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Statewide Listening Tour Update

Follow along as we tour the great state of Arizona to listen to communities tell us about their transportation challenges and unmet transportation needs.

Read below to hear about our latest listening sessions with Greater Phoenix Leadership, the Sahuarita Area, the Central Arizona Governments (CAG) Regional Council and the Florence Area.

Greater Phoenix Leadership March 23, 2026



We had a great morning with Greater Phoenix Leadership. The representatives who met with us stressed the need for a balanced transportation system and highlighted the gas tax stagnation issue. Reliable transportation is key for competitive regional businesses, needing regular access to the transportation system to reach customers. Public transit and bicycle/pedestrian modes were noted as being part of the transportation system, and the group encouraged ADOT to explore best practices from other states.

Sahuarita Area March 30, 2026



In Sahuarita, we heard that Interstate 19 is a critical corridor with issues like overgrown vegetation, litter and poor interchange ramps. We also learned that Sahuarita's town limits sign is misplaced. Deferred maintenance and insufficient funding compound problems. The RTA Next extension offers regional funding but doesn't cover all needs in Pima County. Transportation infrastructure directly impacts economic development. Instead of lofty visions, a business plan with accountability is suggested for the state to manage the transportation system. SR 86 is crucial for the Tohono O'odham community and many potential improvements were identified. The Green Valley community also expressed a desire for more regular interaction with ADOT.

CAG Regional Council April 1, 2026

The Listening Tour Team was very grateful for a chance to "invade" a CAG Regional Council meeting and listen to representatives of so many communities! We heard that locals want to clean weeds and litter, for aesthetics and fire safety, but can't on ADOT right of way. Gila County needs more mowing, especially near lakes, but ADOT mowers are out of service. Combining maintenance facilities for transit, fire and mowers could save money.

In many of these communities, ADOT roads act as their Main Street, and these main streets need better crosswalks and lighting. Detours during construction impact locals, and concerns are often heard but not fixed. Some specific issues we heard were poor visibility on Arizona Avenue (a two-lane road with heavy commuter traffic), Superior's road wear from construction,

abandoned rest areas, flood design standards and missing ADOT signs.

Florence Area April 2, 2026



We wrapped up March with a visit to Florence, where we met with people from Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, Florence, the Gila River Indian Community, Pinal County and San Tan Valley, and the group talked a lot about the seriousness of transportation funding shortfalls and the need for electric vehicles to contribute.

These communities struggle with maintenance and safety improvements due to bureaucracy and lack of communication with ADOT. They told us that weed control, faster permitting, and better redundancy in the network, especially for emergencies, are critical. ADOT support for local facilities and more proactive tribal outreach can help. The area needs a new river crossing and quicker signal installations to improve safety and efficiency. They emphasized that it is essential to fix the revenue stream for long-term solutions.

Tribal consultation and community outreach are integral parts of Next Move Arizona.

Dedicated government-to-government consultation and Tribal outreach are ongoing throughout the tour in coordination with the ADOT Tribal Relations Team. If you represent a Tribal

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**Next Move stakeholder listening session
recaps and summaries available online!**

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This summer we will be working on drafting the vision document and plan to visit you again in the fall to receive your feedback.

Thank you for participating in this truly special effort.

Today we are wrapping up our participation at the Arizona Transit Association (AzTA) annual conference in Mesa and our next scheduled Stakeholder Listening Tour stops include the Arizona Association for Economic Development (AAED) spring conference in Oro Valley, the Public Interest Research Group Coalition for Transportation Choices, Tonto Basin, Phoenix Community Alliance, Young, Page, Nogales and Wickenburg. We are also holding a statewide Active Transportation virtual forum at the end of this month!

We are committed to covering the entire state and working with local communities to shape events that are most appropriate for your area!

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