



DBE News & Events

March 14, 2018

Public comment to begin for Tentative 5-Year Construction Program

Proposed 2019-2023 focus: Key Commerce Corridors, preserving state highway system

Major corridors for passenger and freight traffic would be expanded and improved during the next five years as part of a proposed annual update to the Arizona Department of Transportation's lineup of projects that will be available for public comment beginning Friday, March 16.

The 2019-2023 Tentative Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program also reaches the department's goal of allocating at least \$260 million per year for preservation of bridges and highways throughout the state highway system.

In addition, ADOT has proposed increasing the amount of preservation funding to \$320 million per year during the next six to 10 years as part of the recently adopted Long-Range Transportation Plan, a blueprint for investment priorities over the next 25 years.

"ADOT is committed to moving people and freight safely and efficiently every day on the Key Commerce Corridors that connect Arizona to major markets and help us better compete for quality jobs, economic growth and prosperity," ADOT Director John Halikowski said. "But just as important is the need to preserve and maintain our \$21.5 billion system to keep our highways and bridges in good repair and functioning as they should."

Preservation projects include repaving highways, filling potholes, extending the life cycle of existing pavement, and repairing or reconstructing bridges.

Key expansion projects round out the system by increasing mobility and connectivity while reducing traffic congestion. Major projects

ADOT is proposing along highly traveled corridors over the next five years include:

Two major widening projects along US 93 in fiscal years 2020 and 2023 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

- Widening Interstate 17 in areas between Anthem and Sunset Point in fiscal years 2021 and 2022, with specific areas and projects still under study
- Widening the last section of State Route 260 near Star Valley beginning in fiscal year 2023 (the Lion Springs section), reaching ADOT's goal of completing a four-lane divided highway along the entire length of that corridor

The public comment period for the 2019-2023 Tentative Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program begins Friday, March 16, and ends at 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 5. It includes public hearings in Sahuarita (Friday, March 16), Flagstaff (Friday, April 20) and Phoenix (Friday, May 18). The State Transportation Board will make its final decision in June about what will be in the updated Five-Year Program.

The complete report, posted with a "how to read it" guide, will be available on Friday, March 16, at azdot.gov for review and comment. ADOT welcomes feedback via an online form at surveymonkey.com/r/G6DNQVG by email at fiveyearconstructionprogram@azdot.gov and by phone at 855.712.8530.

Here are the details for the three public hearings, a follow-up study session and the State Transportation Board's June meeting, where the final Five-Year Program will be approved. All hearings begin at 9 a.m.:

March 16: Public hearing and State Transportation Board meeting at the Town of Sahuarita Council Chambers, 375 W. Sahuarita Center Way, **Sahuarita**.

April 20: Public hearing and State Transportation Board meeting at the City of Flagstaff Council Chambers, 211 W. Aspen Ave., **Flagstaff**.

May 18: Public hearing and State Transportation Board meeting in the ADOT Administration Building Auditorium, 206 S. 17th Ave., **Phoenix**.

June 5: State Transportation Board study session at ADOT's Human Resources Development Center, 1130 N. 22nd Ave., **Phoenix**.

June 15: State Transportation Board meeting at the City of Globe Council Chambers, 150 N. Pine St., **Globe**.

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AZ UTRACS - Doing Business with ADOT



Business Engagement and Compliance strives to make the process of working with ADOT as seamless as possible, part of that includes AZ UTRACS, a one stop shop for all the websites linked to doing business with ADOT. In an effort to continuously improve our systems, ADOT implemented enhancements to the AZ UTRACS website that were rolled out to you on March 12, 2018.

These changes include:

1. The addition of equipment to the firm registration page; the equipment information that is provided on your registration page will show up on your public firm profile.

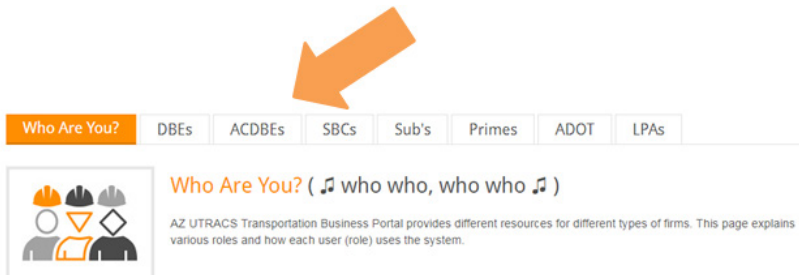
This will allow firms to view your firm profile and determine the types and quantity of equipment that you have and vice versa. For example, if your firm is interested in subcontracting work to a trucking firm, you will be able to see the type and quantity of trucks that other firms owns, or has access to. This is also a great way to emphasize any specialized equipment that you have which can help to set your firm apart.

