



# **I-10 | LOOP 202 TO SR-387** **WILD HORSE PASS CORRIDOR**

Draft Environmental Assessment and  
Design Concept Report

## **Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board Meeting**

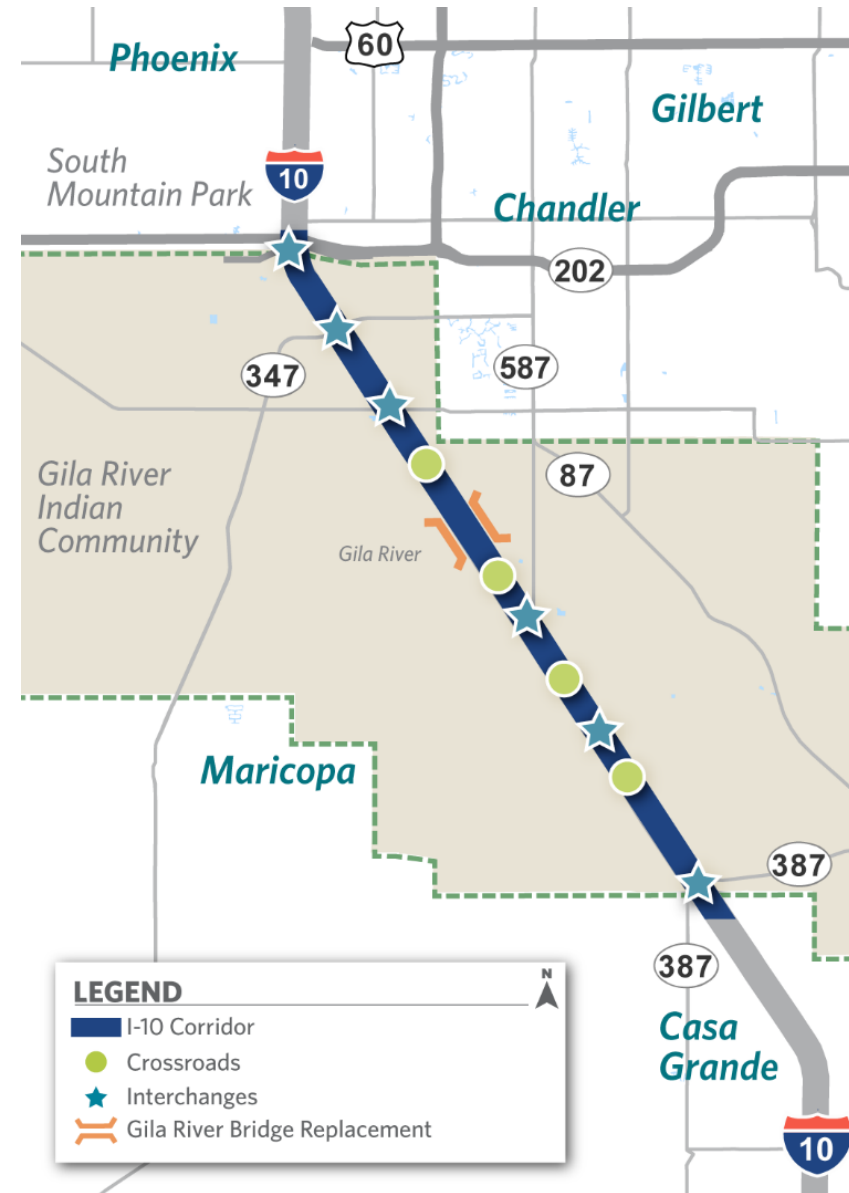
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# Agenda

- Project overview
- Recommended alternative
- Public Comments and  
Community Outreach
- Project funding
- Next steps / Final Selection

## I-10, Loop 202 to SR 387 Study

- Engineering and environmental study
- 26-mile corridor between Phoenix and Casa Grande
- I-10 mainline widening
- Interchange and crossroad improvements
- Fiber optic connectivity

