



MARICOPA COUNTY

CREATING NEW COMMUNITY HORIZONS

Sonoqui Wash Channelization and Riggs Road Crossing Improvement Project



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Roadwork Ahead!

UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION

In August, construction will begin on Phase 2 of the Sonoqui Wash Channelization project and a new Riggs Road Bridge crossing. Sonoqui Wash improvements include channel excavation and slope stabilization between Chandler Heights Road and Riggs Road, the construction of a multi-use path and the construction of a new channel eastward to Crismon Road along the south side of Riggs Road. The Riggs Road crossing project will include the construction of a new bridge over the Sonoqui Wash with sidewalk, bike lanes and equestrian accommodation under the bridge linking to the Town of Queen Creek's trail system. Construction work hours will be 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. Some evening or weekend work may be required. **Project completion is slated for September 2012.**

Traffic Restrictions

During construction activity, traffic will be maintained on Riggs Road through the worksite via a temporary construction bypass road through the channel. Lane restrictions can be anticipated. Access will be maintained at all times for residents, businesses and emergency vehicles. Please allow extra time to travel through the area as there may be traffic delays.

Looking Ahead!

CURRENTLY UNDER DESIGN

• **Sonoqui Wash Channelization Phase 3**
Future Sonoqui Wash Phase 3 channelization will improve the existing channel southeasterly from the Riggs Road crossing to the intersection of Ellsworth Road and Empire Boulevard.

• **Riggs Road Widening and Drainage Improvement Project**

Proposed improvements include the widening of the existing two-lane roadway between Hawes Road and Ellsworth Road to a five-lane roadway (two travel lanes in each direction with a continuous center left-turn lane). Intersection improvements at the Hawes Road intersection include the installation of a right-turn-only lane on westbound Riggs Road for northbound travel onto Hawes Road, the installation of a right-turn-only lane on southbound Hawes Road for westbound travel onto Riggs Road, the installation of left-turn-only lanes on Hawes Road for east/west travel on Riggs Road and infrastructure for a future traffic signal. The project also includes, bike lanes, curb, gutter and sidewalks.



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Fulton Brock
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Public Open House

Tuesday, July 19, 2011
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Zane Grey Meeting Room
Queen Creek Library
21802 S. Ellsworth Road
Queen Creek, AZ 85142
(North of Ocotillo Road)

Pre-Construction and Design Open House

The Flood Control District of Maricopa County (FCDMC), Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT), and the Town of Queen Creek invite you to attend an open house to learn more about these upcoming projects in your community. Please stop by anytime between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to speak with project team members.



24-hour Construction Hotline: (480) 350-9288

Si desea recibir esta información en Español, favor llame 480.350.9288.

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For More Information

If you have questions or need more information about these projects, call the 24-hour construction hotline at **(480) 350-9288** or contact:

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RIGGS ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

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Make More Clean Air!

• Drive less

Car zpool, van pool or use public transit

• Don't Wait

Avoid waiting in long drive-thru lines.
Park your car and go inside

• Gas Up at night or early morning

• Make every trip count (*because every breath counts*)

Consolidate errands, appointments and shopping trips

Learn more ways to reduce ozone pollution by visiting www.maricopa.gov/aq.

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MARICOPA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Safe Driving Tips:

Inoperative Traffic Light/Power Outage

- Treat the intersection just like a four-way STOP!

Flooded Roadway and Washes

- Don't Risk It!
- Never cross a rain-swollen wash
- Do not drive around roadway barriers
- Never underestimate the power and force of water
- A vehicle is NOT a flotation device!

Dust Storms

- Turn your headlights on and slow to a prudent speed
- If you pull off the road, get as far to the right as possible. Turn off the car and headlights, and set the parking brake
- Keep your foot off the brake pedal – other drivers may think you're a car in motion

