Beginning next week, Arizonans will be able to provide input on the Arizona Department of Transportation’s annual update of projects proposed to move forward in the next five years and how much local, state and federal funding should go toward them.

In its Tentative Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program for 2018-2022, ADOT proposes accelerating some key expansion projects for Greater Arizona due to federal funding increases, grants and state budget appropriations. They include:

- Adding one lane in each direction of Interstate 17 from Anthem to Black Canyon City in fiscal years 2021 and 2022;
- Two Interstate 10 widening projects in Pinal County (State Route 87 to Picacho Peak and Earley Road to Interstate 8), now accelerated to fiscal year 2018 due in part to a $54M federal FASTLANE grant;
- The first phase of a project to improve State Route 189 in Nogales between the Mariposa Port of Entry and Interstate 19, now planned for fiscal year 2019 thanks to a $25M state budget appropriation aimed at accelerating the project; and
- Two major widening projects along US 93 in fiscal years 2018 and 2020 that will bring ADOT closer to its goal of completing a four-lane divided highway from Wickenburg to Interstate 40, laying the groundwork for the future Interstate 11.

These are just some of the projects that are included in the 2018-2022 Tentative Program. The complete report will be available on March 17 at azdot.gov for review and comment.

“Major improvement projects along some of Arizona’s busiest corridors will not only provide better mobility for everyday commutes and travel but will enhance freight movement, trade, commerce and economic development as Arizona expands its reach in the global marketplace,” ADOT Director John Halikowski said. “While key expansion projects are usually the most visible changes to our transportation infrastructure, ADOT is also committed to protecting Arizona’s nearly $21B investment in our state highway system through dedicated preservation funding.”

This Five-Year Program meets ADOT’s target of $260M per year for preservation. Preservation projects like repaving highways, repairing or reconstructing bridges, and projects to extend the life cycle of existing pavement all keep the highway system in good repair and functioning as it should.

The public comment period for the 2018-2022 Tentative Program begins on March 17. It includes public hearings in Tucson (March 17), Flagstaff (April 21) and Phoenix (May 19). The State Transportation Board will make its final decision in June about what will be in the updated Five-Year Program.

The Tentative Program will be available for public review and comment at azdot.gov/fiveyearplan beginning March 17, where a “how to read it” guide will be available. ADOT welcomes feedback through Survey Monkey at surveymonkey.com/r/M36583J, email at fiveyearconstructionprogram@azdot.gov and by calling 855.712.8530. The comment period ends at 5 p.m. on May 30.

Here are details for the three public hearings and the State Transportation Board’s June meeting where the final Five-Year Program will be approved:

**March 17 at 9 a.m.** Public hearing and State Transportation Board meeting at the City of Tucson Council Chambers, 255 W. Alameda St., Tucson.

**April 21 at 9 a.m.** Public hearing and State Transportation Board meeting at the City of Flagstaff Council Chambers, 211 W. Aspen Ave., Flagstaff.

**May 19 at 9 a.m.** Public hearing and State Transportation Board meeting in the ADOT Administration Building Auditorium, 206 S. 17th Ave., Phoenix.

**June 16 at 9 a.m.** State Transportation Board meeting in Payson: Details will be announced when finalized.
Arizona bridges are among the most structurally sound in the nation, according to a recent national ranking that said just 2.6 percent of the state’s 8,154 bridges were structurally deficient in 2016. The report last month by the American Road and Transport Builders Association said that was an improvement for the state from the 3.1 percent of deficient bridges recorded a year earlier, reflecting a drop in the number of problem bridges from 246 in 2015 to 214 in 2016.

It marks the fourth straight year Arizona finished 48th among all 50 states and the District of Columbia on the bridges list, a fact that experts attribute to the age of the state and its infrastructure, its population density and, most importantly, its weather.

“Arizona is a young state, the key factors of the bridge deficiency are the age of the infrastructure,” said Alison Premo Black, chief economist for ARTBA.

A spokesman for the Arizona Department of Transportation agreed that weather is a big advantage for the state.

Doug Nintzel, an ADOT spokesman, also said Arizona is “lucky not to have the oldest state in the country,” and noted that it has “fewer running waterways under the bridges,” which helps save wear and tear on spans. But Nintzel said there are other factors behind the state’s “good track record,” including design and aggressive maintenance. He said the state invested $40M in bridge improvements and reconstruction in one year.

