



## FACT SHEET

### Project Overview

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has begun finalizing the design plans to widen Interstate 10 between Ruthrauff Road and Prince Road, including reconstruction of the Prince Road traffic interchange. Currently, this stretch of I-10 is three lanes in each direction. ADOT plans to widen the freeway to four lanes in each direction, which would be able to better handle increases in traffic. Funding availability and a high priority recommendation from the Pima Association of Governments allowed the project to be moved forward.

ADOT also plans to rebuild the I-10/Prince Road traffic interchange, so that Prince Road would pass over the Union Pacific railroad tracks and I-10. This proposal would address traffic congestion at the railroad crossing on Prince Road by allowing traffic, including emergency services vehicles, to pass over the railroad tracks. The Federal Highway Administration recommends overpasses above as many cross streets as possible for safety purposes.

ADOT has scheduled the I-10 project from Ruthrauff Road to Prince Road to begin construction in the fall of 2010. The project is currently funded at \$68M for construction and anticipated to go to bid for construction in the summer of 2010.

### Construction Impacts

Under ADOT's selected alternative, construction would take up to 18 months. For about six months, Prince Road would be closed under I-10. Some frontage road closures and ramp closures at the I-10/Prince Road traffic interchange would also occur during construction. Access to all properties in the construction area would be maintained, although drivers may need to use alternate routes.

During construction, ADOT will provide information about construction impacts through roadway signs, weekly traffic alerts, news media announcements and a project Web site. ADOT will also hold periodic meetings to discuss construction-related traffic impacts with emergency services providers, area businesses and other interested parties.

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