUTE (2 miles total)

③ East-west substitute road very important for
emergency vehicles when I-10 shut down

④ MANY people and land owners are involved
in this plan besides J-6 - Mesquite

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Additional Comments

*And it is important to look beyond their
~~NO~~ NO GROWTH Agenda.*

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Name: Thomas Armstrong

Address: 2411 Cherry Hills Dr

City, State, Zip: Sierra Vista AZ

Telephone: 520 458 4542 Email: Thomas-Armstrong-Jr@cox.net

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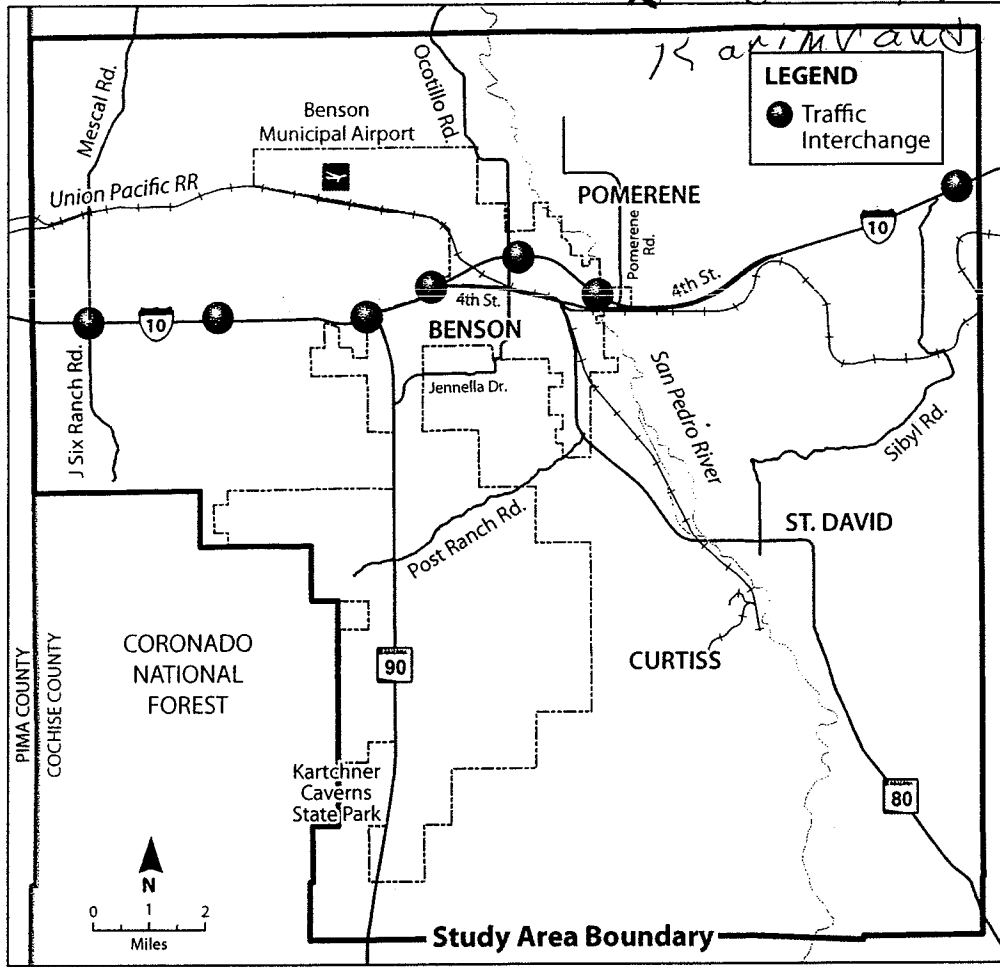
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I would like to see bike lanes on all newly constructed roads; to include lanes for both turning and straight at intersections. Bridges need bike paths.

Bike paths need to be completed: eg. The Molson 3/90 interchange. Nice job. However, coming up from The San Pedro the new black top does not extend to the old end of the road. It looks like some heavy machinery used that portion. Therefore, it is very rough. The stripe edges the new road. Thus when I ride on the old black top, my teeth feel like falling out. When I ride on the new black top it is dangerous.

- SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MAP -

Riviera Moore Adot.net Rera 704 3508



Additional Comments

I like to ride 80 please please put a bike path on it.

