

OUEEN CREEK

Intergovernmental Agreement With Maricopa County and the City of Mesa to conduct a Design Concept Report for the Germann and Sossaman Road Intersection

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Brief History

- In 2012 the Town Received a Planning Assistance For Rural Areas (PARA) Grant to study the Germann Road Corridor From Power to Ironwood Roads
- The study was led by ADOT and was in partnership with the Town of Queen Creek, Maricopa County, Pinal County, and the City of Mesa
- The Final report was issued June 2013

Corridor Study Area





Major Findings of the Report

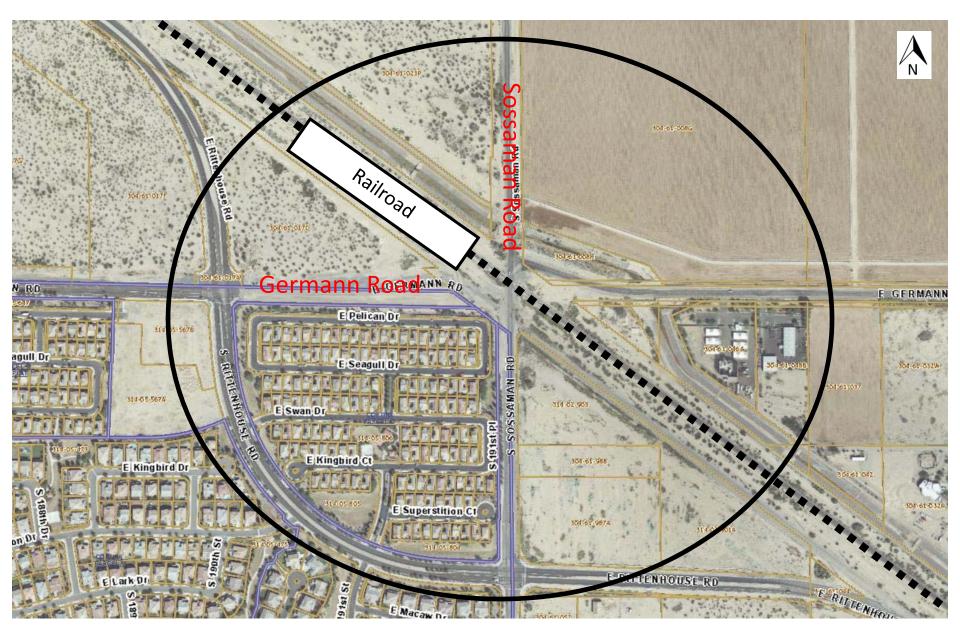
- Germann Road should follow existing alignment and remain on Section Line
- Based on future projected traffic volumes German Road is identified as 6-Lane Principal Arterial
- Realignment may be necessary at the Germann and Ironwood intersection
- A Design Concept Report Should be completed to preserve right-of-way for the Intersection of Germann and Sossaman Roads.