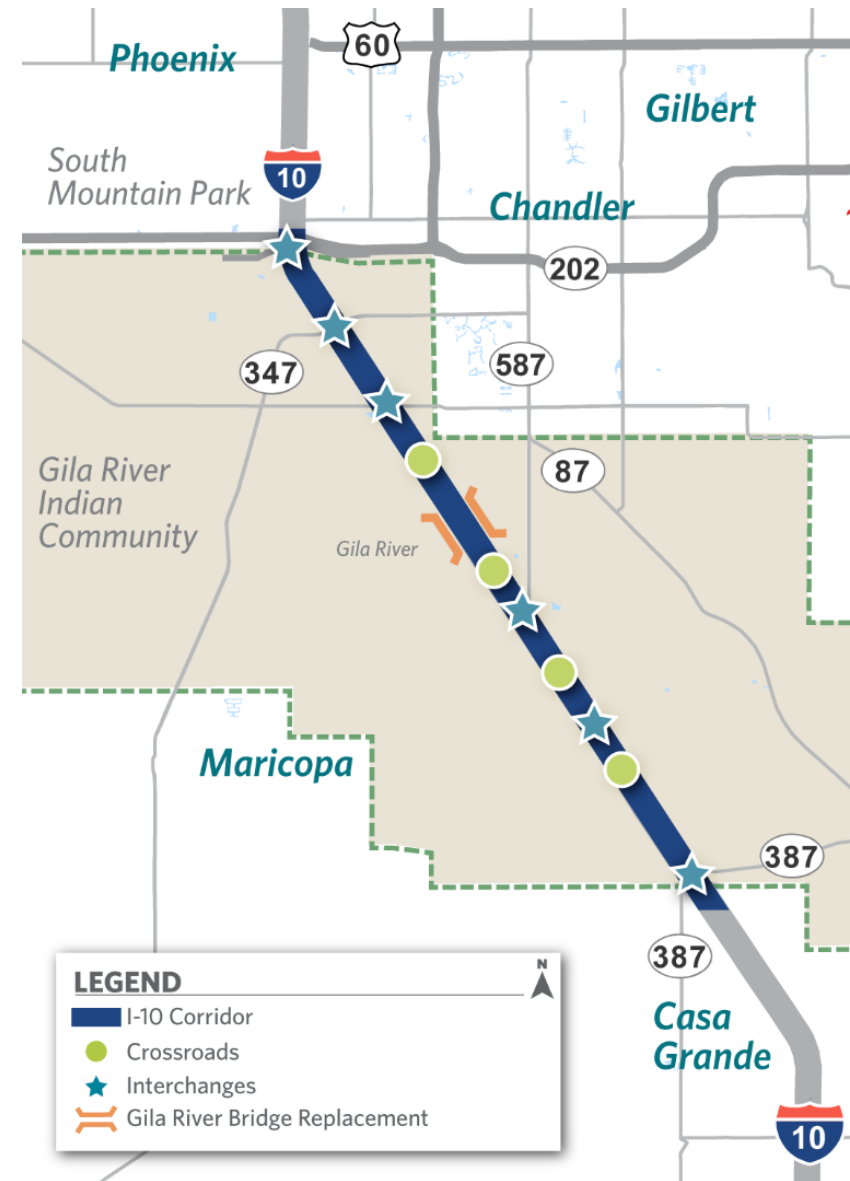


# What is the No-Build Alternative?

- The No-Build Alternative represents the existing transportation system with ongoing maintenance.
- The No-Build Alternative provides a basis against which social, environmental and economic impacts can be measured.
- The No-Build Alternative is used as a baseline, or a benchmark, to compare against the build alternatives.

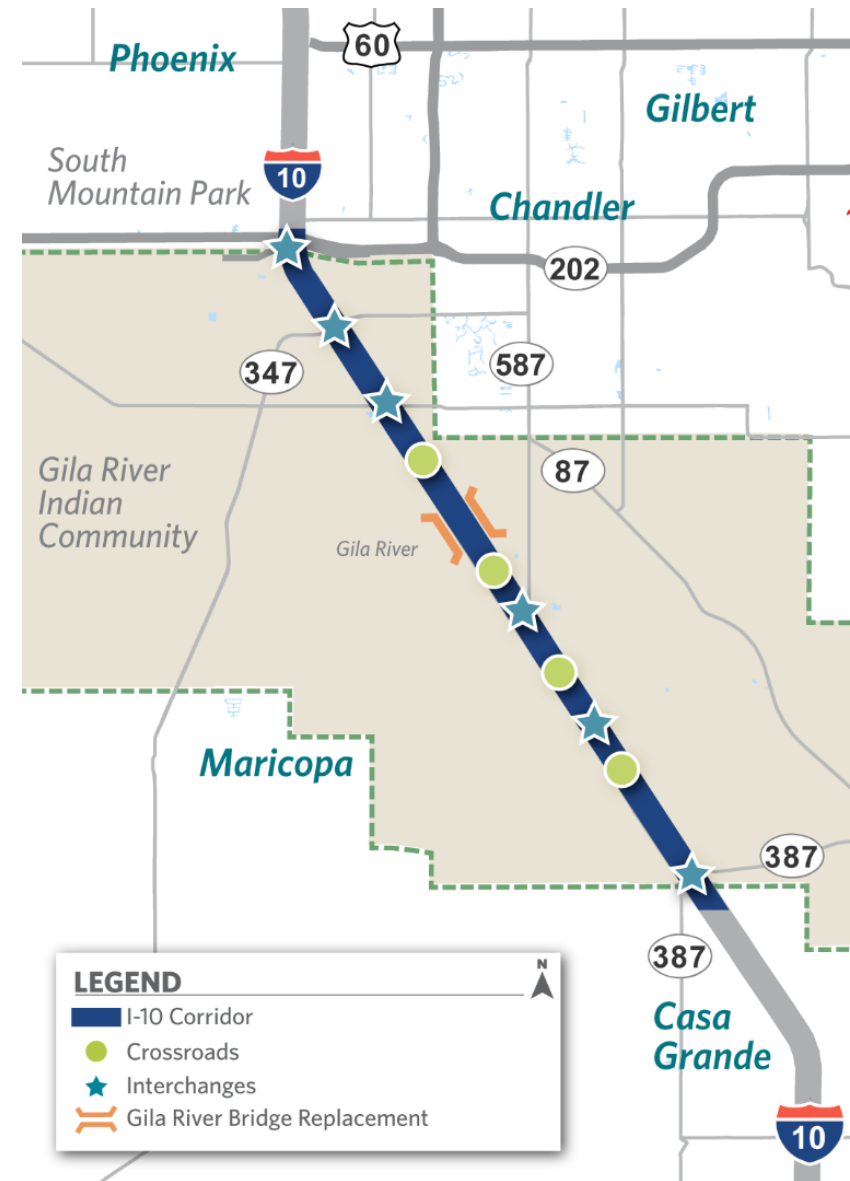
## Recommended Build Alternative (RBA)