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Name: GARY GAYNOR

Address: 339 W HWY 80

City, State, Zip: ST. DAVID, AZ 85630

Telephone: 520-720-9612 Email RANCHO_TORTUGA@SDHSI.COM

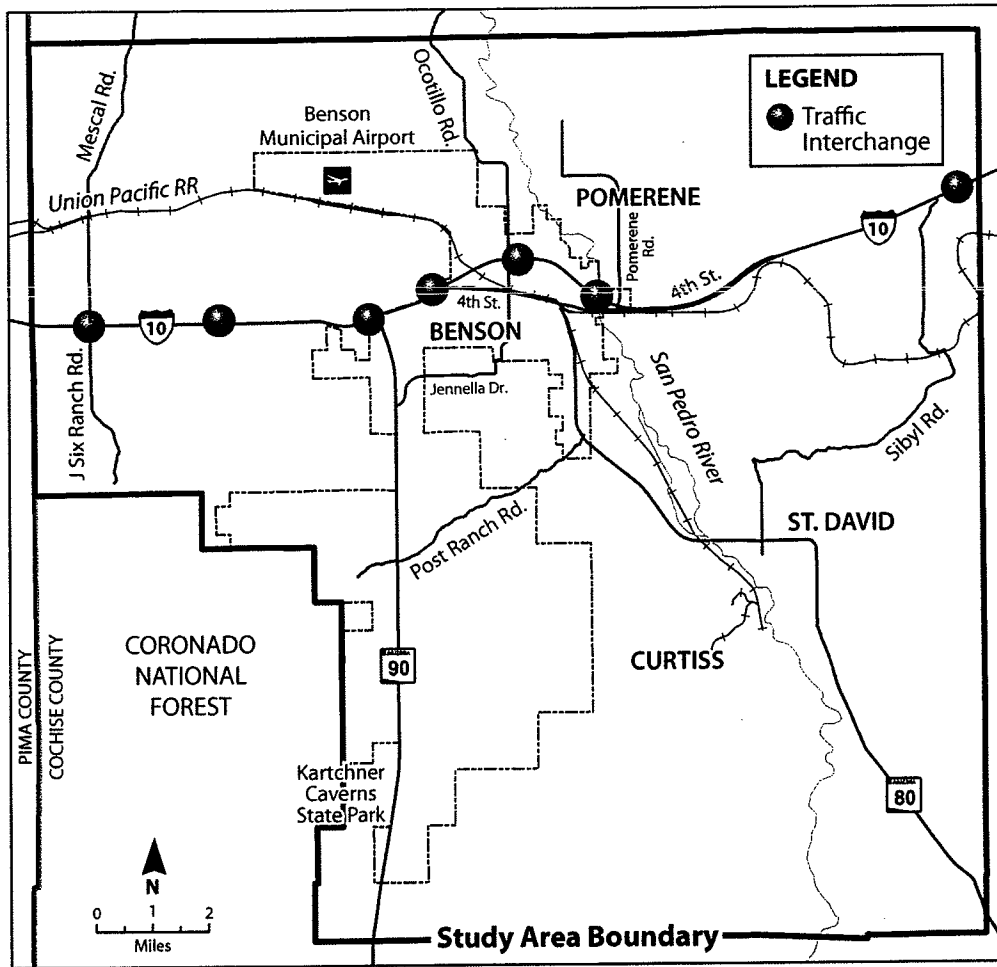
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ON HWY 80,
CONTINUE TURN LANE FROM BENSON
TO CURTISS FLATS RD. ADD ALTERNATIVE
LANES ON BOTH SIDES OF HWY 80 TO
ACCOMMODATE PEDESTRIANS, ELECTRIC-
POWERED VEHICLES, HORSES, BICYCLES.
ALL-WEATHER PAVEMENT AND BRIDGES
OVER WASHES ARE NECESSARY. WHILE
HWY 80 IS MY PERSONAL CONCERN, ALL
THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS SHOULD
HAVE THE ABOVE.

- NOTE BENSON PAPER LISTED THIS MEETING
AT 7 P.M.

- SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MAP -



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Name: BARBARA BENTIN

Address: 10851 S. WHISTLESTOP AVE

City, State, Zip: Benson, AZ 85602

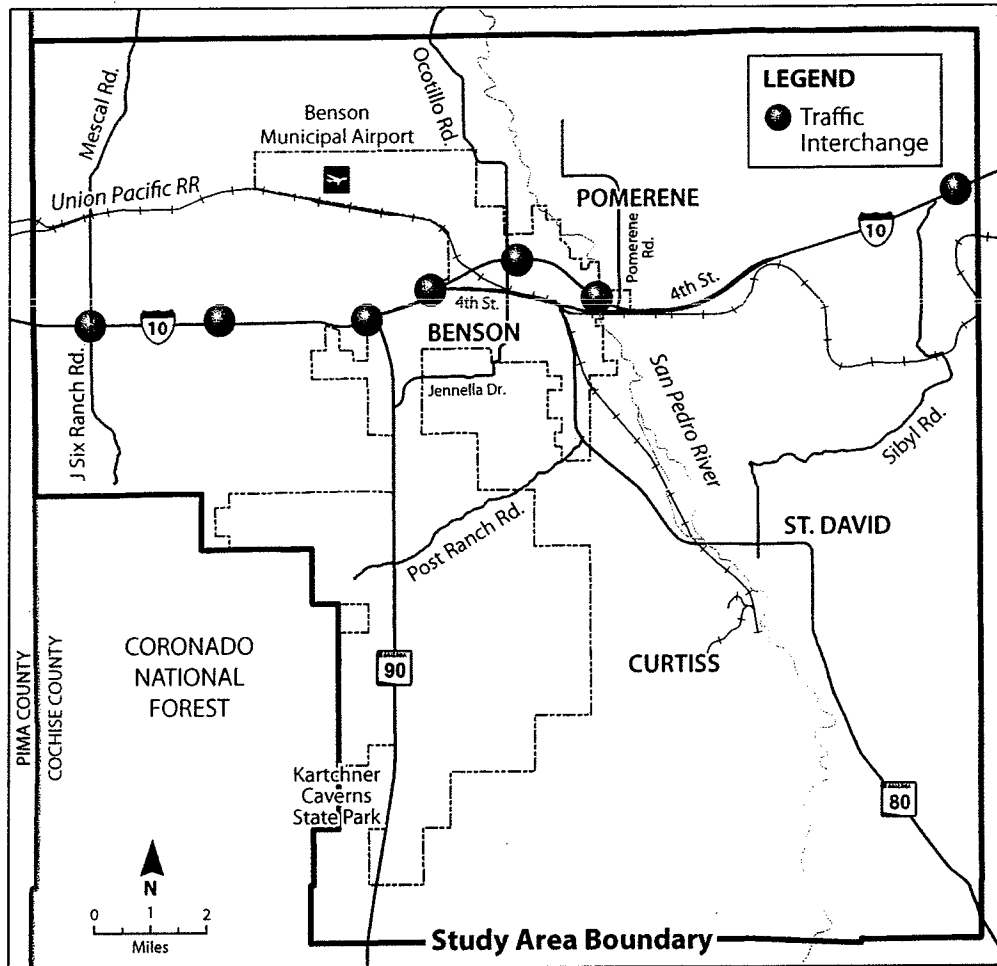
Telephone: 520-586-7462 Email: LBentin@aotky.com

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-See Reverse also -
Developers have ~~made~~ paid for interchanges.
In Anthem + in MARANA AREA = Good idea

- SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MAP -



Additional Comments

- Land use Plan indicates S-6 AREA AS Med. TO high density
At Best This should be low/RURAL density.
- TRANSPORTATION Theme RUNS TRAFFIC FROM Hwy 90 → S-6 Rd.
A BIG NO-NO - Run it OUT AT Skyline, leave S-6
AREA ALONE. Keep high density TRAFFIC in higher
density AREAS. S-6 IS AN RESERVE AREA. IF YOU Run
it down TO Skyline then NOT DISTURBING ANYONE because
not developed yet.

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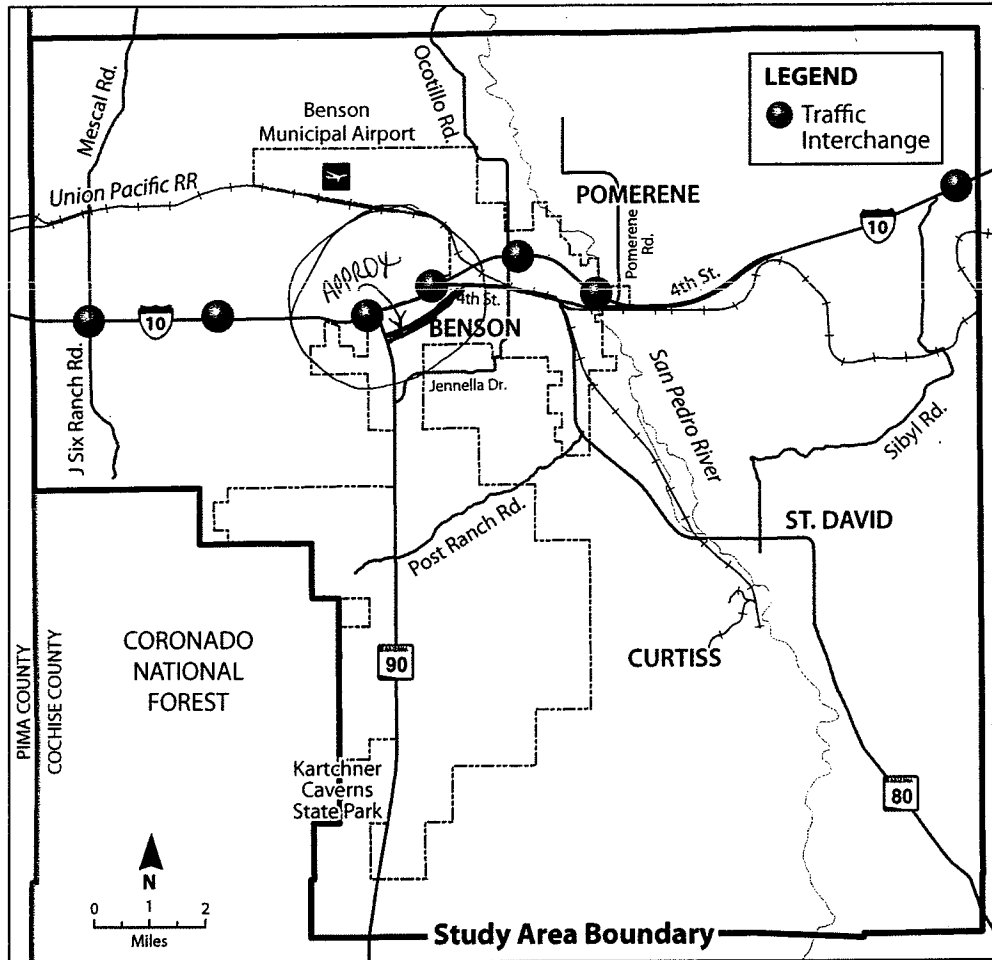
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Additional Comments

