



Community Advisory  
Committee Meeting  
September 20, 2016



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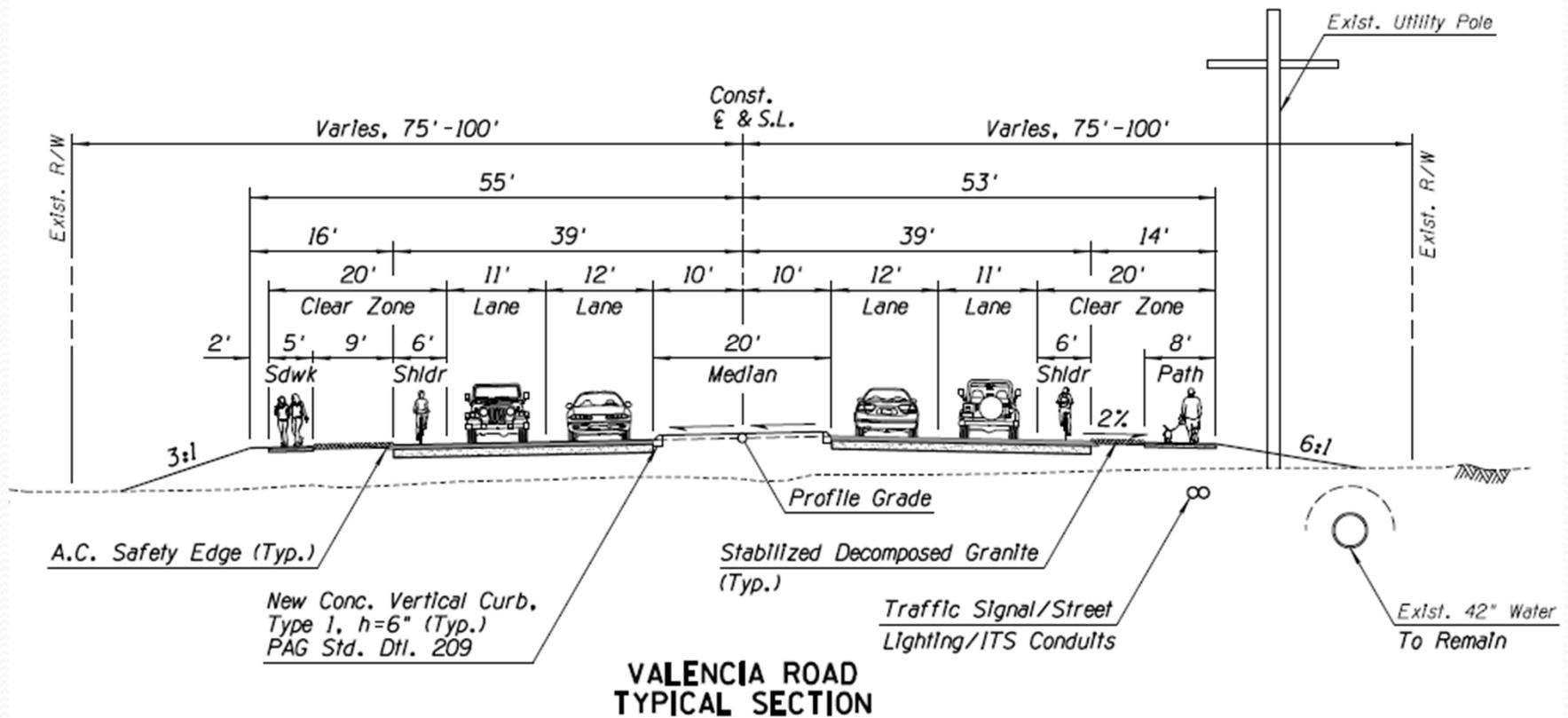
# Meeting Topics

- Introductions
- Project Status Update
- Review of Draft Design Concept Report
- Environmental Assessment & Mitigation Report Basics
- Art Selection Update
- Upcoming Meetings
- Open Discussion