- I-10 widening to the median
- Reconstructed interchanges
  - Wild Horse Pass Blvd.
  - SR 347/Queen Creek Rd.
  - Riggs Rd.
  - SR 587/Casa Blanca Rd.
  - SR 387/SR 187/Pinal Ave.
- New Interchange
  - Seed Farm Rd.



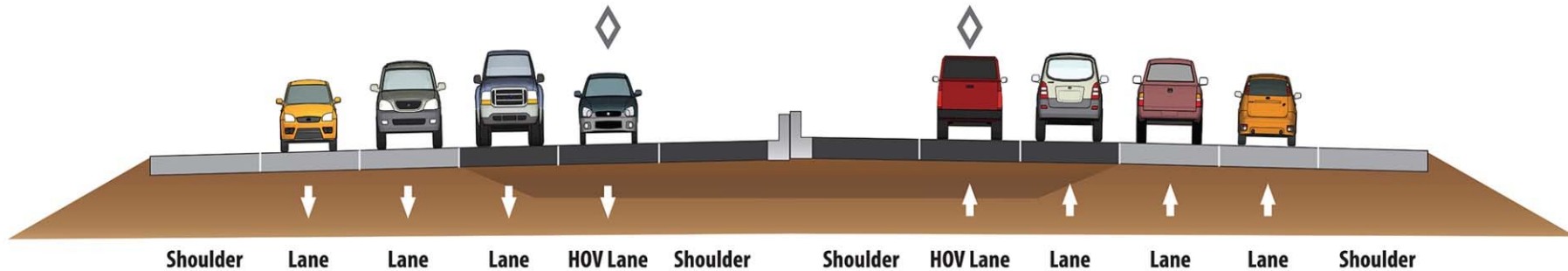
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- Upgraded crossroads
  - Goodyear Rd.
  - Nelson Rd.
  - Gasline Rd.
- Removed crossroad
  - Dirk Lay Rd. (returning easement)
- Fiber Optic Conduits
  - Will include freeway management technology

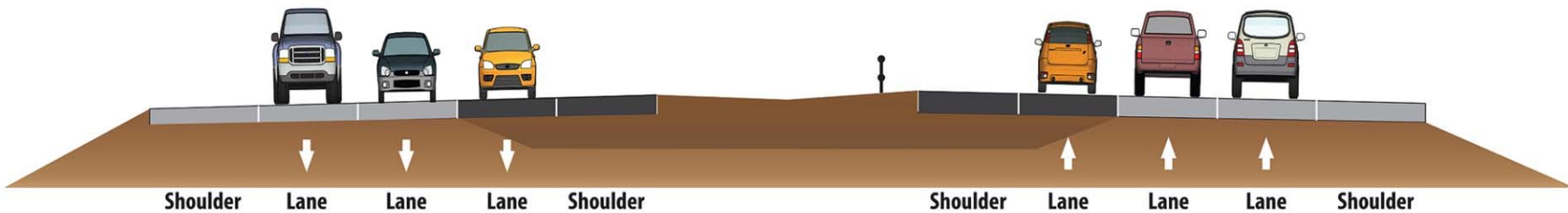


# Recommended Build Alternative: I-10 Freeway

## Loop 202 to Riggs Road



## Riggs Road to SR 387



# Recommended Build Alternative: Crossroad Examples

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**Wild Horse Pass Blvd.**



**SR 587/Casa Blanca Rd.**



**Seed Farm Rd.**





# Recommended Alternative (RA)

## The RBA is the Recommended Alternative

- The RA is documented in the draft Environmental Assessment and Design Concept Report.
- The RA was developed **using a consensus-based process** between ADOT, the Gila River Indian Community, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Maricopa Association of Governments and FHWA.
- The **No-Build Alternative does not meet study's purpose and need** and received **no notable support** from the stakeholders or from the public feedback.