The report is based on annual inspection reports filed by the Federal Highway Administration, which conducts visual and construction inspections.

Black said the ranking also reflects the speed with which states are moving to fix problems.

Read more at Cronkite News.
## Business & Industry Events

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<td>23636 N. 7th Street, Phoenix, AZ</td>
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<td>Sheraton Grand Phoenix, 340 N. 3rd St, Phx</td>
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**Project Opportunities**

**Did you know?**

ADOT has two important web links to help contractors plan their bidding and estimating.

**Anticipated Bid Advertisement Dates** can be found [here](#).

At the Historical Bid Unit Price Lookup page (E2C2), you can see Bid Item pricing for recent ADOT projects; go to [here](#).

**Need more help with bidding?** Don’t miss next week’s Lunch and Learn, “Bidding and Estimating: Tips for Success” on March 23rd at BECO.

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**Featured Federal-Aid Projects**

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<td>ADOT - Pavement Preservation &amp; Safety Improvements, Maricopa County, Tonto National Forest. The work consists of reconstructing 6 roadway curves, milling &amp; replacing existing pavement, double application seal coating, &amp; reconstructing various pullouts &amp; turnouts.</td>
<td>Ghalib Mahdi, Engineering Specialist, at <a href="mailto:gmahdi@azdot.gov">gmahdi@azdot.gov</a> or David Locher, Construction Supervisor, at <a href="mailto:dlocher@azdot.gov">dlocher@azdot.gov</a></td>
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<td>ADOT - Pavement Preservation, I-40 near Flagstaff. The work consists of removing &amp; replacing 5” of AC in the mainline, bridge work, guard rail work, &amp; traffic control.</td>
<td>Rene Teran, Engineering Specialist, at <a href="mailto:rteran@azdot.gov">rteran@azdot.gov</a> or Brenden Foley, Construction Supervisor, at <a href="mailto:bfoley@azdot.gov">bfoley@azdot.gov</a></td>
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<td>ADOT - Widen Roadway, US 60 in Show Low. The work consists of widening, milling and paving the roadway, installing new pipe culverts, removing &amp; installing a traffic signal, signing, &amp; striping.</td>
<td>David Do, Engineering Specialist, at <a href="mailto:ddo@azdot.gov">ddo@azdot.gov</a> or Elaine Leavens-Cooke, Construction Supervisor, at <a href="mailto:eleavens-cooke@azdot.gov">eleavens-cooke@azdot.gov</a></td>
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<td>ADOT - Pavement Rehabilitation, Maricopa County on I-10. The work consists of milling, placing AC, AR-ACFC, fog coat, removal of trees, shoulder build-up, pavement marking, &amp; working on Eagle Eye Road Underpass to remove &amp; replace bridge approach slabs.</td>
<td>Rene Teran, Engineering Specialist, at <a href="mailto:rteran@azdot.gov">rteran@azdot.gov</a> or Jamie Hernandez, Construction Supervisor, at <a href="mailto:jhernandez@azdot.gov">jhernandez@azdot.gov</a></td>
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**SAVE ALL THESE DATES!!! ADOT BECO Supportive Services’ Learning Series**

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11:30 am - 1:00 pm

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**BRING A LUNCH AND JOIN YOUR FELLOW ENTREPRENEURS TO IMPROVE THE BOTTOM LINE OF YOUR BUSINESS.**

Click here to register:

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Passing Zone is the new event series offered by ADOT DBE Supportive Services. Passing Zone events focus on today’s hottest topics facing small businesses. By staying informed and on top of these important developments, entrepreneurs are sure to feel like they are overtaking their competitors in a special passing zone. These events will be scheduled as topics are identified.

THE FIRST TWO “DON’T MISS” EVENTS FOR 2017 HAVE ALREADY BEEN SCHEDULED.

PROPOSITION 206 - Putting your HR Plans in Action

FRIDAY, APRIL 14 | 8:30AM - 10:30AM
Arizona Department of Transportation BECO Office
1801 W Jefferson St., Suite 101, Phoenix AZ 85007

Hundreds of thousands of Arizonans got a raise January 1, 2017. Arizona voters approved Proposition 206 also called the Healthy Working Families Initiative to boost the state’s minimum wage and to require employers to provide paid sick time.