# Draft Design Concept Report

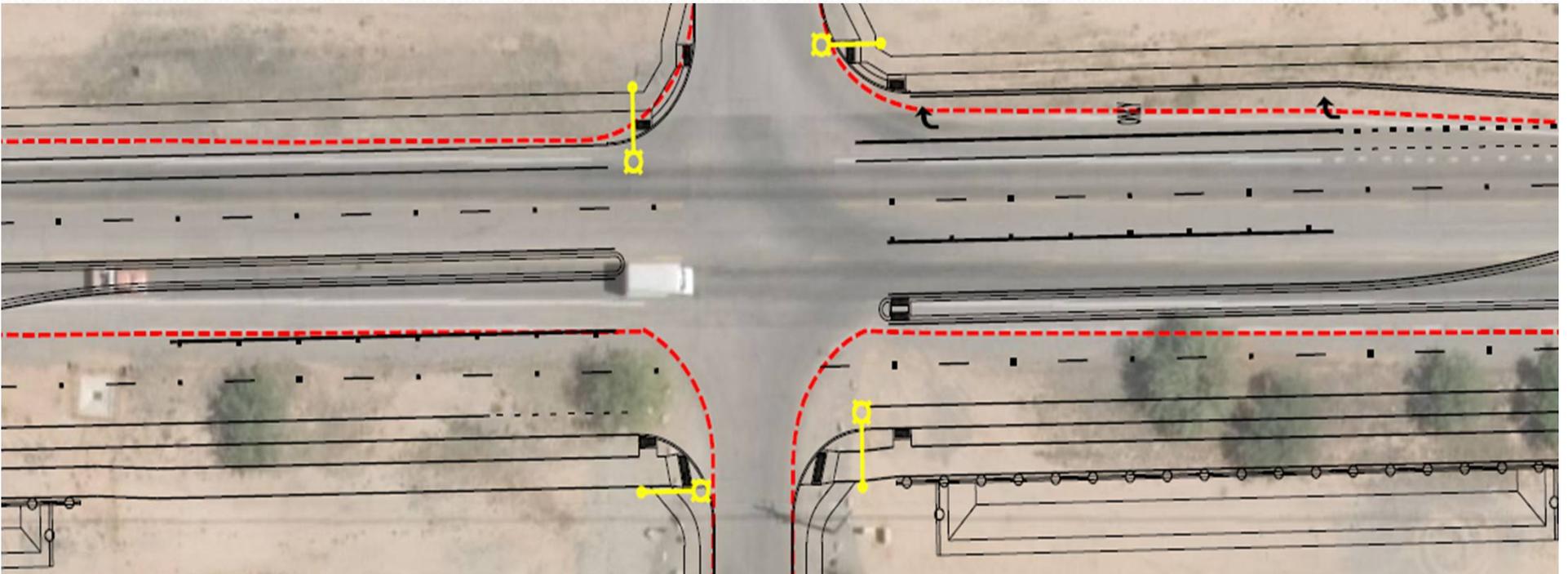
- Roadway Design
- Drainage
- Pedestrian Movements
- Intersection/Signalization
- Landscape/Re-vegetation
- Other (mailboxes)

# Roadway Design



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- A