



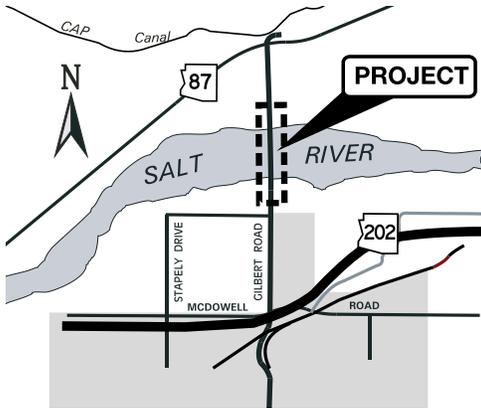
MARICOPA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
CREATING NEW COMMUNITY HORIZONS

Gilbert Road at the Salt River Low Flow Crossing Reconstruction Project

Gilbert Road Low Flow Crossing Opens 8/8/11 (Between Thomas Road and SR 87)

TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS 8/8/11 through 8/18/11

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Mesa, AZ--Beginning at 5:00 a.m., Monday, August 8, 2011, the Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) contractor will temporarily shift both northbound and southbound traffic from the Gilbert Road Bridge onto the newly constructed low-flow roadway crossing through the river channel between Thomas Road and SR 87 to facilitate the restriping of the bridge for southbound-only traffic.

LOOKING AHEAD!

New Six-Lane Gilbert Road Bridge Crossing of the Salt River Currently Under Design by MCDOT

MCDOT is currently working with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRP-MIC) and the City of Mesa to construct a new six-lane all-weather crossing of Gilbert Road at the Salt River between Thomas Road and SR87 that will carry both south and northbound traffic and replace both the existing bridge and the interim low-flow crossing with a single bridge structure and approach roadway. Design plans include the building of a new, longer bridge and roadway that will span the Salt River between both roads.

During this transitional activity, both northbound and southbound traffic will be maintained on the new Gilbert Road Low Flow Crossing.

Following re-striping activities, southbound-only traffic will be diverted back onto the Gilbert Road Bridge. Both northbound lanes (over the newly-opened low-flow crossing) and southbound lanes (over the Gilbert Road Bridge) **are scheduled to be fully opened by 6:00 p.m., Thursday, August 18, 2011.**

The new roadway will be realigned to tie-in to the existing Gilbert Road at the Thomas Road intersection, and with the recent completion of Gilbert Road widening and improvements between McDowell Road and SR87, very little re-work will be necessary south of Thomas Road. North of Thomas Road, the six-lane alignment will continue across the Salt River to SR 87 where additional intersection improvements will be made.

These temporary traffic restrictions will facilitate bridge re-striping activities, enhance safety for motorists and workers, expedite the project schedule, and decrease construction cost and minimize inconvenience to the traveling public. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

The new Gilbert Road Bridge and much of the new roadway leading up to the new bridge can be constructed with minimal disruption to traffic, and upon completion, the old bridge structure will be removed along with the existing northbound low-flow crossing lanes through the river bottom.

CONSTRUCTION WORK HOURS:

Work hours will be 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, weather permitting. Some weekend work may be required.

New bridge construction is funded in part by MAG (Maricopa Association of Governments) Regional Transportation Plan (www.letskeepmoving.org) and coordination efforts are currently underway among the partner jurisdictions to secure additional construction funding.



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