



## **Cortaro Farms Road/Magee Road: Thornydale Road to Oracle Road Improvement Project**



FACT SHEET – Aug. 14, 2008

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

Welcome to tonight's public meeting. Pima County Department of Transportation (PCDOT) is planning improvements to the Cortaro Farms Road/Magee Road corridor from Thornydale Road to Oracle Road. The purpose of this project is to improve current traffic conditions, meet future traffic needs and facilitate multimodal transportation along approximately five miles of the Cortaro Farms Road/Magee Road corridor, which is designated as an Environmentally Sensitive Roadway by PCDOT.

This project is funded in part through the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Plan, which was approved by Pima County voters in May 2006, as well as the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The first part of the project is to study the corridor in order to develop preliminary design and conduct environmental analysis. A construction start date for the project has not yet been established.

The proposed improvements to be considered include:

- Widening the roadway to four lanes and adding a center median.
- Providing bike lanes and sidewalk.
- Intersection work at Thornydale Road, Shannon Road, La Cholla Boulevard, La Cañada Drive and Oracle Road to match or improve existing conditions.
- Improvements to the Magee Road/La Cholla Boulevard off-set intersection based upon an analysis of various intersection alternatives.
- Drainage improvements throughout.
- New/augmented bridge over the Cañada del Oro Wash.
- Landscaping throughout the corridor utilizing native plants.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

- An Environmental Assessment meeting the needs of the FHWA and the Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report process will be prepared.
- Technical Discipline reports for Noise Analysis, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources and Hazardous Materials will be prepared as well as analysis of view sheds, social and economic impacts.
- An individual Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit from the United States Army Corps of Engineers is anticipated.

### CURRENT STATUS

At tonight's meeting, the project team is presenting for public review and comment:

- A typical cross-section of what the four-lane roadway will look like, with a center median, sidewalks and vegetation.
- The roadway alignment.
- Median opening locations.
- Traffic signal locations.
- Alternatives for the La Cholla Boulevard/Magee Road intersection.
- Alternatives for the frontage roads located on Magee Road east of La Cholla Boulevard.

### NEXT STEPS

After tonight's meeting, the project team will further study the alternatives presented, using public comment, Community Advisory Committee input, engineering analysis and environmental analysis to develop a recommended alternative for both the La Cholla Boulevard/Magee Road intersection and the frontage roads located on Magee Road east of La Cholla Boulevard. Engineering and environmental technical analysis including traffic report, hydraulic analysis, biological resources, cultural resources and noise analysis will take place in the next few months. The next public meeting will be held in winter 2008/2009, and will present the recommended alternatives as well as the findings from the technical analysis.

Project Web site:

[www.roadprojects.pima.gov/cortaromagee/](http://www.roadprojects.pima.gov/cortaromagee/)