Will West 4th Street have a bypass frontage road so that city traffic can access Hwy 90 without travel on I-10? (perhaps use this for emerg. response route).

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MARK SARA WILLIAMS
<markandsara1949@q.com>

07/08/2009 09:01 AM

To <katherine_bush@urscorp.com>

cc

bcc

Subject NE Cochise Co Planning June 30 meeting

History:

→ This message has been forwarded.

Dear Katherine: Thank you for taking the time to talk after the open house on June 30th regarding the transportation planning issues for the NE county.

I can see the need for long range planning for emergency purposes. The benefits are there for officials and emergency responders. I can't understand or excuse the parties responsible for redoing the I 10 90 overpass and straightening out of the curves, while not addressing that section with a frontage road on the N. side of I 10 between 90 and Skyline. It could later be connected to Mescal Rd.

Also, why couldn't the counties of Pima and Cochise collaborate on connecting Marsh Station with 90 just N. of the National forest boundry leading to the Whetstones thereby bypassing the J6 neighborhoods? This bypass could meet the need for traffic and emergency issues while not adversely impacting the J 6 neighborhoods with freeway traffic.

Could it be possible to have a community Ad Hoc member to advise you of the concerns relating to this area and advise the Govt. Planners of potential opposition to unsupported plans? The person or persons could act as conduits of information for both Govt. and private citizens.

I would like to be kept informed of your plan filing so please keep me in the loop with emails if possible.

Sincerely,
Mark Williams
3356 W. Thunder Pass Rd
Benson, Az 85602
(520) 586-9447

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Don Smith <jxranch@gmail.com>

07/12/2009 02:09 PM

To katherine_bush@urscorp.com

cc

bcc

Subject NW Cochise Co. Trans Plan

History:

✉ This message has been replied to.

Please add my contact info to any mailings for this area. I own 2000 acres between J6 and State 90(south and west of Diamond Ventures),, which would make me a major stakeholder. I attended the June 18 meeting in Benson.

I support a road on the South side of I-10 from St. 90 to J6 road. A frontage road would be most cost effective as there are only 2 miles from Titan to J6, with no houses or roads in the area.

My contact info is:

Don Smith; JX Ranch

PO Box 544

Benson, Az, 85602

jxranch@gmail.com



Linda Ritter <LRitter@azdot.gov>

07/13/2009 10:24 AM

To "Katherine (Sunny) Busch (katherine_bush@urscorp.com)"
<katherine_bush@urscorp.com>

cc Charlene FitzGerald <CFitzGerald@azdot.gov>

bcc

Subject Stakeholder

Hi Sunny:

I received the following request through an ADOT request/complaint system. Could you please add him as a stakeholder for the NW Cochise Study?

Thanks,
Linda

Customer Input: I wish to be on your mailing list of events happening in the Benson/J-6 areas. I own 2000 acres of property in the area and would like to be involved as a stakeholder in future plans.

