

For the Proposed NORTHERN PARKWAY

Design and Environmental Studies



What: Public Hearing to Comment on the Northern Parkway Draft Environmental Assessment (EA)
When: Wednesday, October 14, 2009
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., with a brief presentation at 5:30 p.m.
Where: Raymond S. Kellis High School, 8990 W. Orangewood Ave. Glendale, AZ 85305

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The Cities of El Mirage, Glendale, and Peoria as well as Maricopa County, in cooperation with Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), have prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Northern Parkway Project between Loop 303 and US 60 (Grand Avenue). The project would be developed and funded through a partnership between the Cities of El Mirage, Glendale, and Peoria; FHWA; and the Maricopa County Department of Transportation. The purpose of the project is to construct a regional transportation facility to improve regional connectivity from the West Valley to major roadways such as Loop 303, Loop 101, and US 60 (Grand Avenue), improve travel time, regional facility spacing, and west/east traffic flow and serve population growth.

ABOUT THE EA

The purpose of the EA is to identify, analyze, and evaluate the potential impacts on the natural and human environment that could result from construction and operation of the Northern Parkway transportation facility. The EA also proposes measures to avoid or minimize potential impacts of the project. Impacts include those that are short-term, occurring during construction, or long-term impacts that would result from operation of the Northern Parkway facility.

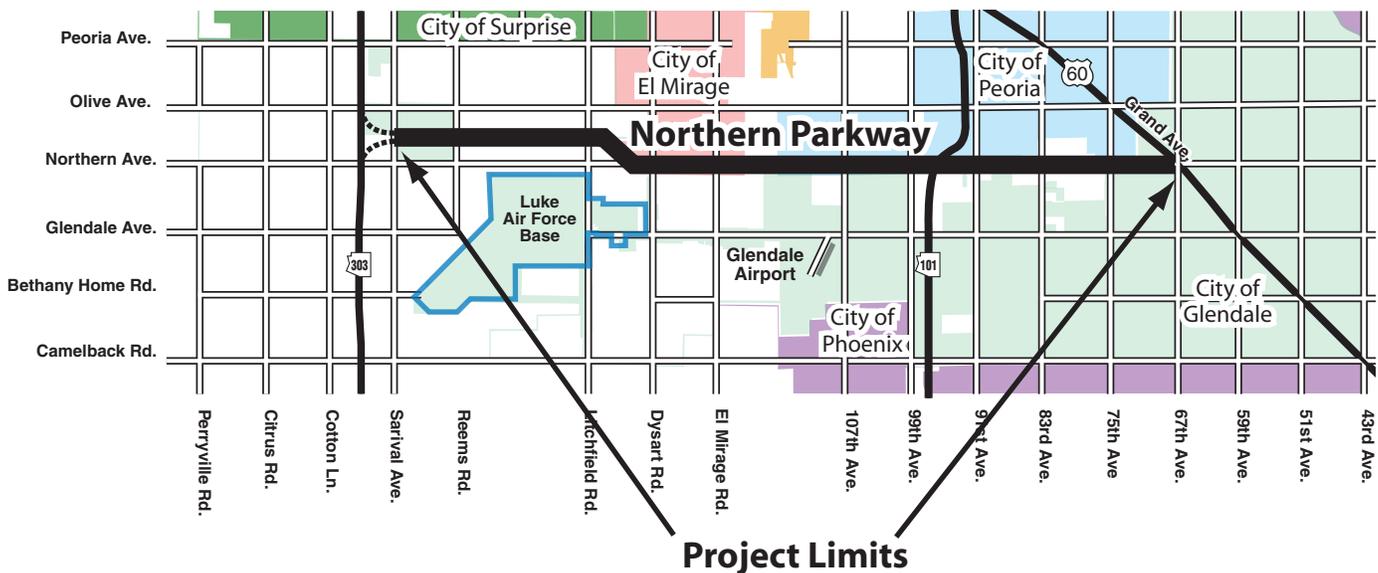
At this stage in the planning process, the study team has completed the environmental studies and documented the results in a Draft EA. Agencies, tribes, and the general public are invited to provide comments on the Draft EA. These comments will be reviewed and responses will be provided in the Final EA. The Final EA also may include revisions or additions to the document, and will be prepared by the City of Glendale, in cooperation with ADOT and FHWA. The Final EA will be approved by ADOT and FHWA prior to final project approval.

PARTNER AGENCIES

- City of El Mirage
- City of Glendale
- City of Peoria
- Maricopa County Department of Transportation

OTHER PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

- Arizona Department of Transportation
- Federal Highway Administration
- Maricopa Association of Governments
- Luke Air Force Base
- Flood Control District of Maricopa County

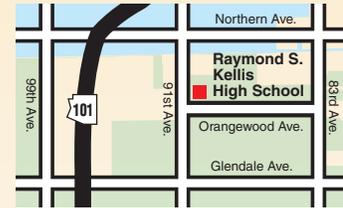


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Please join us for a Public Hearing to view informational displays of the proposed project components and to provide comments on the Northern Parkway Draft EA. The study team will be on hand to answer questions and to take your written comments. A court reporter also will be available to take verbal comments.



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Review the Draft EA at www.northernparkway-info.com and at the following locations during business hours:

Glendale Public Library –

Velma Teague Branch	Mon, Thu	9am–9pm
7010 N. 58th Ave.	Tues, Wed	9am–6pm
Glendale, AZ 85301	Fri, Sat	9am–5pm
623.930.3430	Sun	1pm–5pm

Peoria Public Library –

Main Branch	Mon – Thu	9am–8pm
8463 W. Monroe St.	Fri, Sat	9am–6pm
Peoria, AZ. 85345	Sun	1pm–5pm
623.773.7555		

Youngtown Library

12035 Clubhouse Square		
Youngtown, AZ 85363	Mon – Fri	10am –4pm
623.974.3401	Sat	10am–1pm

Maricopa County Library –

El Mirage Branch	Mon–Wed	9am–5pm
14011 N. 1st Avenue	Thur	10am–7pm
El Mirage, AZ 85335	Fri, Sat	9am–5pm
602.652.3000		

If you cannot attend the Public Hearing, you may submit comments on the project website, send an email to contact@northernparkway-info.com, or contact Sunny Bush, URS Corporation, 7720 N 16th Street, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85020, fax 602-371-1615. All formal comments must be submitted in writing and received by October 30, 2009.

Si usted quisiera hablar con alguien en español, por favor llame a Christina White at (602) 648-2555.

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