The ability to search by equipment will also be rolled out within the next few months as we continue to implement AZ UTRACS improvements.

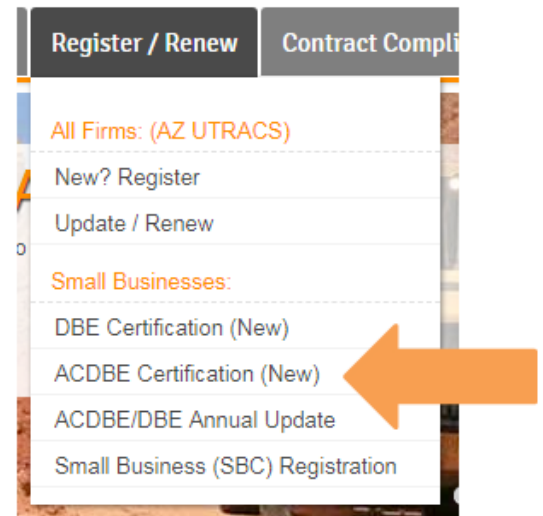
Equipment List For Marissa's Test Firm 3 Incorporated ▼

Equipment Category	Make	Model	Additional Details
(Other/Unknown)	WaterTank	Portable	500 gallons, 5 available

2. The addition of ACDBE pages within the “Register/Renew” menu tab as well as within the “Who Are You” section. This feature provides customized tasks based on your firm type.



3. The addition of “Primary Roles” to the Primary and Secondary Contact information on the Registration page. This will allow ADOT to more effectively communicate with you and direct emails to the appropriate personnel regarding ADOT contract requirements, AZ UTRACS enhancements, bidding opportunities, among other important communications about your work with ADOT.



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4. Other miscellaneous cosmetic and efficiency improvements such as
 - a. adding your AZ UTRACS number to your firm registration page.
 - b. requiring that you search the current AZ UTRACS directory prior to "Requesting Access" to avoid the creation of duplicate firms.
 - c. eliminating the work category "Save" buttons on the registration page. Any new selections will now auto save.
 - d. removing the "Update/Renew" landing page and directing you immediately to the registration page.
 - e. identifying which sections of the registration page are visible on your public profile by emphasizing them with **orange bold text**.
 - f. reducing the likelihood of locking yourself out of your registration without receiving a warning message first.
 - g. improved website messages and prompts.



Should you have any questions about these changes, or if you would like to offer your own suggestions about how we can improve our website, please email us at AZUTRACS-Support@azdot.gov or call us at 602.712.7761. •

Bill Would Let All Ariz. Counties Levy Taxes for Roads

By Howard Fischer for Capitol Media Services via Yuma Sun

With gas tax revenues lagging, state lawmakers are moving to allowing all 15 counties to levy their own sales taxes to fund critical road and transit needs.

SB 1147, approved by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, would specifically allow those counties which already have such a tax to seek voter approval for an extension. That is designed to help not only build or repair existing roads but build out the mass transit system that didn't get funded when the recession cut into existing tax revenues.

Potentially more significant, it would provide for the first time ever that same option to rural counties who until now have been totally dependent on the money they get from the state to pave new roads, repair existing ones and, to the extent they want it, some form of mass transit.

Those funds are not keeping pace with needs, with the gasoline tax having remained at 18 cents a gallon since 1991. And state lawmakers, looking for cash during the recession, have diverted some of those dollars to fund the Highway Patrol.

Wednesday's unanimous vote came over the objection of Aimee Rigler, lobbyist for the Arizona Free Enterprise Club.

She said it made no sense to allow counties to levy a tax for the next 20 years when no one knows how changes in technology will affect transportation needs. Rigler said it could result in tax dollars being spent on what could be "obsolete technology."

The legislation is being pushed by Sen. Bob Worsley, R-Mesa.

He told lawmakers that the current half-cent levy imposed by Maricopa County voters on themselves in 2004 has resulted in "beautiful highways" and a much improved transit system. Worsley said there have been similar benefits in Pima County, with Pinal County just getting started with its own regional transportation district.

Read more at [Yuma Sun](#). (Subscription required.)