7/12/2009 1:08:22 PM

The individual's name is Don Smith, and his email address is jx ranch@gmail.com

Linda Ritter
Public Information Officer - Tucson and Safford Districts
ADOT - Communication and Community Partnerships
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07/12/2009 08:54 PM

To Ron_Ross@urscorp.com, CFitzGerald@azdot.gov,
katherine_bush@urscorp.com
cc
bcc
Subject Comments - Northwest Cochise County Long-Range
Transportation Plan

Please find comments attached from the J-6/Mescal Community Development Organization.

Mary McCool, Chair
520-609-2738



An Excellent Credit Score is 750. See Yours in Just 2 Easy Steps! CDOWrittenComments.pdf



DATE: July 10, 2009

**TO: Charlene FitzGerald, ADOT
Sunny Bush, Public Involvement Specialist
Ron Ross, URS**

**RE: Comments - Northwest Cochise County Long-Range
Transportation Plan**

The J-6/Mescal Community Development Organization appreciates the opportunity to comment on the developing Northwest Cochise County Long-Range Transportation Plan and looks forward to participating on the Technical Advisory Committee.

First, we would like to reiterate our requests made at the Open House held on June 30 at the Benson Senior Citizen's Center. We would greatly appreciate you posting the following on a user friendly website:

- 1) Copies of the Maps and Posters on display at the Open House - Wildlife/Conservation Maps, Drainage and Topographical Features, Benson and Cochise County Land-Use Zones, Accident Record, etc.
- 2) An on-going list of stakeholder meetings, participants, with comments specific to each meeting (Pre and Post Open House as well as the Open House).

In addition, we would like meeting notes, minutes of previously held TAC meetings.

Secondly, we wish to submit the following written comments to be considered as the Plan develops. Our comments are based upon various community meetings that were held as the Northwest Transportation Study was being conducted, as well as Petitions and Surveys completed by community residents and property owners.

Local Circulation and Access

1. Retain the rural neighborhood character of residential streets which allows for pedestrians, equestrians, and bicycles to safely share the roadway.
2. Developments that generate heavy non-residential or non-local traffic should be designed and located such that traffic generated does not travel on predominantly and historically used residential streets, such as Mescal and J-Six Ranch Road.
3. Develop new collector roads for new development as needed to distribute traffic within the area that is generating the need, and away from existing streets historically used for local neighborhood traffic in established communities.

..... continued

3111 CLARK ROAD
BENSON, ARIZONA 85602

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kenmccool@aol.com

4. Require developers of non-residential and multi-family uses and subdivisions to participate in off-site improvements reasonably related to the traffic and safety impacts resulting from their development. Consider also impact fees or assessments that will pay for operations and maintenance of these development-specific improvements.
5. Encourage the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), Cochise County Highway and Floodplain Department and new developers to consider non-motorized travel options and wildlife travel paths when planning projects or acquiring right-of-ways.
6. Allow flexible road design standards to enhance and harmonize with the topography and hydrology of the area while maintaining traffic speed control.
7. Avoid routing high volume traffic through established neighborhoods. Frontage roads north of the freeway should be developed incorporating Meadow Lark commercial area and grandfathered commercial areas in Skyline.
8. If additional east-west routes are necessary,
 - Construct a new east-west route on the north side of I-10 that would provide connection between Mescal Road and an extension of State Route 90 to the north;
 - This should tie into the Benson Airport area. This corridor would support the Benson General Plan for that area. The new east-west corridor would connect to a new roadway extending northward from a reconstructed or relocated Skyline/I-10 interchange.
 - The new northern route would connect undeveloped areas and would meet the need for alternate routing of traffic during emergencies. Due to greater distance to a northern route, rather than a south of I-10 route, traffic volumes would less likely reach “by-pass” volumes that would warrant widening existing residential roads to four lanes in established older communities north or south of I-10.
9. Develop partnerships to identify interconnected non-motorized trail systems throughout the Plan area.
10. Encourage ADOT, County and new developers to consider multi-modal travel options when planning projects such as the width of right-of-way, pavement type and surface materials, height of drainage and culvert structures, etc.
11. Encourage ADOT to provide a truck-only climbing lane on I-10 from Ocotillo west to where grade becomes less steep - near communication tower.
12. Weight limitations which would prohibit airport-related semi-trucks should be imposed and enforced on Mescal Road and Skyline Road except under emergency re-routing situations, in which case these alternate routes should be adequately patrolled and signed to handle this emergency traffic.

Sincerely,

Mary McCool, Chair

J-6/Mescal Community Dev. Organization



Vail Arizona <vailaz@hotmail.com>

07/14/2009 11:07 PM

To <katherine_bush@urscorp.com>, <cfitzgerald@azdot.gov>

cc Jim Kramp <hiltonroad@msn.com>

bcc

Subject Comment for the Northwest Cochise County Long Term
Transportation Plan Study

Hello,

My name is Elizabeth Webb and I live along State Route 83, south of I-10. Understanding that the project boundaries do not extend this far west, I have concerns that our area was excluded from the initial scoping for this project.

