



Director's Report

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ADOT Director

Awards — monarch butterfly conservation

- ✓ The University of
- ✓ Illinois at Chicago
- ✓ recently recognized
- ✓ **ADOT's Environmental**
- ✓ **Planning Group** for
- ✓ monarch butterfly
- ✓ conservation efforts.



Awards — Partnering Excellence

Roadway (Under \$5 Million)

▶ **State Route 88: Fish Creek Vista to Fish Creek Bridge Roadway Repair** – Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) delivery
Nesbitt Contracting Co., Inc. and ADOT

Roadway (\$5 Million to \$25 Million)

▶ **Tonto Creek Bridge**
Ames Construction and ADOT
SR 95: Sara Park to Interstate 40
Fann Contracting, Inc. and ADOT

Roadway (Over \$25 Million)

▶ **US 93 Wickenburg Gap**
FNF Construction, Inc. and ADOT

Other Transportation Infrastructure (\$5 Million to \$25 Million)

▶ **Schultz Creek Drainage Improvements at US-180** CMAR
J. Banicki Construction, Inc. and the City of Flagstaff

Other Transportation Infrastructure (Over \$25 Million)

▶ **Light Rail Northwest Extension Phase II**
Hill International, Inc. and Valley Metro

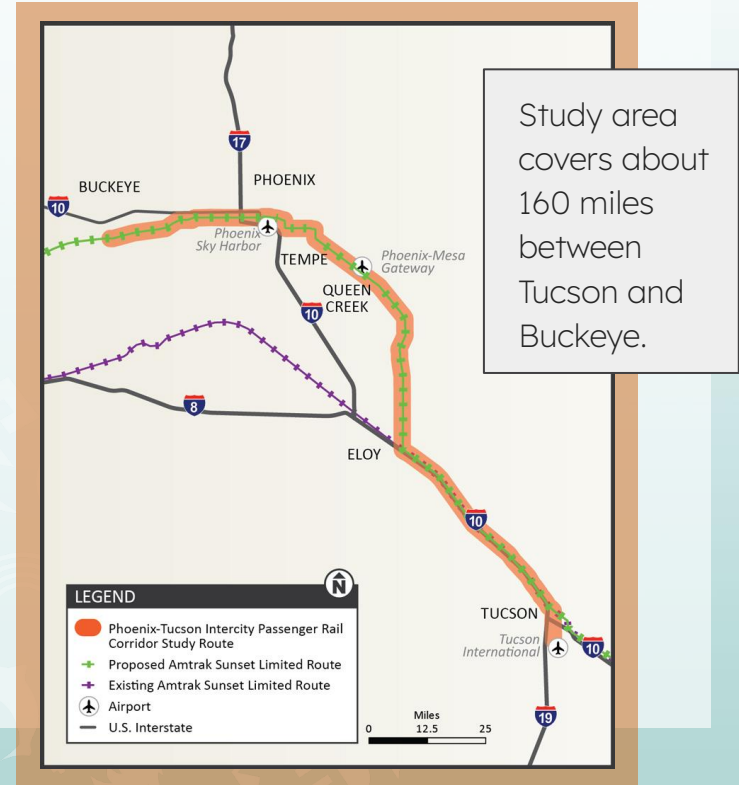
General Partnerships

▶ **Diamond Grind Pilot Program**
Maricopa Association of Governments and ADOT

Phoenix-Tucson Passenger Rail Study Update

Background

- Corridor Identification and Development Program is a federal initiative supporting development of intercity passenger rail corridors nationwide.
- ADOT selected in 2023 for Phoenix-Tucson Intercity Passenger Rail Corridor.
- Federal Railroad Administration issued a Step 1 grant of \$500,000 to ADOT.



Phoenix-Tucson Passenger Rail Study Update

On June 18, Federal Railroad Administration formally approved ADOT's Step 1 Work Plan. This is a significant milestone and now clears the way for Step 2.



