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I-10 Widening Project Nears Milestone

TUCSON: The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) announces that the I-10 Widening project, southern Arizona's largest transportation construction project to date, is nearing a milestone marking 50 percent completion. The \$200 million project that began in January 2007 has completed building nearly half of the 4.5 miles of highway from Prince Road to 29th Street. The first improved section from Prince Road to Speedway Boulevard will be opened to allow interstate traffic to travel on the new pavement and structures north of St. Mary's Road.

To facilitate this change, ADOT will be closing east- and westbound I-10 temporarily from Friday, May 30 at 10 p.m. until Monday, June 2 at 5 a.m. During the closure, crews will be working to build the transition areas to the new pavement. Motorists will be detoured to the frontage roads during the temporary closure.

When I-10 reopens on June 2, drivers will be traveling on the west side of the freeway between Prince Road and 29th Street and should notice very little change in traffic control and signage. The final rubberized asphalt paving will not occur until the completion of the entire interstate project, but 60 percent of roadway will have a new concrete surface. The interstate will remain two lanes in each direction and three lanes on the frontage roads for the remainder of the construction. Emergency pullouts have been added at each of the newly constructed closed entrance and exit ramps on eastbound I-10 from Prince Road to Speedway Boulevard and at each bridge on westbound I-10 from St. Mary's Road to Miracle Mile.

Overall, ADOT has successfully accomplished the following tasks on the I-10 Widening project:

- Half of each of the bridges/underpasses have been demolished and reconstructed at seven cross streets: Grant Road, Speedway Boulevard, St. Mary's Road, Congress Street, Granada Avenue/Cushing Street, 18th Street and 22nd Street
- The state-of-the-art Interim Traffic Operations Center (ITOC) constructed for safety, traffic management and real-time information on I-10, continues to be staffed around the clock and keeps public and emergency services informed of traffic conditions
- Traffic has flowed smoothly during the ramp closures on the expressway section with monitoring from the ITOC
- All area businesses have normal access to frontage roads and major cross streets
- Traffic impacts were minimized during large events such as the Tucson Gem, Mineral & Fossil Showcase and the recent PGA tournament
- The successful business outreach program and workshops continue during construction
- A collaborative partnering effort continues between ADOT and the City of Tucson
- The speed limit on the three-lane frontage roads has been maintained at 40 and 45 mph
- The speed limit on I-10 has been maintained at 55 mph throughout the construction zone
- Large trucks are restricted to the right lane only on the expressway

To Stay Informed

The public may check on current traffic impacts online or by phone. For online updates, go to www.i10tucson.com and click on Traffic Alerts. While online, the public may view routing maps and other project details, sign up to receive e-mail traffic alerts, and click on www.transview.org for a camera view of I-10 traffic. The I-10 hotline number is (520) 327-6444 or toll-free (877) 961-1010.

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