My physician is in Benson. My daughter rides a school bus on SR 83 to the Vail Unified School District. My husband commutes to work on SR 83 to I-10 to Marana AZ. There are commuters from Vail to Sierra Vista on a daily basis.

Any potential construction along I-10 in the J-Six and SR 90 areas could very well affect our area as traffic is rerouted or drivers decide to bypass the construction.

We have a multitude of potential cumulative effects associated with our Scenic Highway and other projects that are currently planned.

I would strongly suggest adding stakeholders from our area to your list during the project planning period. Jim Kramp, spokesman for the Hilton Road Community Association has developed a relationship with ADOT in regard to another project and would make an excellent candidate. He may be reached at hiltonroad@msn.com.

Additionally, I noticed that there was not a listing for the Vail School District or any member from the Sonoita area. Students from the J-6 area are part of the Vail School District on the Pima County Side and are bussed from the J-6/Mescal exit. I cannot speak for the District, but I did not see any reference to it in the exhibits I read. (it is late and I might have missed it)

The concerns for residents in the Sonoita/Elgin area might be somewhat similar to the Vail area in regard to SR83 but I am sure they would have other concerns as well.

I live in the Empire Mountains and do not have broadcast or digital television nor do I receive or read the newspaper. A suggestion might be to do targeted direct mail to residents along SR 83 and the offshoot roads to notify us about these scoping meetings. It was just this evening that I received a link with a newspaper article on the project. I did not know anything about it previously. I hope my comments are not too late.

Thank you for your time,

Elizabeth Webb
Concerned Citizen
Vail Arizona
(520) 247-3838

Charlene FitzGerald, AZDOT

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Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Phoenix, AZ 85020

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Re: Northwest Cochise County Transportation Plan

Sent via Email & Fax

7/15/09

My name is Charlotte Cook and I live off of State Route 83, south of I-10. I understand that the project boundaries do not extend this far west; however, I have concerns that this region was excluded from the initial scoping for this project.

I as well as many others travel to the Benson area rather than Tucson for shopping and errands. Also, my husband travels this route a couple times a week commuting to Douglas, AZ.

Any potential construction along I-10 in the J-Six and SR 90 areas could very well affect our area as traffic is rerouted or drivers decide to bypass the construction. Additionally, 83 are used as a bypass when there is an accident / incident on I-10 and or SR 90.

We have a multitude of potential cumulative effects associated with SR 83 / Scenic Highway and other projects. Some of these projects include 4 proposed mining operations, and wide loads all ready drives SR-83.

I would strongly suggest adding stakeholders from our area to your list during the project planning period. There are a couple of community based groups that I receive informational emails from, www.azhighway83.com and Hilton Road Community Association. www.hiltonroad.com. I would suggest adding Jim Kramp, as spokesman of the Hilton Road Community Association, as he has developed a relationship with ADOT in regard to another project and would make an excellent candidate. He may be reached at hiltonroad@msn.com.

There are students from the J-6 area that are part of the Vail School District on the Pima County Side and are bussed from the J-6/Mescal exit.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Cook

16755 S. Old Sonoita Hwy

Vail, AZ 85641

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Cc. Linda Ritter, Communications & Community Partnerships, AZDOT lritter@azdot.gov

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Re: Northwest Cochise County Transportation Plan

Sent via Email & Fax

7/15/09

My name is Kim Rego and I live along State Route 83, south of I-10. I understand that the project boundaries do not extend this far west; however, I have concerns that this region was excluded from the initial scoping for this project. I found the article Tuesday, 7/14 in the Vail Sun by chance online at www.vailsun.com, if not, I would not have known about this plan.

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We have a multitude of potential cumulative effects associated with SR 83 / Scenic Highway and other projects that are currently planned. Some of the projects include 3-4 mining operations and a life style themed mall / office complex and I-10 / SR-83.

I would strongly suggest adding stakeholders from our area to your list during the project planning period. There are a couple of community based groups that can be contacted. I am the webmaster for www.azhighway83.com and there is a Community Association called: Hilton Road Community Association. www.hiltonroad.com. Also, I believe the Vail and Sonoita School Districts would be stake holders in this outreach effort. There are students from the J-6 area are part of the Vail School District on the Pima County Side and are bussed from the J-6/Mescal exit.

There are many residents that live in the SR-83 area and would be stake holders. I would suggest that there be a targeted direct mail to residents along SR 83 and the side roads to notify us about these scoping meetings.