Phoenix-Tucson Passenger Rail Study Update

Coordination has included ongoing engagement

- Union Pacific Railroad.
- Amtrak (overlapping study areas).
- Key stakeholder agencies — local jurisdictions, regional planning organizations and community partners along the corridor.
- Executive Leadership Team — consisting of representatives from the Governor's Office, ADOT Director and the Executive Directors of MAG, Sun Corridor MPO and PAG.



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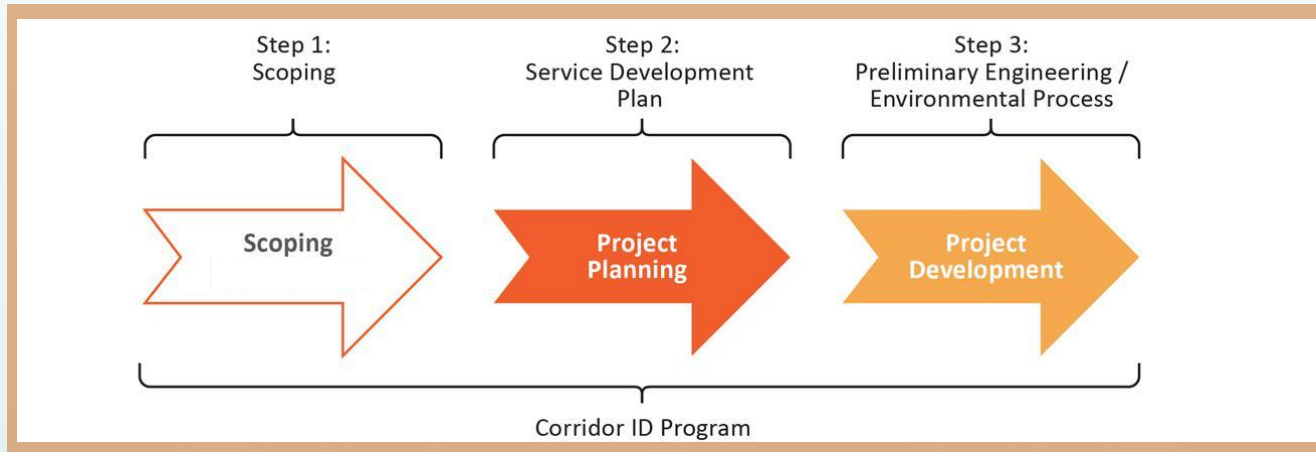
Service Development Plan will:

- Identify number and location of stations along route based on travel data analysis, technical feasibility and access.
- Determine needed infrastructure improvements.
- Forecast ridership and revenues, determine the number of trips and travel time, estimate capital and maintenance costs, and develop a plan for phasing in service.








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Next Steps




Monsoon Safety

 Visit OpenBooks  Ombudsman Citizens Aide  Register to Vote  Get the New Travel ID

**PULL ASIDE • STAY ALIVE!**

Don't drive into a DUST STORM! Pull Aside. Stay Alive!



In Arizona, dust storms most frequently occur during monsoon season (June-September) but they can pop up at any time of the year. If you're in a vehicle and a dust storm is approaching, the most important thing to do is to not drive into the dust storm. That's because visibility can drop to zero, leaving you and others driving blind and making for a dangerous situation.


If you encounter a dust storm and don't have time to exit the highway, ADOT has developed these "Pull Aside, Stay Alive" tips and video PSAs to help you know what to do to get home safely.


Will you know what to do


Safety Tips:


- Immediately check traffic around your vehicle (front, back and to the side) and begin slowing down.
- Do not wait until poor visibility makes it difficult to safely pull off the roadway – do it as soon as possible. Completely exit the highway if you can.
- Do not stop in a travel lane or in the emergency lane. Look for a safe place to pull completely off the paved portion of the roadway.
- Turn off all vehicle lights, including your emergency flashers. You do not want other vehicles approaching from behind to use your lights as a guide, possibly crashing into your parked vehicle.


Video PSAs for safe driving and dust storms:

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PullAsideStayAlive.org