



# Loop 101 (Pima Freeway): Interstate 17 to Pima Road

## WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

### OVERVIEW

The Arizona Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration have initiated a project to widen and improve the Loop 101 (Pima Freeway) from Interstate 17 in Phoenix, east to Pima Road in Scottsdale.

Improvements are needed to address growing traffic demands in the north and northeast Valley and help relieve traffic congestion on the Loop 101 during morning and evening peak travel periods.

#### Major elements of the project include:

- ▶ Adding one general purpose lane in each direction between I-17 and Pima Road
- ▶ Adding an auxiliary lane in each direction between Seventh Street and Cave Creek Road
- ▶ Constructing a new freeway overpass structure at the future Miller Road alignment
- ▶ Modifying freeway ramps and frontage road connections at 11 interchanges

The primary funding source for regional freeway improvements is a half-cent sales tax approved by county voters in 2004, as well as federal highway funds.

#### Design-Build Project

ADOT is using the design-build (D/B) alternative delivery process for this project. The D/B process pairs a civil engineering firm with a construction company to create one “design-build” team. This team is responsible for the entire project, from design through construction.

This alternative delivery method differs from the more traditional “design-bid-build” process, in which a project is completed in two phases – design and then construction – by different contractors. The D/B method creates more opportunities for innovation, which can reduce costs and the time it takes to complete the project.

#### Proposed Construction Schedule

February 2019	Construction begins
Early 2021	Construction ends
Fiscal Year 2021	A similar widening project is tentatively scheduled to begin on Loop 101 from Pima Road to Shea Boulevard in Scottsdale



### WHAT TO EXPECT

Drivers should allow for extra time when traveling on this segment of Loop 101 during construction. A project of this magnitude requires all “parts” of the freeway to be rebuilt within the project area, including ramps, overpasses, underpasses, frontage roads, noise/retaining walls and landscaping.

Travel lanes could be reconfigured, and the posted speed limit lowered, to accommodate construction personnel and equipment.

ADOT is requiring the contractor to maintain three lanes of traffic – plus the carpool lane – in each direction during construction.

Work will generally occur during daytime hours, Mondays - Fridays. However, overnight and weekend traffic restrictions and, at times, full closures might be necessary during the course of the project. Schedules are subject to change based on weather and other unforeseen factors.

### STAY CONNECTED

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