Sincerely,

Kim Rego

Vail Resident & Webmaster www.azhighway83.com

Cc. Linda Ritter, Communications & Community Partnerships, AZDOT
lritter@azdot.gov



JM <jmikeal@theriver.com>

07/15/2009 04:55 PM

To Charlene FitzGerald <cfitzgerald@azdot.gov>

cc Ron Ross <Ron_Ross@URSCorp.com>, Karen Lambertson
<KarenLamberton@Cochise.co.az>, Sunny Bush
<Katherine_Bush@URSCorp.com>

bcc

Subject Comments on NW Cochise County Transportation Plan(30
June 09 Meeting)

Dear Charlene,

Please find attached my comments on the 30 Jun 09 AZDOT meeting, in the Benson Senior Citizen Center.

I appreciated the effort made by you and the staff from the county and AZDOT, but found myself leaving the meeting with many of my concerns unanswered by the process used for the meeting. For the past several days I have reviewed your web site and was able to download most of the maps that were presented. Thanks for your rapid response. Unfortunately, I was totally unable to find documentation on any of the proposed future routes, especially, the ST David route proposed for Apache Powder road and Escalante road.

Escalante Road is often impassable because it crosses the St David Cieniga area and dead ends into the San Pedro river where the Escalante wash drains into the river. Much of the proposed route is in the Escalante Wash or on BLM public land that is currently used as a fire break for the north end of the SPRNCA (San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area). Such constraints as these give me great concern about the feasibility of a transportation route in this environmentally sensitive area. Someone from BLM as well as ST David should be used to assess the riparian areas involved with Escalante road.

On Monday, 13 July 09, I called your office and left a message on your voice mail, but to date have not received a reply. The purpose of my call was to suggest someone from ST David who was willing and qualified to represent St David on the TAC. I was unable to find any documentation that explained who would be filling the position appointed for St David on the TAC.

Since you were not available, I called Karen Lambertson to suggest that Mr. Virgil Judd should be considered to represent St David. Mr. Judd was born in St David, is a school teacher in Pomerene, AZ and has a wife who is a school teacher in ST David. The Judds also live in the area where Escalante Road crosses the San Pedro River. I hope this information about Mr. Judd will encourage you to consider him for the Committee. I have discussed it with him and he is willing to attend meetings. Karen is contacting him.

Additionally, Karen Lambertson has set up a tentative meeting with me in the first part of August to view the area on Apache Powder and Escalante Roads. Please let me know if you or your staff would like to see the area with us. Now on to my concerns about the area. Please see my talking points on the attachment (JMikealComments).

May I reiterate again that I would be pleased to show or tour the Apache Powder Rd & Escalante Rd areas with you or your staff.

I have also attached an older aerial photo that shows the San Pedro River and Escalante Road where it would intersect Hi-way 80.

Thanks for your consideration of my Comments.

Sincerely,

Major Judith M. Mikeal USAF RET

PS

Have just learned that my mother is in the hospital and I must leave tomorrow for California. Please use e-mail to communicate. Thanks



JMikealComments.pdf



"James Kramp" <jimkramp@msn.com>

07/15/2009 07:48 AM

To <katherine_bush@urscorp.com>, <cfitzgerald@azdot.gov>

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My first concern is the timing of any construction along I-10 between the State route 83 exit and the State route 90 Exit. Whenever this area of I-10 is closed or disrupted, highway 83 becomes the preferred detour since there are no other reasonable alternatives. Many projects (Cal-portland mine, Charles Seel mine, and the Rosemont mine) are currently being considered that will impact SR 83 traffic flow and safety. These projects as well as annual events and festivals in Sonoita and Patagonia should be considered when scheduling construction activity along I-10.

I think it is a good idea to improve frontage roads along I-10 for emergency detours and emergency personnel access to accidents. This would also reduce the potential for Scenic Route 83 being used for I-10 traffic detouring. There are two areas however where frontage roads cannot be constructed, the Cienega creek and the Davidson Canyon. These are protected Riparian areas and wildlife migration paths between the Santa Rita, Empire, and Whetstone mountains.

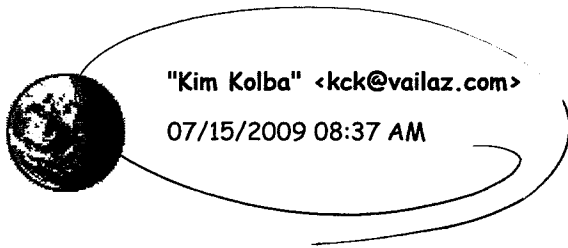
Thanks for your efforts to include the community in the planning process. This region is growing rapidly and many of us along SR 83 are very concerned about traffic and safety. We experience many accidents already on a lightly traveled road and are certain that as the traffic increases so will the accidents and fatalities.