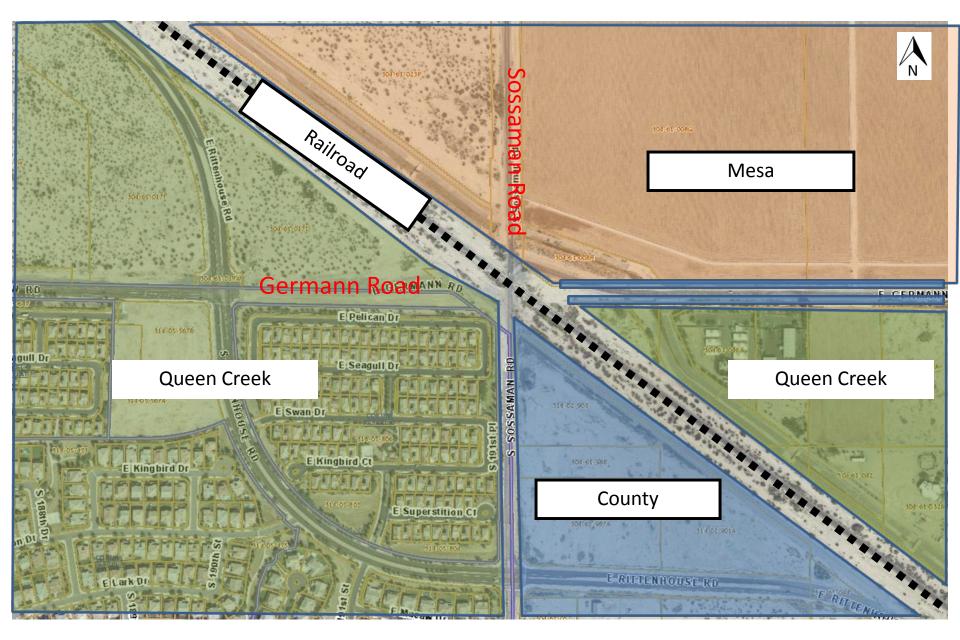
What is a Design Concept Report (DCR)?

• A DCR is a report produced to document criteria necessary to design improvements, identify available data, <u>address alternatives</u>, and recommend a solution. Once the DCR is approved, the development effort can proceed <u>without further consideration of alternatives</u>.

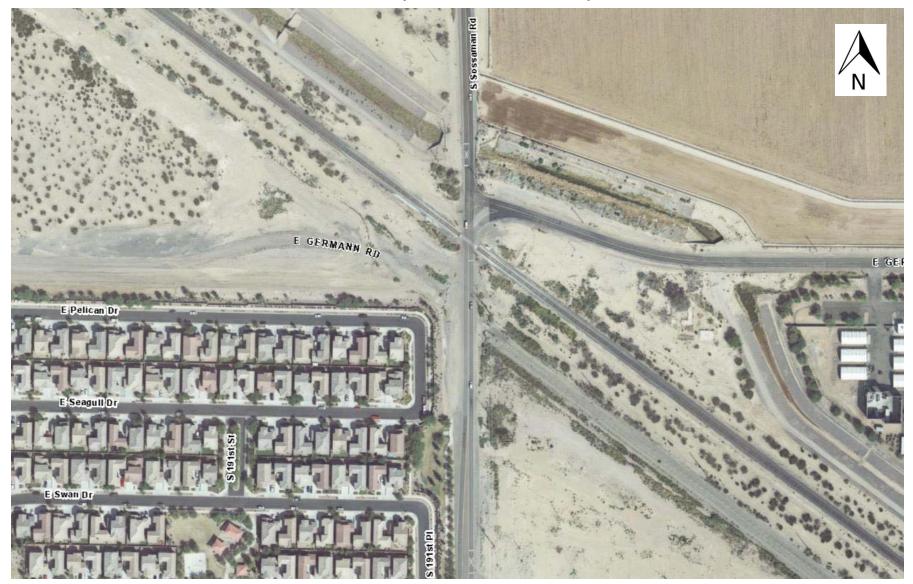
DCR Study Area



Jurisdictional Breakdown



Study Area Close-up





The IGA

- The DCR will only evaluate an atgrade crossing (City of Mesa request)
- The Town of Queen Creek will act as the project lead
- Queen Creek, Maricopa County and the City of Mesa will contribute up to \$50,000 each (\$150,000)



The DCR

- Will include alternatives for an at-grade crossing only
- Will seek preliminary approval from the Union Pacific Railroad and the Arizona Corporation Commission
- Will identify needed right-of-way should and at-grade crossing be feasible



Preliminary Schedule

- Approval from City of Mesa and Maricopa County by March 30th
- Selection of a design engineer consultant by April 30th
- Town Council approval of a consultant contract May 7th
 - 5-7 months for the Study
- Presentation to Council on Findings with recommended next steps by end of December 2014



Questions