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Community Advisory Committee Meeting

October 18, 2016



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Meeting Topics

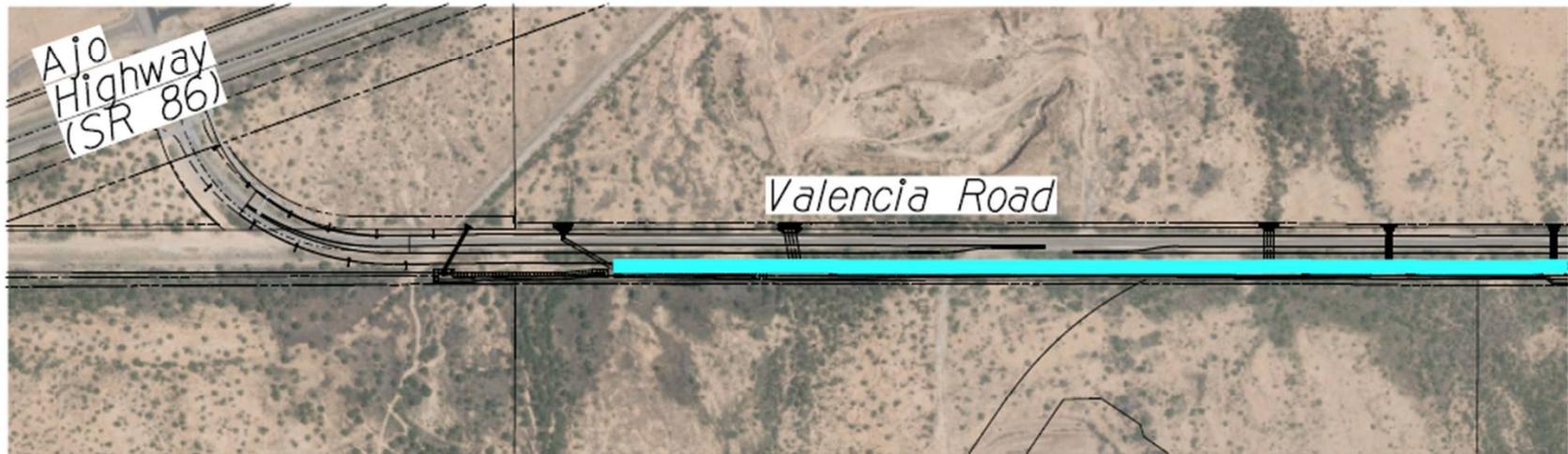
- Introductions
- Project Status Update
- Design Concept Report - Comments
- *Draft* Environmental Assessment & Mitigation Report
 - Review of Multiple Areas/Sections
- Art Selection Update
- Upcoming Meetings
- Open Discussion



Design Concept Report

- Pedestrian Movements
- Landscape/Re-vegetation
- Other Items

Pedestrian Movements - West



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



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Landscape/Re-vegetation

- Concern with landscape similar to previous section

Other Items/Concerns



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Draft Environmental Assessment & Mitigation Report (EAMR)

Section 1.0 - Background

Section 2.0 - Project Purpose and Need

Section 3.0 - Project Setting

Section 4.0 – Proposed Project



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Draft Environmental Assessment & Mitigation Report (EAMR)

Environmental Screening
Biological
Drainage & Clean Water Act
Floodplain
Air Quality
Noise
Utilities

Hazardous Materials
Construction
Historic/Cultural Resources
Visual Resources
Neighborhood Impacts
Agency Coordination
Public Participation



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Environmental Screening (Section 5.0)

- Multiple areas of review to identify and consider project activities, regulatory permitting issues/requirements, and other issues/needs associated with the project impacting the environment.
- Findings of these reports and analyses conducted during the environmental screening process are included in the EAMR, as appropriate.
- Each Environmental aspect details existing conditions, potential impacts, mitigation measures and permits necessary for project construction are noted.



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Biological (Section 6.1.1)

- A review of the area biology – a Relevé Survey, identification of Vegetation and invasive species , Protected Native Plant Survey, Sensitive Habitats and Connectivity review, and Sensitive Species review.
- General review of existing conditions and potential impacts from project.
- Evaluation of various mitigation measures to be included with project.

Drainage & Clean Water Act (Section 6.1.2)

- A review of area drainage and permitting requirements, included Section 401, 402 and 404 requirements.
- Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination – USACOE Issue
- Evaluation of various mitigation strategies to minimize impact on stream courses.



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Floodplain (Section 6.1.3)

- Evaluate potential impacts to floodplains as defined by FEMA and the PCRFC D.
- Project area is also subject to requirements of the PCRFC D floodplain and riparian ordinances.
- Evaluation of various mitigation strategies to minimize impact on floodplains and riparian areas.



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Air Quality (Section 6.1.4)

- Evaluates potential impacts related to criteria pollutants as established by the EPA for National Ambient Air Quality Standards
- Project is included in the PAG Transportation Improvements Project List and is in Regional Air Quality Conformity.
- Evaluation of various mitigation strategies to minimize and control dust during project efforts.



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Noise (Section 6.1.5)

- Analysis of, and mitigation for, project-related noise impacts are guided by the Pima County Noise Analysis and Mitigation Guidance for Major Roadway Projects, amended April 8, 2008.
- Noise Report (May 2016) documented no projected noise levels exceeding the 67 decibel threshold considered for noise abatement.
- No noise walls are warranted/recommended.

Utilities (Section 6.1.6)

- Identified utilities present in the project area and potential impacts to those utilities.
- Some of the utilities existing along the corridor will require relocation to accommodate project.
- Identified various mitigation strategies to inform customers and minimize utility service interruptions.