# Recommended Alternative (RA)

- The RA **satisfies the study's purpose and need.**
  - Increases I-10's capacity reducing congestion and travel times.
  - Adds wide shoulders and a median barrier system reducing crashes and minimizes traffic backups and detouring due to incidents.
  - Improves interchange and crossroad operations and provides bike and pedestrian accessibility.
  - Rehabilitates or replaces pavements and bridges, reducing maintenance.

# Public Comments

- The public comment period for the Draft EA/DCR ended on **October 9, 2022.**
- 51 public comments received. The study team compiled and is responding to all comments from the partner agencies and the public.
- Public comments show strong support for the proposed improvements and have been shared with Community staff.
- Some Community concerns on the easement/right-of-way acquisitions and the protection of cultural resources, but also support for the added capacity, improved safety, and enhanced bike and pedestrian mobility



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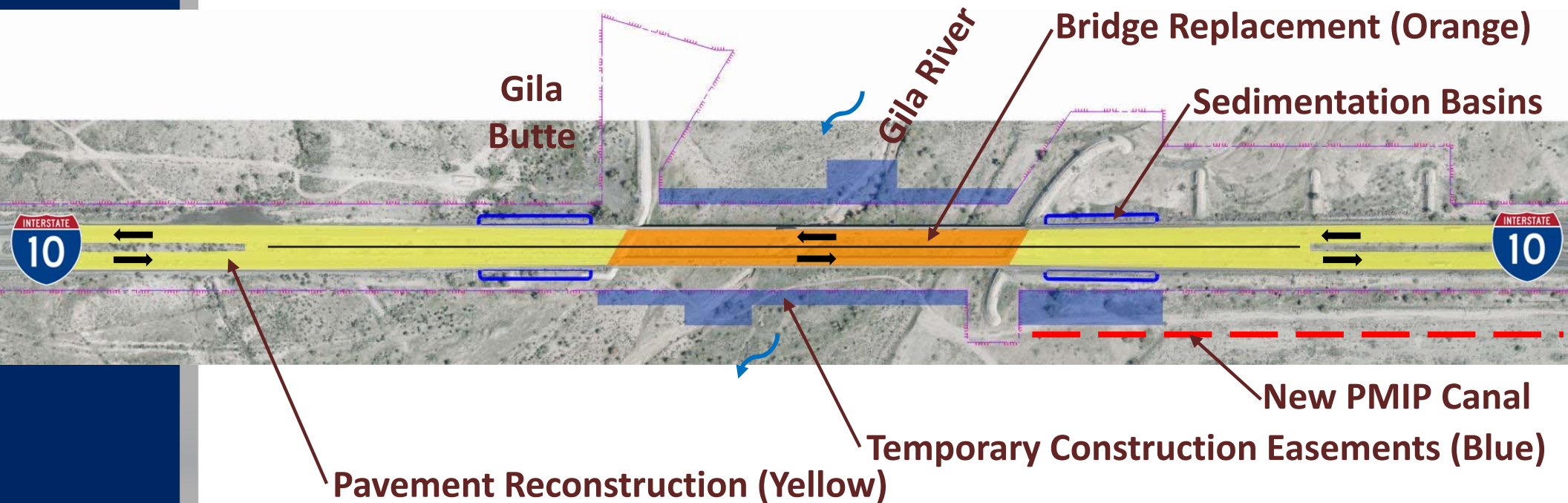
Project Update

# I-10 Bridges over the Gila River



# Bridges over the Gila River – Progress Update

- Cultural exploration and 401/404 permitting ongoing
- TCE acquisition process ongoing
- Final design plans anticipated March 2023
- Preparing to advertise for construction May/June 2023



# Project Funding Status

- Expected cost: \$990 million.
- Programmed funds to date: \$833M:
  - MAG programming \$220M
  - State Legislature and Federal programmed funds \$613M
- USDOT Mega Grant unsuccessful
- January 2023 - State Legislature has introduced bills requesting allocations to I-10
- ADOT, in coordination with GRIC, on 2023 grant applications

# Next Steps

- The public comments have been documented, reviewed and considered
- ADOT, in cooperation with the Gila River Indian Community and Bureau of Indian Affairs, will select the final alternative.
- This selection, combined with the input from the public comment period, will be documented in the final EA and DCR documents.



**Thank you!**

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**Questions?**