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Statewide Stakeholder 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 at the Arizona Transit Association (AzTA) and Arizona Association for Economic Development (AAED) conferences.

Next Move stakeholder listening session recaps and summaries available online!

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Arizona Transit Association April 6-8, 2026

At the 39th Annual AzTA conference, ADOT's Listening Tour gathered insights on improving Arizona's transportation system. We enjoyed the opportunity to have so many conversations.

These are the questions we posed:

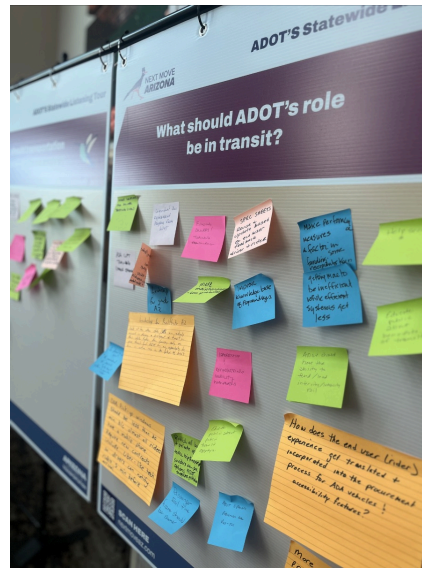
- What is your best idea for how to better design and operate the transportation system?
- How should transportation services in Arizona evolve?
- What should ADOT's role be in transit?
- Share your best lessons learned and success stories.

Key ideas included enhancing rail services, securing more funding and improving rural transit options. Feedback emphasized better communication, quicker ADOT processes and improved driver licensing and training. Participants said that ADOT should take an active role in promoting transit, improving eGrants and facilitating intercity rail connections. Partnerships, coordination and leadership are essential for future developments.

The full summary of this event and summaries of all other stakeholder listening sessions are available at www.nextmoveaz.com. Just click on the "Stakeholder Listening Tour" tab.

Check out some photos from the event below!





Arizona Association for Economic Development April 16-17, 2026

At the AAED Spring Conference in Oro Valley last week, we were grateful to have conversations with economic development professionals from around the state. We asked them:

- How can transportation help with economic development in your area? What do you need?
- How is transportation a factor in economic development?
- What element of the state transportation system spurs the best economic development?
- What are businesses looking for when they think of locating in Arizona?

Their answers told us that transportation boosts economic growth by offering businesses workforce access, cost savings, freight rail and reliable routing. Key elements desired include statewide passenger rail, new roads, interstates and grants. Needs include clean roads, walkable and bikeable paths, better access to businesses, and multi-modal transportation. Effective transportation reduces traffic, enhances business logistics, and improves life quality by creating development zones and connecting neighborhoods.

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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 Nation and would like more information, to engage in a formal consultation, or to schedule or attend a regional Listening Session event, please contact:

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This week we are visiting with the Public Interest Research Group Coalition for Transportation Choices and the Tonto Basin and Young communities in Gila County. Other upcoming stops include Page, Nogales, Globe+Miami, the Copper Corridor hosted by the Town of Kearny, the Sun Cities area and the Wickenburg area. Scheduled stops in June (so far) include East Valley Partnership, Arizona Forward, the Sonoita area, Pinal Partnership and Maricopa.

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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