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Hazardous Materials (Section 6.1.7)

- Evaluates the project impacts relative to potential hazardous materials in the project area.
- A Preliminary Initial Site Assessment (PISA) was prepared in July 2016 which reviewed Federal and State hazardous materials databases and included a field survey. No soil or groundwater contamination issues were found to be present.
- Identified various mitigation strategies should hazardous materials be encountered during the construction of the project.



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Construction (Section 6.1.8)

- Evaluates potential impacts that may result from activities related to project construction, including traffic control, dust control, and construction noise.
- Identified mitigation strategies to be followed, including development of appropriate traffic control plans to maintain access, potential project sequencing, and requirements/control measures for noise and dust issues that will accompany the project construction efforts.

Historic/Cultural Resources (Section 6.1.9)

- Assessment of historic and cultural resources that could be impacted by the project, including Class I (records review) and Class III (pedestrian survey) assessment.
- A Cultural Report was prepared which reflected findings of the assessment.
- Identified mitigation strategies to be followed should cultural resources be encountered during construction of the project.

Visual Resources (Section 6.1.10)

- Assessment of the viewsheds in the project vicinity and an analysis of impacts to viewers and viewsheds.
- The existing conditions and analysis was documented in the Visual Assessment Report.
- Identified potential impacts and mitigation strategies to be incorporated into the project design.



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Neighborhood Impacts (Section 6.1.11)

- Assessments of impacts to the built environment, including neighborhoods, commercial property, and social services, and consistency with local jurisdiction planning.
- Identified mitigation strategies to be followed to minimize impacts on neighborhoods and acquisition of any additional right of way for project construction



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Agency Coordination (Section 7.0)

- Identification of Federal, State and Local Agencies to coordinate with during planning, design, and construction of project, along with current and future efforts associated with each entity.
 - Federal
 - COE, USFWS, BLM*, FEMA
 - State
 - ADOT, ADEQ, AGFD, ADA, SHPO
 - Local
 - PCRFC, PCOSC, PCDEQ, RTA



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Public Participation (Section 8.0)

- Discussion of the background associated with the Public Participation efforts of the project
- Review of the meetings held to date and topics reviewed/discussed during those sessions.
- Discussion of planned meetings to occur in the future, along with the topics to be reviewed/discussed.

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Art Selection Update

- Coordinated by Arts Foundation
- Notice for Initial Meeting
- Emailed to Members for Dates





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Upcoming Meetings

- November 15 – CAC Meeting (5:00 – 6:00 PM)
- November 15 – Public Open House – (6:30 – 7:30 PM)



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Valencia Road - Wade Road to Ajo Way

Project Cost: 25,000,000

Project Status: Under Design-Estimated

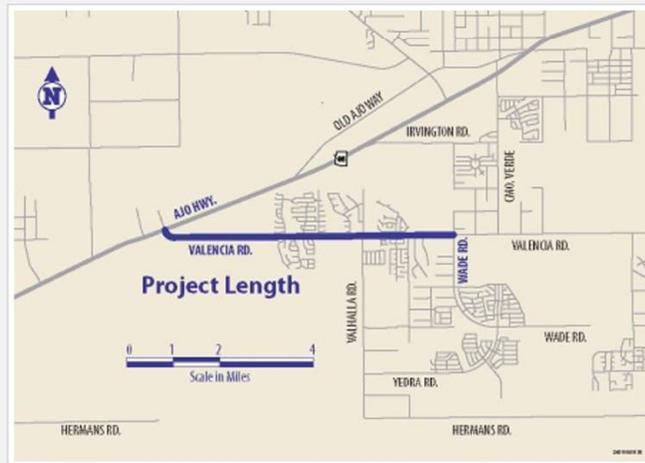
Duration Spring 2016 thru Spring 2018

Completion Date: Anticipated Construction

Duration Spring 2018 to Fall 2019

Engineer/Contractor: Kimley Horn/TBD

The Pima County Department of Transportation (PCDOT) is beginning the design stages of the Valencia Road: Wade Road to Ajo Way improvement project. This project is part of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) program (1/2 cent sales tax) passed by the voters in May of 2006.



The proposed improvements consist of widening the existing roadway in order to improve safety, reduce congestion, improve operations and increase mobility. Improvements will include additional travel lanes, raised landscaped median, bike lanes in each direction and a multi-use pathway for pedestrians.

Contact Information

Project Documents

Community Advisory Committee

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Valencia Road - Wade Road...

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Project Documents

- [Draft EAMR 10-18-16.pdf](#)
- [Environmental Screening Documents.pdf](#)
- [4RTVWE DRAFT DCR.pdf](#)
- [4RTVWE Initial Design Plans.pdf](#)
- [Draft Final Traffic Memo.pdf](#)
- [Hazardous Materials - Sept 2016.PDF](#)
- [Visual Assessment - Oct 2016.pdf](#)
- [Cultural Resources - Aug 2016.pdf](#)
- [Initial Drainage Report - Aug 2016.pdf](#)
- [Biological Evaluation 1st Submittal - Aug 2016.pdf](#)
- [BLM Renewal Cover Letter 083116.pdf](#)
- [BLM Plan of Development 083116 A-18241.pdf](#)
- [BLM Plan of Development 083116 A-18432.pdf](#)
- [Noise Study - June 2016 \(1\).pdf](#)
- [Proposed project map- Exhibit 1-6 \(CAC 8/25/16\)](#)

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Open Discussion

- Questions
- Other Concerns
- Next Steps