majority of the new roadway widening will be along the south side of the existing Valencia Road pavement
- Street Lighting
- ADA Compatible



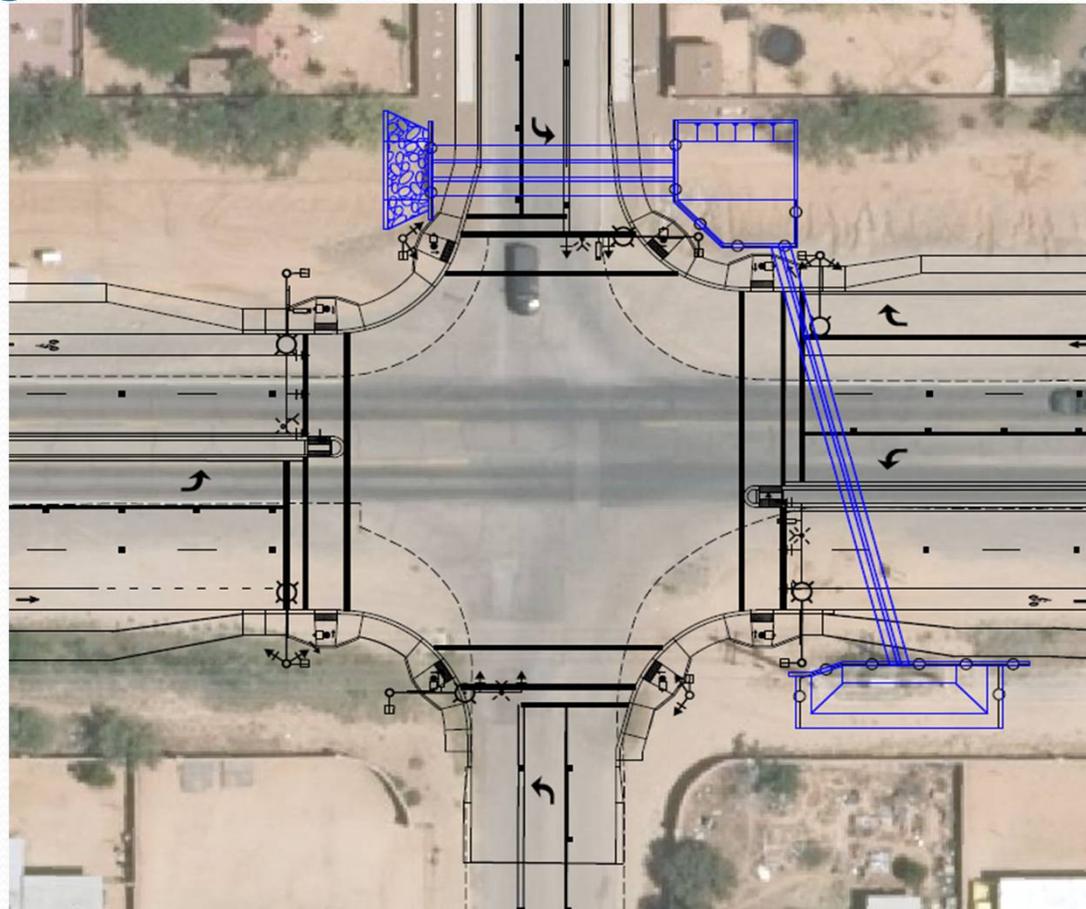
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# Drainage – Iberia



