
ADOT's Statewide
Listening Tour
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A shared vision for the future of transportation in our state.

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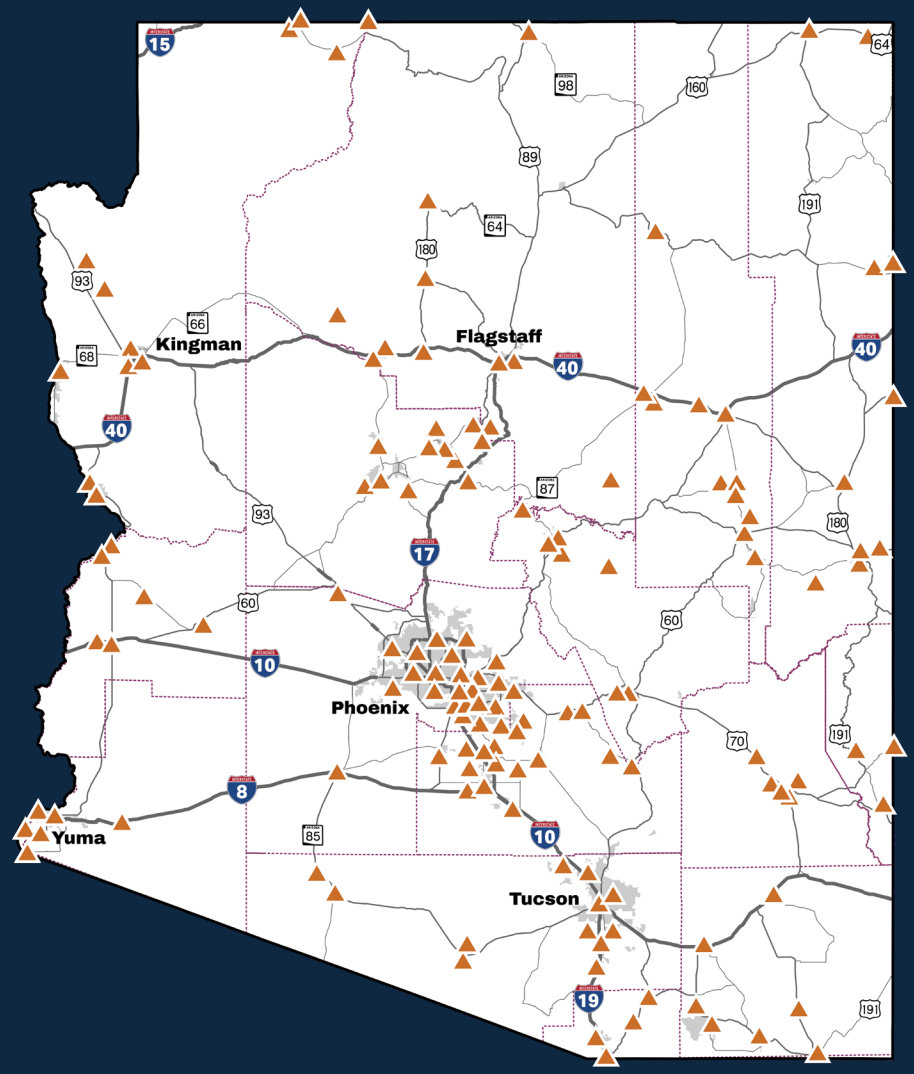
A Listening Tour not a Telling Tour

Three Interconnected Audiences



Listening Tour Coverage

- **81** Stakeholder Listening Sessions with **110** communities represented and more than **1,000** participants
- **24** Tribal Events with more than **550** participants
- **22** Public Events with more than **1,300** engagements



What We Have Heard



ONE STATE, ONE VISION.
CONNECTED AND SAFE.

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- Well-maintained roads and roadsides
- Shoulders
- Safe crossings
- Passing opportunities
- Efficient Enforcement and Emergency Response
- Speed limits that reflect local conditions
- Visible signage, lighting and pavement markings
- Public education focused on safety
- Appropriate routing/detours when weather and incidents occur



“To me, safety should be the most important thing of all.”

(Willcox Area Listening Session)



Improve pavement conditions, and provide a "safe, drivable surface" for all users of the state transportation system.

(Young Area Listening Session)



“Common-sense improvements like shoulders should not require crash data to make decisions.” (Page Area Listening Session)



“Experience responding to accidents and road debris puts it all into perspective, safety is the #1 priority.”

(Westmarc Listening Session)



“When it rains, you cannot see the markings [on freeways].”

(Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Elder and Prescott Valley Area Listening Session)



We think there should be a strong safety campaign that targets youth. "Target people who can make a difference."