• How does this affect you?
• What are the tracking requirements?
• How do you calculate paid time off allowances?
• For what can paid time off be used?
• How does it work with new laws in other cities like Flagstaff?
• Can things still change?

Get the latest on Proposition 206. Our expert panel includes:

JOHN PERKINS, SPHR - HR HELP
BENJAMIN NUCCI, ASSOCIATE - SNELL & WILMER

REGISTER TODAY AT:
PASSINGZONE.EVENTBRITE.COM

COMING MONDAY, APRIL 24 | 8:30AM - 10:30AM
CYBERSECURITY - What You Need to Know
ADOT now accepting applications for its 4th DBE Business Development Program class launching March 23!

Whether you are brand new or still in the early stage of your business, the new ADOT DBE Business Development Program has something for you!

What does it include?

**Expert Workshops**
Workshop sessions will be at the core of the program. See other side for more information:
- Workshops delivered by subject matter experts in an interactive, hands-on format.
- First phase of workshops designed around business skills building and second phase of workshops around industry topics.
- A selection of workshops targeting specific tiers of businesses based on industry and business experience/history.

**Peer Advisory Groups**
Your classmates become your peer advisory group during and after the program.

**Business Planning**
During the last phase of the program, you will build your business model canvas or one page business plan along with a financial forecast.

**Coaching & Mentoring**
Each participant will be assigned a business coach to help build and complete your business plan.

**Prime Interactions**
Several workshops include opportunities to hear from Primes about how to build and manage relationships. You also will have the opportunity to meet with other Primes to get questions answered.

**Special Materials**
As a participant, you will be given a variety of materials ranging from books to software templates to leadership assessments and an online lead source directory.

**Subject Matter Expert Assistance**
Masters level participants will be provided six hours of consulting time with subject matter experts including marketing, sales management, legal and more.

**Public Relations**
Throughout the year, ADOT will publicize the program and highlight its participants throughout the state.

**Sales Video**
As a graduate, you will receive a professionally filmed and edited marketing video.

Graduating alumni have reported successes including:
- 69 new ADOT projects
- 72 new projects with other government agencies
- 114 new private industry projects
- Total new projects valued at almost $7M
- Hired new staff, obtained new loans and built bonding capacity

What graduates are saying about the program:

“The program gave me the tools to improve business practices and strengthen our business foundation”

“It will help you take your business to the next level”

“This is the way to improve your business all around”

Contact DBE Supportive Services at 602-712-7761 today for more information, to enroll or to get on the list for our 5th class starting Q3-2017.

 Bid Package: Concrete Flatwork

Anticipated Bid Issue Date: March 3, 2017

Anticipated Bid Due Date: March 17, 2017

Package Work Schedule: May 2017 – October 2019

If your firm provides these services, email Opportunities@C202P.com to be added to our bidder’s list for this package. Enter Concrete Flatwork Bid Package in the subject line.

Scope of work includes:

Furnish all materials and construct Portland cement concrete curb, curb and gutter, curb transitions, ramp curb, sidewalk, sidewalk ramps, driveways, valley gutters, barrier curb, and median paving.
Bid Package:
Masonry Block Sound Wall Footings

Anticipated Bid Issue Date:
March 8, 2017

Anticipated Bid Due Date:
March 23, 2017

Package Work Schedule:
June 2017 – January 2019

If your firm provides these services, email Opportunities@C202P.com to be added to our bidder’s list for this package. Enter Masonry Block Sound Wall Footings Bid Package in the subject line.

Scope of work includes:
Cast in Place Masonry Block Sound Wall Footings

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Owner:
Arizona Department of Transportation

Project Name:
SR 202L (South Mountain Freeway)
I-10 (Maricopa Freeway) – I-10 (Papago Freeway)
Public Private Partnership (P3)
Design-Build-Maintain Contract

Project Number:
202 MA 054 H882701 C

Project Substantial Completion Date:
November 2019

DBE Goals:
16.45% Professional Services, 10.93% Construction, 6.08% Capital Asset Replacement Work