## Pedestrian Movements - West



-  5 Feet Wide Concrete Sidewalk
-  8 Feet Wide Asphalt Path



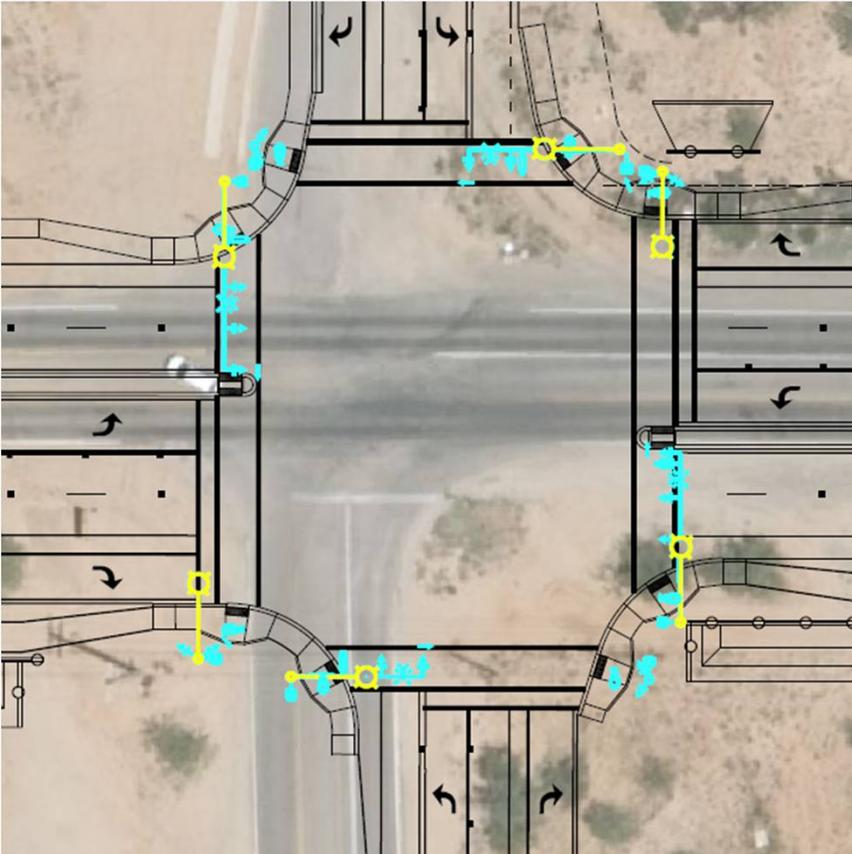
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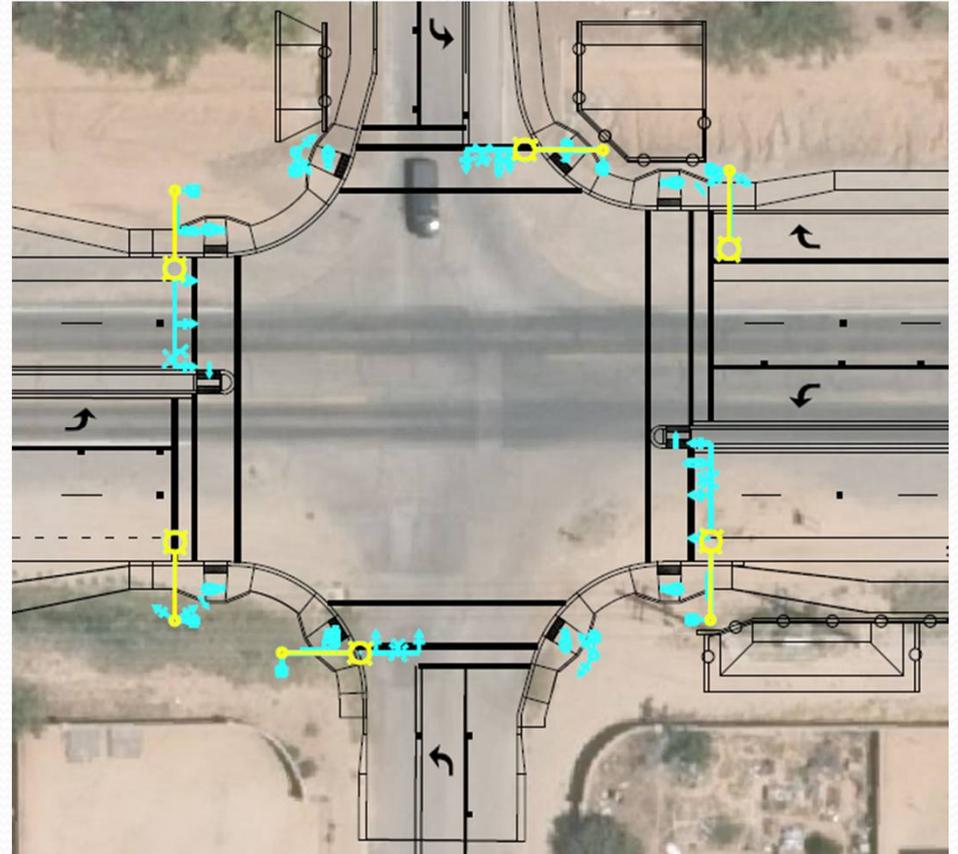
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## Vahalla Lighting – Future Signals