(Sahuarita Listening Session)



“Safety needs to be a priority.”
(Flagstaff Listening Session)



Economic Vitality



- Recreation and tourism
- Workforce development
- Attracting business
- Aviation expansion
- Freight mobility
- Supporting growth
- Technology and innovation
- Main Street Arizona
- Showcasing our beautiful state



Arizonans recognize transportation as the "unsung hero of our economic vitality."
(Arizona Forward Listening Session)



“If we want economic development in Arizona the transportation network needs to keep up.”

(Phoenix Chamber of Commerce Listening Session)



“Beautification is economic development.”

(Globe area Listening Session and AAED Conference)



“When people drive in to Arizona it should look like we care and have pride in our state.”

(Willcox and Sahuarita Area Listening Sessions)



“The state transportation system is our connection to opportunity.”

(Prescott Listening Session)



“Everything moves with infrastructure, if we don’t have it we won’t prosper.”

(Nogales Area Listening Session)



Reliable Connections



- Intercity connections
- Bicycling and walking
- Transit
- Passenger rail
- Support mobility for veterans, older adults, and people with disabilities



“Connectivity between cities is crucial. The state transportation system is our lifeblood.”

(San Luis, Salome, Bouse and Prescott Listening Sessions)



“I would pay higher taxes for safe bike lanes. Walking and bicycling are fountains of youth.”

(Verde Valley Listening Session)



“Rail between Phoenix and Tucson is a major gap in the transportation system.”

(Southern Arizona Community and Economic Leadership Network Listening Session)



“Putting down more roads and more lanes is not always the solution. Other solutions to moving people creatively and with different options is needed.”

(Greater Phoenix Leadership)



“It's not fair to ask an aging community to not drive and also not give them access to alternative modes.”

(Prescott Listening Session)



“Access to transportation is access to health care, employment, and daily life.”

(Page and Eagar Listening Sessions)



“If you can’t drive you can’t live here unless you have someone to help you.”

(Young Listening Session)



“’You have to have a car to live here’ is not the narrative we want to live.”

(Verde Valley Listening Session)



Relationship with ADOT



- Access to the right points of contact
- Responsiveness
- Early and continuous collaboration
- Presence in local communities
- Less bureaucracy
- Transparency on project prioritization
- Flexibility when an ADOT road serves as main street



"ADOT is a big mysterious bureaucracy."

(Prescott Listening Session)



“We would like to see this Listening Tour continue.”

(Douglas and Ajo Listening Sessions)



“Relationships and face time matter, especially in rural communities.”

(Copper Corridor Listening Session)



“Local agencies are desperate for collaboration… and are welcoming a partnership.”

(Active Transportation Listening Session)



“We can’t build the city of our dreams because we have an ADOT road running through it.”

(Flagstaff Listening Session)



“Transparency promotes trust.”
(Pinal Partnership Listening Session)



“The ‘one size fits all’ playbook doesn’t work.”

(Pinal Partnership Listening Session)



“We see the issues and want to be part of the solution.”

(Show Low Listening Session)



Funding



- Arizonans want information about transportation system funding
- Funding should prioritize maintenance and preservation before expansion
- Local Governments want more flexibility and control of funds



“We need to talk about what we can do, not what we can’t do.”
(Willcox Listening Session)



“The funding mechanism is broken and needs to be fixed.”

(Sahuarita Listening Session)



“This has been going on for 50 years and I am skeptical that anything is going to change.”

(Lake Havasu City and Sahuarita Listening Sessions)



“We cannot seem to grasp in the State of Arizona how important transportation is.”

(Maricopa Listening Session)



“We need a revenue stream we can rely on.”

(Prescott and Aviation Listening Sessions)



“The underlying transportation challenge is a funding shortfall.”
(San Tan Valley Listening Session)



“The limited budget has limited our ability to dream about what we actually need.”

(Verde Valley Listening Session)

Diminishing Purchase Power FY 1990 – FY 2026



LOOP 202 (RED MOUNTAIN FREEWAY): LOOP 101 (PIMA/PRICE FREEWAYS) TO MCKELLIPS ROAD

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ILLUSTRATIVE PROJECT COST CHANGE

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FREEWAY

In 1996, the project bid to construct this segment of Loop 202 totaled **$29M**



Source: Google Earth, Landsat / Copernicus, Airbus

- Constructed six lanes of the new Loop 202 Red Mountain Freeway
- Constructed three new interchanges
- Prepared for the future Loop 101 system interchange

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ILLUSTRATIVE PROJECT COST CHANGE

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FREEWAY



+607%
Increase

$29M (1996) → **$201M** (2025)

Change in Project Cost

Annual revenues have about **a third of their 1996 purchasing power**

Source: Google Earth, Landsat / Copernicus, Airbus

We Heard You

“I would love for ADOT to not just be seen as a road builder but also be known as a community partner.”
(Jennifer Toth, ADOT Director)

What’s Next

- Input on suggested actions at this Summit
- Vision Review Team
- “Did we get it right?” Tour
- Alignment with future plans


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