



DBE News & Events

March 28, 2018

Scottsdale Considers Taxes to Fund Infrastructure Needs

By Angel Mendoza for The Arizona Republic

Scottsdale voters may face a tax request to generate \$350M or more for a mix of projects, from better roads to improved flood control.

An exact amount and method to raise the money remains up for debate. Most Scottsdale City Council members leaned toward bond requests in early discussions last month. But leaders could combine that with a sales-tax hike and a bump in storm water fees.

Scottsdale voters have been a tough sell on bond requests over the past decade. Voters passed two of six requests in 2015 but rejected all bond requests in 2010 and 2013. The last major bond requests for city infrastructure projects green-lighted by voters was 18 years ago.

"We don't have the money currently to pay for the infrastructure needs that we have in the city. And as we don't get that money and let it go on and on, the infrastructure needs are going to only increase and the city will continue to decay. We don't want that," Councilwoman Kathy Littlefield said last month.

Possible Projects

Staff prepared a list of projects they would like to see completed. The wish list topped nearly \$667M.

The number of projects on the list that would be completed will depend on how council moves forward, but a sampling of the 100-plus requests include:

- \$4.9M for improvements to Loop 101-Hayden Road interchange.
- \$16.2M for improvements to Pima Road from Dynamite Boulevard to Stagecoach Road.
- \$10.2M for improvements to Pima Road from Happy Valley Road to Dynamite Road.
- \$5.7M for Civic Center Plaza improvements.
- \$20.9M for downtown public parking.

Bond Request Wouldn't Raise Taxes

One of the biggest benefits to bond requests is transparency – a list of specific projects with specific funding requests would go before voters to decide upon.

As Vice Mayor Virginia Korte pointed out, it also could be accomplished without raising residents' taxes.

"We could go to \$450M (request) and not raise taxes if it was a bond measure, a property tax bond. We would not raise taxes. I think that is a critical point," Korte said.

The owner of a \$300K home would pay about \$167 annually for a \$450M bond request, according to the city. Currently, the same homeowner pays about \$177 annually. The reason it would slightly drop is that past borrowing would be paid off.

Who Should Pay?

Each 0.10 percent bump in the city sales tax would bring in about \$10M annually and allow the city to borrow \$133M toward projects, according to the city.

Councilman David Smith said he's not afraid to ask residents for a modest sales-tax bump, considering that Scottsdale has the third lowest rate among major Phoenix-area cities at 1.65 percent.

Read more at The Arizona Republic.

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Experts: Arizona Bridges Generally Safe

By Mitchell Atencio for Cronkite News

Arizona’s bridges generally are safe, experts say, even though the federal government says nearly 400 of them are in poor or “structurally deficient” condition.

Bridge safety gained national attention Thursday when at least six people died after a pedestrian bridge collapsed on the Florida International University campus in Miami.

Arizona has more than 8,000 bridges, including federal bridges, [according to a 2017 report](#) from the Federal Highway Administration. Of those, 167 bridges are listed in poor condition and 205 are listed as structurally deficient.

A spokeswoman for the highway administration said neither of those designations means a bridge is unsafe for travel, just that it’s being monitored.

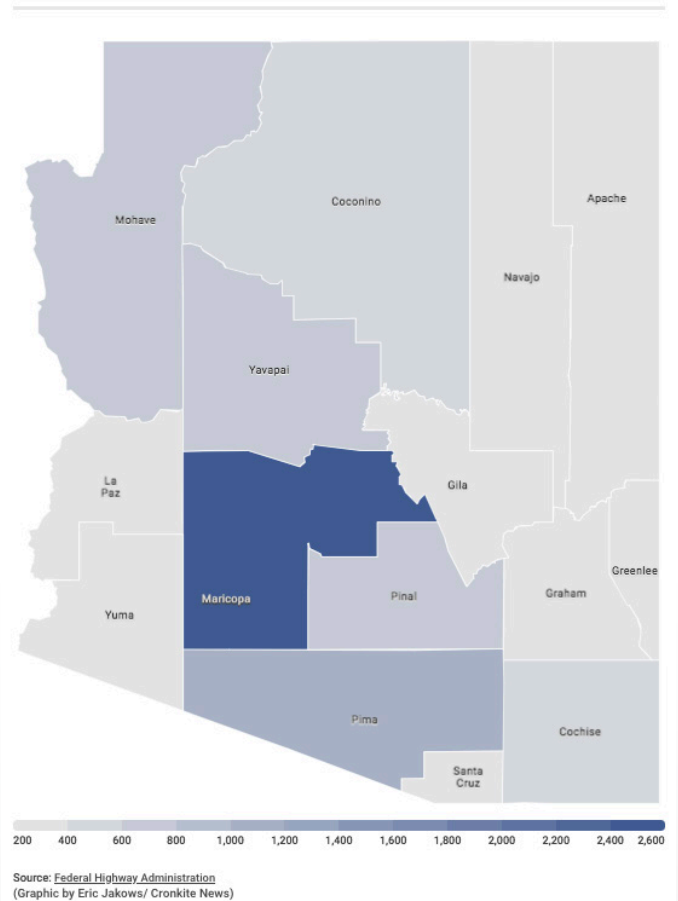
Pingbo Tang, a professor in Arizona State University’s School of Sustainable Engineering and the Built Environment, said Arizona bridges in general are safe, as the state does not face many natural disasters that could damage them.

The main issue in Arizona, he said, is scouring, which is the erosion of soil around a bridge’s foundation.

The American Society of Civil Engineers’ 2015 Infrastructure Report Card [gave Arizona bridges a “B” rating](#), estimating the repair of structurally deficient bridges would cost \$220M.

Read more at [Cronkite News](#).