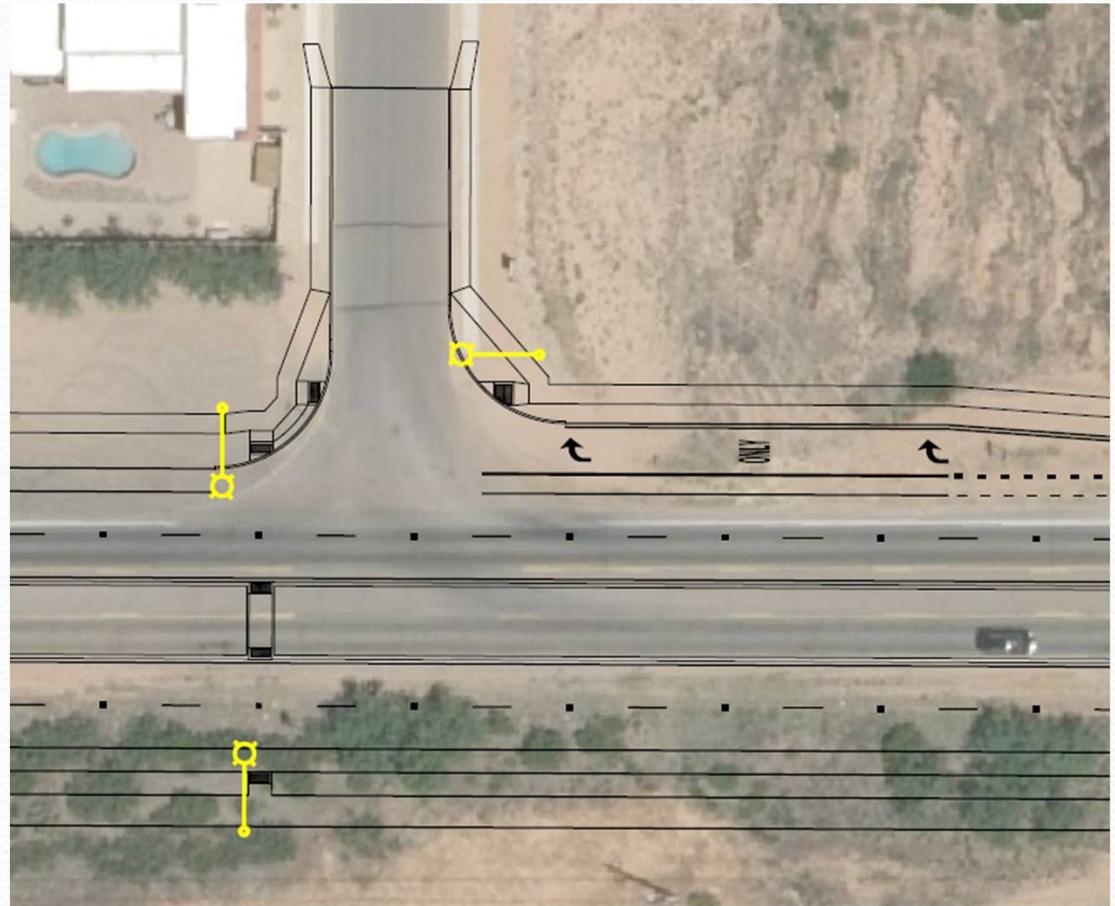


## Iberia Lighting – Future Signals



## Pedestrian Movements – Eagles Talon

- 700'+ west of Vahalla  
"mid-block crossing"



# Landscape/Re-vegetation

- Criteria based on previous section with the exception of the existing developed areas
- Approach to **developed** areas
  - Rock mulch with accent planting – **no seed mix**
- Approach to **undeveloped** areas
  - Rock mulch with seed mix
  - Revegetation using native plant species found in the project area



# Other Possible Issues

- Mailboxes (determined by USPS)



Others Concerns ??????????



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# Environmental Assessment & Mitigation Report (EAMR) Basics

- Biological
- Drainage & Floodplain – Clean Water Act
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Hazardous Materials
- Historic & Cultural Resources
- Visual Resources
- Neighborhood Impacts



## Biological

- A Biological Evaluation (BE) is a project-level document to evaluate the presence of, and potential impacts to, federal and state listed plants and animals.
- USFWS and AZGFD species lists were consulted and field survey conducted.
- No Threatened or Endangered species were present, including Pima Pineapple Cactus (PPC).



# Drainage & Floodplain

## **Clean Water Act – Section 404/401 Permitting**

- Preliminary Jurisdictional Delineation to determine Waters of U.S. is underway.
- Project expected to meet Nationwide Permit #14 – Linear Transportation Projects criteria as non-notifying.

## **Clean Water Act Section 402 Permitting**

- Preparation of Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan will occur during final design.

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## Air Quality

- Project is included in the PAG Transportation Improvements Project List and is in Regional Air Quality Conformity.



# Noise

- Noise Analysis was completed following the Pima County Noise Abatement Policy.
- Noise Report (May 2016) documented no projected noise levels exceeding the 67 decibel threshold considered for noise abatement.
- No noise walls are recommended.