Business & Industry Events

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March

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How Tax Reform Affects Your Small Business
 Location: National Bank of AZ 6001 N 24th St. Phoenix
 Time: 7:30am - 9:30am
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Inspections/Investigations and Minimizing Liability in NV
 Location: N255 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas
 Time: 7:30am - 9:30am
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Competent Person Training
 Location: 1661 N. Swan, Suite144, Tucson
 Time: 1:00pm - 5:00pm
- 16

AICCAZ Luncheon: Great Wolf Lodge & Water Park
 Location: Casino Arizona Eagles Buffet Banquet Room
 Time: 12:00pm
- 17

11th Hour Bid Simulation at ASU
 Location: 660 S College Ave, Tempe
 Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm
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Profit Through Customer Service and Talent Mgmt
 Location: 1325 S. 5th Ave., Phoenix
 Time: 4:30pm - 6:30pm
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ADOT-AGC Joint Cooperative
 Location: AGC Office, 1825 W. Adams Street, Phoenix
 Time: 12:00pm
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Sales Strategies for Business
 Location: 4525 E. Paradise Village Parkway, Phoenix
 Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

March

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The 20th Annual Southern AZ Procurement Fair
 Location: Kino Sports Complex, Tucson
 Time: 9:00am - 2:00pm
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Small Business Success Through Cash Flow Mgmt
 Location: 1325 S. 5th Ave., Phoenix
 Time: 4:30pm - 6:30pm
- 28-29

AZ Roads and Streets Conference
 Location: Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa, Tucson
 Time: 9:00am - 2:00pm
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Lunch & Learn: Access to Capital
 Location: ADOT BECO 1801 West Jefferson Street
 Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm

April

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Federal Taxes and Your Business
 Location: 2808 N. 46th St., Phoenix
 Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm
- 10-11

2018 Design & Construction & Procurement EXPO
 Location: ASU's SkySong Campus, Scottsdale
 Time: 8:00am - 4:00pm
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Lunch & Learn: Procurement: DBE and SBC Support
 Location: ADOT BECO 1801 West Jefferson Street
 Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm

ADOT/ BECO
 Other Associations

ADOT Business Coach on Demand - azdot.gov/businesscoach

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	FIND WORK		BID JOBS
	ASK ADOT		GET FORMS
	BE A DBE/SBC		DO WORK
	SEEK HELP		

Project Opportunities

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- [ADOT Advertised Alternative Delivery Projects](#)
- [Bidding Opportunities Around the State](#)

Did you know?

Is Running Your Business Overwhelming? Needing Help? ADOT BECO is offering FREE one-on-one business assistance in all areas of your business. Speak to a professional who can guide you through any issue you may be experiencing. Contact Paula Brown, Acting DBE Supportive Services Program Manager at 602-712-4897 for more information on how ADOT BECO can help.

! ADOT Bid openings after January 1st, 2017 will require prime contractors to submit DBE affidavits within 5 calendar days from bid opening. This is two days less than the current requirement. For example, if bid opens on Friday, the DBE Affidavits will be due to BECO, from the prime contractor, by Wednesday before 4:00 PM. Therefore, this is reducing the time DBEs and prime contractors have to prepare, sign and submit the DBE Affidavits to BECO. DBEs are urged to consider this new time restriction when working with prime contractors to complete and sign the DBE Affidavits in order for them to be submitted to BECO by the 5th calendar day from bid opening.

Featured Federal-Aid Projects

General/Sub Contractors Opportunities						
Due Date	Project Valuation	DBE Goal	Solicitation/ Project Number	Type	Project Owner and Description	Contact
3/23/18 11am MST	3.06%	\$1.2M	HSIP-095-C(215)T; H848901C	IFB	ADOT - Mohave Rd Intersection Improvements, Quartzsite-Parker-Topock Highway (SR 95). The work consists of constructing new traffic signals & lighting; milling & replacing concrete; pavement widening; constructing curbs, gutters, sidewalks, & sidewalk ramps; & replacing pavement markings.	Mohammed Patwary, Engineering Specialist, at MPatwary@azdot.gov or Jaime Hernandez, Construction Supervisor, at JHernandez@azdot.gov.
3/23/18 11am MST	10.57%	\$4.8M	NHPP-B40-B(200)T; H894001C	IFB	ADOT - Bridge Deck Rehabilitation, Seligman Business Route (B40), West Seligman Bridges #1258, 1798, 1799. The work consists of bridge deck & bridge barrier rehabilitation, roadway pavement reconstruction, guardrail reconstruction & installation of storm drain pipe.	Sam Patton, Engineering Specialist, at spatton@azdot.gov or Robert LaJeunesse, Construction Supervisor, at rlajeunesse@azdot.gov.
4/13/18 11am MST	5.39%	\$2M	STP-080-A(213)T; NHPP-080-A(213)T; H891401C	IFB	ADOT - Bridge Replacement, Glance Creek Bridge Str. #237, Benson-Douglas Hwy (SR-80). The work consists of a 4 span cast-in-place concrete closed-framed bridge, new guardrail end treatment, & pavement marking placement.	Sam Patton, Engineering Specialist, at spatton@azdot.gov or Qui Nguyen, Construction Supervisor, at qnguyen.consultant@azdot.gov.
4/13/18 11am MST	6.09%	\$16M	NHPP-008-A(227)T; H892201C	IFB	ADOT - Pavement Preservation, MP 96 to Paloma Rd, Yuma-Casa Grande Highway (I-8). The work consists of milling, placing AC, AR-ACFC, fog coat, shoulder build-up, pavement marking, guard rail, work on Painted Rock TI Overpass & traffic control.	Rene Teran, Engineering Specialist, at Rteran@azdot.gov or Jaime Hernandez, Construction Supervisor, at Jhernandez@azdot.gov.