Number of bridges by Arizona county in 2017



ADOT to Discuss I-17 Improvements at April 3 Public Meeting

The Arizona Department of Transportation has scheduled an April 3 public meeting in Black Canyon City to provide an update about an ongoing study of potential improvements along Interstate 17 between Anthem and Cordes Junction.

ADOT, in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration, has been studying options for adding new travel lanes along I-17, with a focus on the 23-mile stretch between Anthem Way and Sunset Point Rest Area.

With the help of funds from the Maricopa Association of Governments, projects to add new I-17 lanes in areas between Anthem and Black Canyon City are currently scheduled for construction in the years 2021-22.

An option also under consideration for the mountainous stretch of I-17 between Black Canyon City and Sunset Point is the construction of flex lanes, a separate pair of new lanes for use in the busiest direction of travel or in the event of a closure.

The meeting is scheduled as follows:

What
I-17 Improvements Study open-house meeting

When
Tuesday, April 3 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where
Canon Elementary School, 34630 S. School Loop Road, Black Canyon City

ADOT will conduct a formal presentation about the I-17 improvement options at 6:30 p.m. Residents, business owners and other stakeholders are encouraged to attend the meeting to learn more about potential improvements and to submit comments.

Members of ADOT’s I-17 study team will be available to answer questions. Additional information is available online at azdot.gov/I17AnthemWaySR69.

Business & Industry Events

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March

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Procrastination: Gain Control of Your Workday
 Location: 4333 E. Chandler Blvd., Phoenix
 Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm
- 28

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
- 29

Lunch & Learn: Access to Capital
 Location: ADOT BECO 1801 West Jefferson Street
 Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm
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Inspection/Investigations & Minimizing Liability in NV
 Location: 255 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV
 Time: 7:00am - 9:30am

April

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How the Blockchain will Change Doing Business
 Location: 1365 North Scottsdale Road, Suite 135
 Time: 8:00am to 9:30am
- 5

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (Webinar)
 Location: Webinar
 Time: 10:00am - 11:00am

April

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

Risk Identification and Management
 Location: 1050 W Washington St. Suite 233, Phoenix
 Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm
- 10-11

2018 Design & Construction & Procurement EXPO
 Location: ASU's SkySong Campus, Scottsdale
 Time: 8:00am - 4:00pm
- 17

DBE Construction Task Force
 Location: ADOT BECO 1801 W Jefferson, Phoenix
 Time: 1:30pm-3:00pm
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APWA Luncheon: I-10 Broadway Curve Project
 Location: 2808 N. 46th St., Phoenix
 Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm
- 24

Aviation Business Summit
 Location: 100 North 3rd Street Phoenix, AZ 85004
 Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm
- 26

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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	ASK ADOT		GET FORMS		SEEK HELP

Project Opportunities

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- [ADOT Engineering Advertisements](#)
- [ADOT Public-Private Partnership Initiatives](#)
- [ADOT Advertised Alternative Delivery Projects](#)
- [Bidding Opportunities Around the State](#)

Did you know?

ADOT BECO Staff will be available to answer your questions about DBE goals, AZUTRACS registration, outreach services, and compliance matters at the **67th Arizona Conference on Roads & Streets** **March 28, 29, 30, 2018** Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa 3800 E Sunrise Dr, Tucson, AZ 85718
If you are attending, visit us at Booth # 19

! 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

IFB

General/Sub Contractors Opportunities						
Due Date	Project Valuation	DBE Goal	Solicitation/ Project Number	Type	Project Owner and Description	Contact
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.
4/27/18 11am MST	7.0%	\$342K	CM-GLN-0(243)T; SZ10801C	IFB	ADOT - Shared Use Pathway Construction, various locations, Glendale . The work consists of constructing new multi-use sidewalks, sidewalk ramps, landscape & signage.	Sam Patton, Engineering Specialist, at spatton@azdot.gov or Kirk Kiser, Construction Supervisor, kkiser@azdot.gov.
4/27/18/ 11am MST	7.66%	\$35.9M	NH-019-A(239)T; F013201C	IFB	ADOT - Construct Roadway, Ajo Way (SR 86) TI, Nogales Tucson Highway (I-19) . The work consists of reconstructing Ajo Way & Irvington Ramps, including roadway excavation, concrete pavement, replacing existing Santa Cruz Bridge & pedestrian bridge, retaining & sound walls, 3 RCB culverts, drainage, pavement marking, signing, lighting & signals	Sara Howard, Engineering Specialist, at showard@azdot.gov or Aziz Haddad at ahaddad.consultant@azdot.gov.
4/27/18 11am MST	8.67%	\$869K	STBG-A89-B(211)T; H839901C	IFB	ADOT - Intersection Improvements, SR89A & Plaza Way . The work consists of construction of a new right turn lane to accommodate a future bike lane, pavement reconstruction, sidewalk ramps, retaining wall, pedestrian safety rail, stairway, signal post, mast arm & water line relocation.	Rene Teran, Engineering Specialist, at Rteran@azdot.gov or Steve Monroe, Construction Supervisor, at Smonroe@azdot.gov



Business Engagement and Compliance

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 AZ, Martin Montes de Oca – Accion, 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?

**BRING A LUNCH AND JOIN YOUR FELLOW ENTREPRENEURS
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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SR 202 South Mountain Freeway Contract Opportunities

Bid Package:

Right-of-Way Fencing

Anticipated Bid Issue Date:

April 2, 2018

Anticipated Bid Due Date:

May 2, 2018

Package Work Schedule:

May 2018 – Nov 2019

If your firm provides these services, email Opportunities@C202P.com to be added to our bidder's list for this package. Enter *Right-of-Way Fencing Bid Package* in the subject line.

Scope of work includes:

- Provide all fencing materials, supplies, and equipment.
- Install fencing per plans.

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



“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.

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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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