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GLENDALE ADOPTS RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRAND AVENUE CORRIDOR

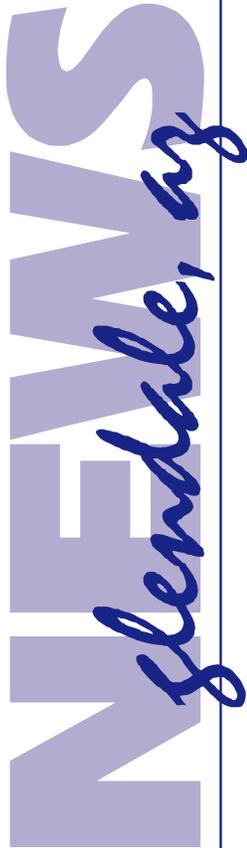
GLENDALE, Ariz. – The Glendale City Council voted to adopt a resolution to preserve the Grand Avenue Corridor as an expressway facility and state highway under the control of the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT).

Recently, ADOT commissioned a study on the viability of transferring control of U.S. 60, as it is also known, to the individual cities through which it runs. This proposal led to a dialogue among West Valley communities and the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) about the proper role of Grand Avenue as a heavily travelled expressway.

MAG drafted a joint-letter to the Director of ADOT that was signed by the Mayors of El Mirage, Glendale, Peoria, Phoenix, Surprise and Youngtown, as well as the District 4 Supervisor of Maricopa County, expressing their desires to preserve Grand Avenue as an expressway facility that remains a state highway under the control of ADOT.

ADOT agreed to drop their consideration of a transfer of Grand Avenue to local municipalities, and in exchange the cities committed to work in a stakeholder process led by MAG to develop a vision and plan for the US-60/Grand Avenue Corridor between Interstate 17 and Loop 303 in the West Valley that will support and protect the future viability of Grand Avenue.

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Glendale staff agreed that the Grand Avenue Corridor needed to be studied holistically and that a comprehensive concept is needed to assist local jurisdictions in developing more compatible and consistent land use, economic development and transportation plans. MAG agreed to lead the effort to create a Grand Avenue Corridor Optimization and Access Management Plan.

The adopted resolution was developed in cooperation with the other West Valley communities and MAG. All jurisdictions agree that a comprehensive, multi-modal approach is necessary to serve the travel demand on this regional transportation corridor.

For further information, contact the Glendale Transportation Department at 623-930-2940 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/transportation.

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