



Connecting with Connect 202

As construction gets under-way on the South Mountain Freeway Project, Connect 202 Partners, LLC (C202P) continues its commitment to reaching the project's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goals. C202P has developed a DBE Spotlight Recognition Program and each quarter a DBE firm will be recognized for their outstanding contribution to the project.

C202P's 1st Quarter 2018 DBE Spotlight is awarded to Hoque & Associates, Inc. Hoque & Associates is providing Quality Control services related to the embankment compaction testing and drilled shaft CSL testing on the Project. Hoque & Associates is integral to the embankment operations schedule, by completing compaction tests concurrently with placement to allow efficient scraper haul/placement in roadway fills. Their ability to provide timely testing and accurate reporting for CSL testing results is essential to maintaining the schedule for bridge substructure activities. Their willingness to work through report submittal questions and provide additional documentation to close out test report submittals, has been instrumental to the completion of the Project. Hoque & Associates recently started supporting the design coordination quality process and have been a real asset in updating project design documentation and closing design processes. Congratulations!



<http://hoqueandassociates.com/>

Pictured Left to Right: Walter Fedrowitz (C202P, Deputy Project Director), Melissa Abraham (C202P, DBE/OJT Compliance Manager), Ron Dukeshier (C202P, Construction Manager), Mahmuda Hoque (Hoque & Associates), Travis Legare (C202P, Salt River Segment Manager), Cody McElprang (Hoque & Associates), Walter Lewis (C202P, Project Director), Enamul Hoque (Hoque & Associates)

Upcoming Procurement Opportunities:

- Permanent Fence
- Base Paving Cross Streets
- Pipe Welder

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Owner:
Arizona Department of Transportation

Project Name:
SR 202L (South Mountain Freeway)

I-10 (Maricopa Freeway) –
I-10 (Papago Freeway)

Public Private Partnership (P3)

Design-Build-Maintain Contract

Project Number:
202 MA 054 H882701 C

Project Substantial Completion Date:
November 2019

DBE Goals:
16.45% Professional Services, 10.93%
Construction, 6.08% Capital Asset
Replacement Work



DBE News & Events

January 31, 2018

Paving, Revamped I-40/I-17 Interchange Highlight

Pavement improvement along Interstates 17 and 40 and a revamped I-17/I-40 interchange in Flagstaff highlight Arizona Department of Transportation projects planned for northern Arizona in 2018.

This spring, crews will return to lay the final layer of asphalt along a 12-mile stretch of Interstate 40 between Parks and Riordan, completing that project. Repaving on I-40 west of Flagstaff will then pick up in Parks at milepost 179 and head 17 miles west to Cataract Lake in Williams.

Northbound Interstate 17 will also receive a facelift this year as crews replace pavement from milepost 312 to milepost 340 near the I-40 interchange. The work will address winter damage the highway has suffered over the years.

In addition to the repaving work, a separate project will continue completely rebuilding 5 miles of I-40 west of Williams between mileposts 156 and 161 in the westbound direction. Crews rebuilt the eastbound lanes last summer.

I-40 will have 34 miles of new pavement in each direction west of Flagstaff when these projects are complete. This new pavement will provide a longer-term fix to deterioration resulting from the many freeze-thaw cycles the area sees each winter, along with snow, snowplowing and commercial truck traffic.

Another major project coming to the Flagstaff area this year will improve the I-17/I-40 interchange in Flagstaff by replacing three bridge decks and replacing pavement on the ramps, among other work.

In the Verde Valley, crews are continuing to widen 9 miles of State Route 260 west of Interstate 17. The project, scheduled to finish before year's end, is nearly halfway complete with the new eastbound lanes paved up to Coury Drive from I-17. Work is proceeding on seven roundabout intersections between I-17 and Thousand Trails Road.

The \$62M project will improve safety and traffic flow in the growing Verde Valley area.

Among other projects planned for northern Arizona in 2018, crews will return this summer to complete a project widening along US 60 in Show Low between State Route 77 and 40th Street. In addition to laying the final layer of asphalt, the work includes completing sidewalks and landscaping. •

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In the News

January 31, 2018

Long-term options for 80-mile stretch of US 191 don't include closure

Any change would stem from collaboration between ADOT, area stakeholders

While the Arizona Department of Transportation plans to involve the community in developing long-term plans for maintaining US 191 between Morenci and Alpine, closing this stretch is not – and never has been – among the options under consideration.

“While ADOT isn’t proposing any concrete action, we want to have a transparent and detailed discussion with all stakeholders to determine the best long-term plan for US 191 through this area,” said Bill Harmon, district engineer for ADOT’s Southeast District. “Such a discussion would involve residents, local agencies, elected leaders and other stakeholders. Among other issues, it would take into account the area’s public safety needs.”

The 80-mile stretch of US 191 between Morenci and Alpine is one of the least-traveled in the state highway system, used on average by 81 vehicles per day.

The winding, high-altitude path through national forest that makes this stretch so beautiful for motorists also makes it expensive to maintain: The average annual cost was \$658,000 between 2011 and 2016, in large part due to plowing snow and addressing damage from harsh winter weather.

Long-term options that could be developed over the coming years include partnerships with other agencies to share maintenance costs, exploring federal funding and grant opportunities to offset maintenance, operation and construction costs, or turning the stretch over to local jurisdictions willing to take it into their systems.

“With transportation funding limited and nearly 7,000 miles of state highways to maintain, ADOT has an obligation to collaborate with area stakeholders in developing long-term plans for low-volume routes,” Harmon said. “We understand that US 191 is important to connectivity within and between Greenlee and Apache counties, and that must be the starting point for these discussions.” ●

I-10 Widening in Casa Grande to Start in 60 Days

By Heather Smathers for Casa Grande Dispatch

State transportation officials say work will begin on Interstate 10 in Casa Grande within the next 60 days, widening the route to Tucson.

A widening project at Earley Road is expected to be approved by the State Transportation Board. Work will begin by mid-March, said Tom Herrmann, an Arizona Department of Transportation spokesman.

Herrmann gave a presentation to the Economic Development Group of Eloy last week.

ADOT has big plans for Pinal County over the next 18 months, Herrmann said.

Four projects are or soon will be underway. In addition to the widening at

Earley Road, ADOT officials will also reconstruct a bridge over I-10 near the current alignment at Jimmie Kerr Boulevard.

The entire Earley Road and Jimmie Kerr Boulevard project will take about 480 days to complete, although that work will just be for the first phase of the project.

South on I-10, work already has begun on a widening project at Picacho. Work at the State Route 87 interchange is part of that widening project. When both the Earley and Picacho widening projects are complete, drivers will have a six-lane interstate between Casa Grande and Tucson.

Read more at [Casa Grande Dispatch](#).