In the future you may want to include our community in the Cochise/Santa Cruz studies since scenic route 83 is currently the only reasonable detour if accidents occur that close I-10 for any amount of time (recently there was a travel trailer with propane tanks that shut it down for a few hours).

Are plans in the works for studies of southeastern Pima County in regards to traffic flow, and types of traffic that will be allowed? We are very concerned about safety along Scenic Route 83.

Thanks

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We have a multitude of potential cumulative effects associated with SR 83 / Scenic Highway and other projects that are currently planned. Some of the projects include 3-4 mining operations and a life style themed mall / office complex and I-10 / SR-83.

I would strongly suggest adding stakeholders from our area to your list during the project planning period. There are a couple of community based groups that can be contacted. I am the webmaster for www.azhighway83.com and there is a Community Association called: Hilton Road Community Association. www.hiltonroad.com. Also, I believe the Vail and Sonoita School Districts would be stakeholders in this outreach effort. There are students from the J-6 area are part of the Vail School District on the Pima County Side and are bussed from the J-6/Mescal exit.

There are many residents that live in the SR-83 area and would be stake holders. I would suggest that there be a targeted direct mail to residents along SR 83 and the side roads to notify us about these scoping meetings.

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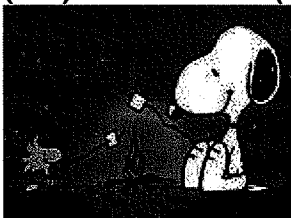
I have lived in Whetstone for more than 7 years now. I purchased my house in April of 2001 and in the summer I put 40 tons of rock in my front yard. When the monsoon rain came, my front yard looked like a lake, my storage shed was flooded and my driveway washed out. Water ran on both sides of my house like a river. I live just off the east side of Highway 90; there is a road, a drilling business and an alley way that separates me from the highway. This drilling business is also enclosed by a retaining brick wall. I have lived in the Sierra Vista area for about 20 years; I know there can be some flooding with our monsoon rains; however this was unbelievable. With each passing year I have come to find the water is coming from a culvert that runs under Highway 90 at Camino de Mesa. The culvert was misplaced directly in front of this drilling company when the highway was re-built. Unfortunately it was also placed directly in front an opening in the retaining brick wall that surrounds the drilling company. Because of the large amount of water that comes from the other side of the highway it is forced through the culvert and out into the gates of the drilling company. The water then runs through his property and out into the alley which then because of the amount and force of water, crosses into my backyard.

Two years ago on the west side of the highway a drainage trench was built to re-route the water, the problem with that is the water doesn't go into this newly built trench, it still goes into the culvert that runs under the highway to the east side! Last summer I was fed up with the flooding of water so I contacted Fred Trujhi with ADOT's Highway Division. He came out and looked at the water. He said he didn't think it was a highway issue but would talk to his office anyway. He also mentioned that I may have put up a retaining wall (at my expense) to keep the water out of my yard because it was illegal to divert it elsewhere (neighbors ect). After a few days he did call back to say there was nothing his department could do that it was a county issue because of the way the roads were constructed on the west side of the highway. So, I then contacted the County Highway and Flood Plain office where I spoke with Allen, whose last name I can't remember. He told me he would take a look and get back to me. He called a few days later and said there was nothing that could be done and it was a Highway issue. So one agency blames the other and no one does anything about it.












This summer I spent \$7,000 to have a retaining wall built around my back yard. The contractor who built the wall took extra precautions by filling the bottom layer of bricks with cement and sealing all the sides with mortar. On Friday, July 24, 2009, about an hour after it rained the floods came and attached are pictures of the aftermath. There was so much water that it was squirting out from the second layer of bricks. Water flooded the alley, my neighbors, the streets ect... As you can see this time I was not the only person in the neighborhood affected by the water. Several of us were outside talking about signing a petition to get this problem fixed. There is no reason why we have deal with a water problem that stems from the other side of the highway and have our homes and property destroyed. Something can be done to make sure that all the water from the west side goes into the newly built trench. A trench can also be built on the east side so that whatever water runs under the highway can be diverted down Camino de Mesa like it used to and not into someone's property (drilling company) because after all that is illegal! Just because we live outside of Sierra Vista doesn't mean we have to be put on the back burner.

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Charlene,

We had requested the following when we submitted our formal comments. We are most interested in the following -- would you be able to go ahead and point us to:

TAC Minutes
Review of comments collected at first public meeting
How summary of Major Transportation Themes correlate to list of those interviewed
Schedule for next TAC meeting

Will ongoing comments that are submitted also be available for review?

Thank you,

Mary McCool,
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