

Planning for the Future of the Houghton Road Corridor



In recent years, Houghton Road and the adjacent areas have experienced significant increases in traffic and roadway congestion. As building and development along Houghton Road increases, the capacity of the roadway to accommodate the increased traffic pressure will continue to diminish. At the request of Pima Association of Governments (PAG) and the City of Tucson, the Arizona Department of Transportation has begun the process of developing a roadway improvement plan for Houghton Road. The purpose of this study is to develop a plan for Houghton Road that will serve the needs of the corridor over the next twenty to thirty years.

The Houghton Road Corridor Study, an intergovernmental collaboration funded and facilitated by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), will be led by AMEC Infrastructure, Inc. A Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has been formed to offer technical expertise and knowledge of the area and to review the progress of each phase of the project. The members include representatives from the City of Tucson and Pima County Planning and Transportation Departments, Pima Association of Governments, the Southeast Planning and Coordinating Committee, Arizona State Land Department and Davis Monthan Air Force Base. The study is expected to be complete in January of 2004, at which time it will form the basis for future jurisdictional decisions regarding Houghton Road.

What Will We Study?

The Houghton Road Corridor encompasses a large area that spans several governmental jurisdictions. The uses and population density of the corridor vary dramatically from its northern boundary at Tanque Verde Road to its southern boundary at Sahuarita Road, as well as along the loop linking Houghton Road, Golf Links, Alvernon and I-10. The study will entail an inventory of the corridor's current conditions and future needs and the formulation of alternatives for roadway improvements.

Existing Conditions:

The team will study existing conditions of the corridor including existing roadway facilities, traffic volumes, environmental, social and economic issues and existing land uses.

Future Corridor Needs:

In order to formulate workable and desirable alternatives for the interim and ultimate design of the roadway, the team will use existing and new information to estimate future traffic conditions.

Roadway Alternatives, Final Configuration:

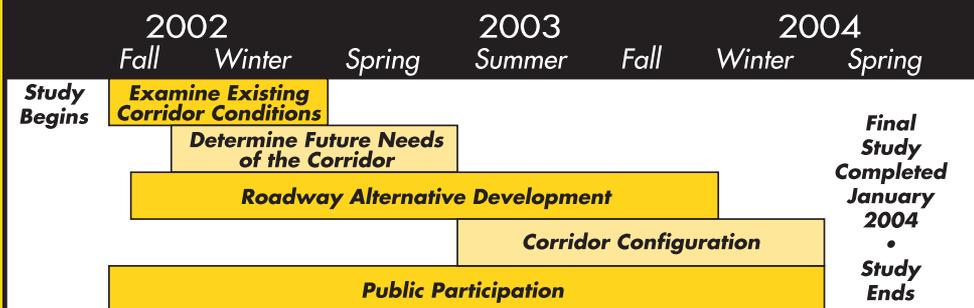
Once a comprehensive picture of the current and future corridor has been developed, the team will present several roadway design alternatives. The alternatives will reflect technical feedback from the TAC and input from the public. One alternative will be chosen to fully develop for the ultimate corridor configuration.

Where Will We Study?

The Houghton Road Corridor Study includes Houghton Road from Tanque Verde Road to Sahuarita Road, and Golf Links/Alvernon Road between Houghton Road and Interstate 10.



Houghton Road Corridor Study Timeline





c/o Gordley Design Group
 2540 N. Tucson Blvd.
 Tucson, AZ 85716

Prsrt Std
 US Postage
 PAID
 Tucson, AZ
 Permit # 2216

Reaching Out to the Public

ADOT and the Houghton Road Corridor team recognize the importance of public involvement in this study. The public is encouraged to interact with the Arizona Department of Transportation and the study team to offer their input and comments through the following means:

Formal Public Meetings:

Three sets of formal public meetings will take place at each of the study's three major stages; 1) to familiarize the public with the study, 2) seek public input, and 3) present findings and progress.

Informal Group Meetings:

Let us know if you would like us to meet with your neighborhood association, homeowners' association or special interest group.

Web Site:

www.houghtonroad.com
 Visit this specially designed Web site to learn about the details of the study and to stay informed of major study developments. The Web site provides an opportunity for you to give comments and suggestions. The Web site is scheduled to be available mid-November.

Newsletters:

Printed newsletters like this one will be available to residents and businesses along Houghton Road throughout the process. In addition to the printed versions, newsletters will also be posted on the Web site.

Comment Forms/Surveys:

Public comment forms will be made available throughout the study process.



Contact Information

Jan Gordley or Rachel Yaseen
 Gordley Design Group
 Public Information
 2540 N. Tucson Blvd.
 Tucson, AZ 85716
 (520)327.6077 • Fax: (520)327.4687
rachel@gordleydesign.com

Laurel Parker
 Arizona Department of Transportation
 Project Manager
 (520) 620.5430 • Fax: (520)903.9969

Alex Batt
 AMEC
 Project Manager
 (520)219.4998 • Fax: (520)219.0499

Web site
www.houghtonroad.com
 (Available mid-November)

Upcoming Public Meetings

- Tuesday, November 12, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 Pima County Fairgrounds
 11300 S. Houghton Rd.
- Wednesday, November 13, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 Columbus Library
 4350 E. 22nd St.
- Monday, November 18, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 Pantano Christian Church
 10355 E. 29th St.

For more information:
 Watch local media,
 visit www.houghtonroad.com,
 or call Rachel Yaseen, at 327-6077