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Location: 1801 W. Jefferson Street, Suite 101, Phoenix, AZ 85007

LUNCH & LEARN



SAVE THE DATE!!! ADOT BECO Supportive Services' Learning Series

Bring a lunch and join your colleagues to improve the bottom line of your business.

JANUARY 25, 2018	<u>Future Technology for Bidding: Intro to SmartBid Software</u> <i>Presented by: Karla Purtell, Subcontracts Manager, Kiewit Infrastructure West Co.</i>
FEBRUARY 22, 2018	<u>Managing Contract Compliance</u> <i>Presented by: Cedric Johnson, JD Contract Compliance Manager Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Engineering Consultants Section</i>
MARCH 29, 2018	<u>Access to Capital</u> <i>Panelists: Teresa Miranda – Prestamos CDFI, LLC , Ralph Gonzales – Capital Active Funding AZ Inc., Craig Norton- Small Business Administration (SBA), Martin Montes de Oca - Accion</i>
APRIL 26, 2018	<u>Procurement: DBE and SBC Support</u> <i>Presented by: Valarie Erwin, CPPB, Procurement Manager, Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Procurement Group</i>
MAY 24, 2018	<u>Estimating and Bidding</u> <i>Presented by: Jose Diaz, Project Manager, Hensel Phelps</i>
JUNE 21, 2018	<u>Bonding: Basics for Financial Understanding</u> <i>Presented by: Patrick Hedges, Partner, Constructors Bonding, Inc.</i>

For questions, call or email DBE Supportive Services 602-712-7761 or DBESupportiveServices@azdot.gov

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THURSDAY March 29, 2018

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Access to Capital

Panelists: *Teresa Miranda – Prestamos CDFI, LLC, Ralph Gonzales – Capital Active Funding, Inc., Craig Norton- Small Business Administration (SBA)*

Questions to be answered:

- What is your organization's success with small business access to capital?
- What are the types of loans and the process for getting a loan, line of credit or credit card?
- What is the dollar range most requested by and approved for small businesses?
- What are the general qualifications and paperwork needed?
- What are the most common reasons for decline?

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TO IMPROVE THE BOTTOM LINE OF YOUR BUSINESS.**

Click here to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lunch-and-learn-access-to-capital-tickets-42724723799>

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THURSDAY APRIL 26, 2018

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Procurement: DBE and SBC Support

Presented by: Valarie Erwin, CPPB, Procurement Manager, ADOT Procurement Group

Questions to be answered:

- What is Procurement's role?
- How can Procurement advise DBEs and SBCs to find opportunities? Where can it point them in the right direction?
- Is there a way to find which primes are on contract for what projects?
- Is there a way to find out when RFPs are coming out?
- Is there a way to find out when contracts are expiring?

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<http://lunch-and-learn-procurement.eventbrite.com?s=83309917>



“GET READY” For Tax Filing Season Resources

(Please click each heading for more information)



Take Steps Now for Tax Filing Season

Get ready today to file your 2017 federal income tax return. Changes for the tax filing season include ITINs, delays in refunds and validating your electronically filed return.

You May Need to Renew Your ITIN (Individual Taxpayer Identification Number)

Your ITIN may expire before you file a tax return in 2018. All ITINs not used on a federal tax return at least once in the last three years will expire on December 31, 2017. Additionally, all ITINs issued before 2013 with middle digits of 70, 71, 72 or 80 (Example: (9XX-70-XXXX)) will expire at the end of the year.

Delays in Refunds for EITC and ACTC

If you claim the earned income tax credit (EITC) or the additional child tax credit (ACTC) on your tax return, the IRS must hold your refund until at least February 15 — even the portion not associated with EITC or ACTC.

Validating Your Electronically Filed Tax Return

When self-preparing your taxes and filing electronically, you must sign and validate your electronic tax return by entering your prior-year Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) or your prior-year Self-Select PIN. Using an electronic filing PIN is no longer an option.

Let Us Help You - Online Tools and Resources

Before you call, check out the topics people ask about most. We have high call volumes and encourage you to click on one of these hot topics for faster service.

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