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GLENDALE APPROVES AGREEMENT WITH ADOT FOR HIGH-OCCUPANCY VEHICLE RAMPS AT MARYLAND/LOOP 101

Glendale, Ariz. — The Glendale City Council approved an agreement with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for the design, construction and maintenance of High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) ramps on Loop 101 at Maryland Avenue.

The intergovernmental agreement lays out the responsibilities for both the city and ADOT. The costs for the design and construction of the HOV ramps will be borne by the state, with total costs estimated at \$14.5 million. ADOT will be responsible for the maintenance of the ramps, while the city will be responsible for the electrical costs and maintenance of the signals and streetlights associated with the project.

The groundwork for this project began back in 2007, when the Maryland Avenue bridge over the Loop 101 freeway was constructed with allowances for direct access ramps between the bridge and the freeway. With the completion of the Loop 101 HOV lanes in 2011, this construction project will place the final piece of the puzzle for this regional transportation corridor.

The project is anticipated to be complete in August of 2014, with construction slated to begin this fall.

“With the 2015 Super Bowl on the horizon, this project is going to be an essential component to creating a great fan experience for the thousands of football fans coming to Glendale,” said Cathy Colbath, interim executive director of transportation services. “But more importantly, the new HOV ramps will create additional access in and out of the sports and entertainment district on a regular basis for Valley residents.”

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An average of 20-25,000 vehicles travel to the area during Cardinals football games as well as the annual Fiesta Bowl event. In addition, thousands of vehicles come in and out of the sports and entertainment district for hockey games, concerts and other events at Jobing.com Arena.

For more information on this project, visit www.glendaleaz.com/transportation or call 623-930-2940.

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