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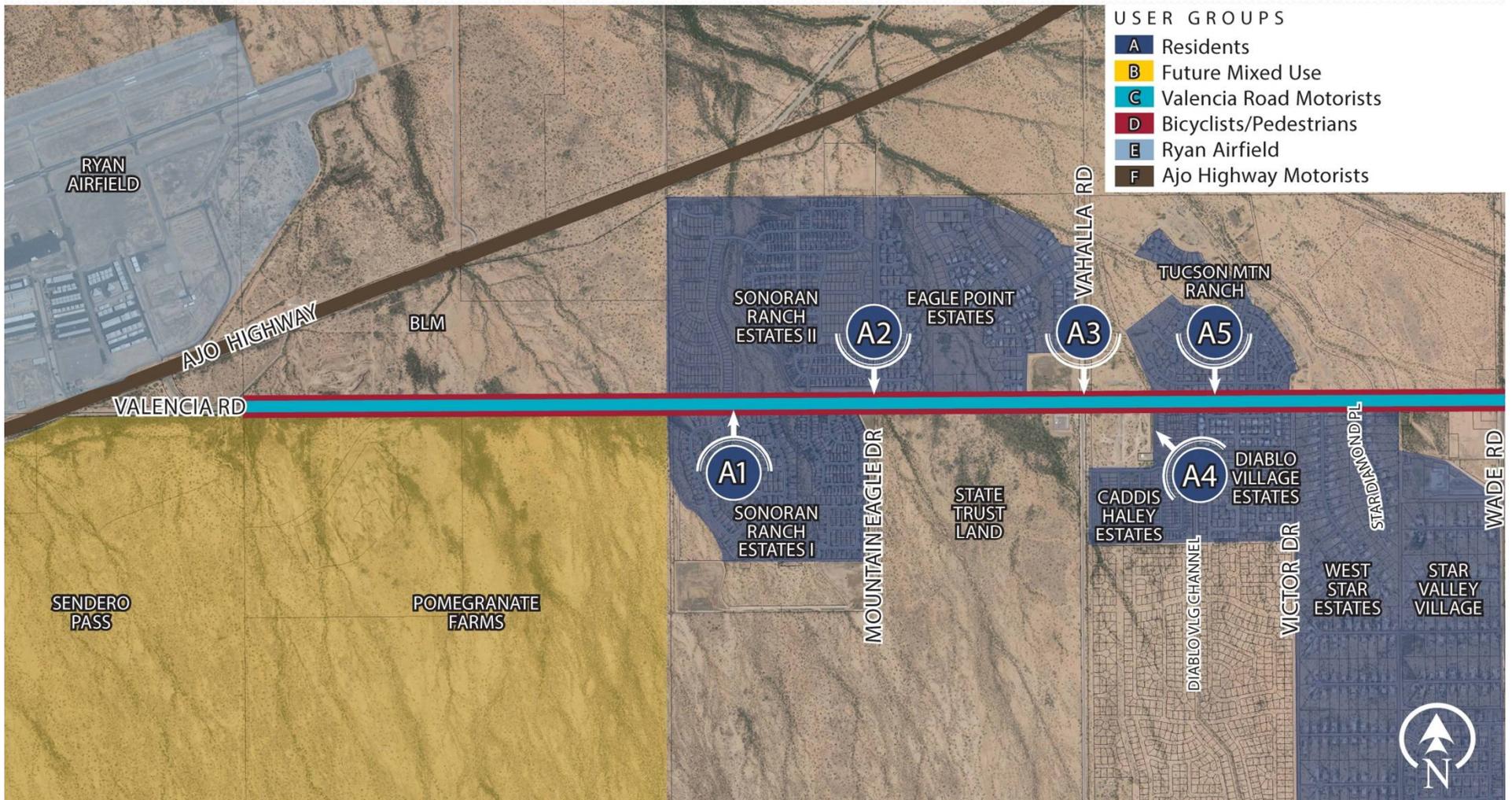
# Hazardous Materials

- A Preliminary Initial Site Assessment (PISA) was prepared July 2016.
- PISA reviewed Federal and State hazardous materials databases and included a field survey.
- No soil or groundwater contamination issues were found to be present.

## Historic & Cultural Resources

- Cultural Resources Report following State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) guidelines was prepared in August 2016.
- Records reviewed noted historic farmstead outside the project limits.
- Field survey noted **one** Isolated Occurrence, a 1916 General Land Office survey marker.
- Recommendation to BLM, SHPO and Pima County is “no historic properties affected”.

## Visual Resources



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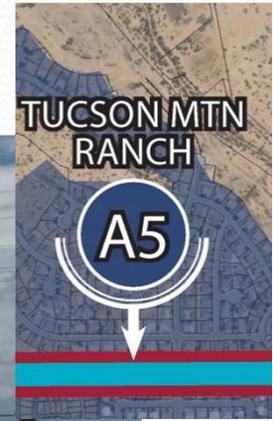


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# Neighborhood Impacts

- Temporary Noise Impacts During Construction
- Emergency Accessibility Maintained During Construction
- Increased Pedestrian Access - Sidewalk and Shared-Use Path
- New Lighting - Enhance Safety at Intersections
- Access Restrictions by Median
  - Victor Drive
  - Eagles Talon Pkwy
  - De Concini Drive
  - Via Diego De Rivera

# Art Selection Update

- Coordinated by Arts Foundation
- Panel Members
  - Can add one more if interested
- Initial Meeting Date (TBD)
- Two Step Artist Selection Effort





# Upcoming Meetings

- October 18 (6 – 7:30 PM)
- November 15 – CAC & Open House - Discuss Timing



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# Open Discussion

- Questions
- Other Concerns
- Next Steps
- Documents from First Phase (Including EAMR)  
<http://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=66536>