

La Cholla Boulevard: Magee Road to Overton Road



Project Information

1. What are the limits of the project?

- La Cholla Boulevard will be improved from north of Magee Road through the Overton Road intersection.
- Oro Valley is designing and constructing RTA improvements from Overton Road to Tangerine Road, estimated between 2021-2026.
- Pima County has a separate project to improve the Magee Road & La Cholla Boulevard Intersection, which is currently under construction.
- Oro Valley has a separate project to improve Tangerine Road.

2. What are the benefits of the project?

- Provides all-weather crossings over major and minor washes, which will eliminate roadway closures during storm events.
- Provides a safe parkway-type alternative north-south route to La Cañada Road and Oracle Road.
- Connects the previously widened La Cholla Boulevard from Ruthrauff Road to Magee Road.
- Improves bicycle and pedestrian mobility and safety.
- Enhances the right-of-way with landscape and public art.

3. What type of improvements will the project contain?

- Proposed improvements include: four travel lanes, paved shoulders for bicycles, multi-use path, curbs and storm drains, intersection improvements, a new four-lane bridge with concrete deck over the Cañada Del Oro Wash, a raised landscaped median, and public art.
- Rubberized asphalt paving for durability and reduced sound impacts.
- Walls to mitigate sound where warranted.
- The voters of Pima County approved the scope of this project in the RTA vote of 2006.

4. How long will it take to improve La Cholla Boulevard?

- Design is 95% complete.
- Utility relocations have already begun.
- Construction is expected to begin in late 2011 or early 2012. Construction takes approximately 1.5 - 2 years.
- The schedule is dependent on permitting from the Army Corps of Engineers, utility relocations, and unforeseen field situations.

5. How wide is the La Cholla Boulevard right-of-way?

- Generally the right-of-way needed varies from approximately 150' to 200' wide.

6. Will there be public input on this project?

- A Community Advisory Committee (CAC) has been meeting with the design team. Input from the CAC was considered in design and all CAC input was shared with the Board of Supervisors before preliminary design concepts were approved.
- An Equestrian Survey was distributed to the community.
- Public input is gathered at Open Houses through a survey. Open Houses have been held on Dec. 1, 2009, March 30, 2010, and June 21, 2011.

7. How can I learn more about the project?

- The project web site is at: <http://www.roadprojects.pima.gov/LaChollanorth/>
- Questions can be directed to: Julie Simon, Pima County Community Relations, 740-6410.