



State and Federal Transportation Overview September 12, 2019



# Today's Transportation Agenda



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# State Legislative Overview





## Arizona State Legislature



### Senate – 30 Members

- 17 Republicans
- 13 Democrats



### House – 60 Members

- 31 Republicans
- 29 Democrats



# Session by the Numbers

## 135-Day Legislative Session

Adjourned *Sine Die* on May 28 at 12:58 a.m.

Bills Introduced	1,318	803 R - 403 D
Bills Passed	331	323 R – 8 D
Bills Signed	320	312 R – 8 D
Bills Vetoed	11	11 R – 0 D
Bills Dead	987	<mark>480 R</mark> – 395 D

- Unless otherwise specified, the general effective date is August 27, 2019.
- The Legislature is adjourned until January 13, 2020, unless a special session is convened by the Governor.





# Key 2019 State Issues

- Pima County countywide election TPT increase from 10 to up to 20% of current rate
- Additional \$10 million appropriation to the Arizona Aviation Fund from the General Fund as part of \$95 million infrastructure package
- Funded \$130M for I-17 Widening between Anthem and Black Canyon City
- Passage of Hands-free driving legislation
- Repeal of Highway safety fee over two years (\$32 ADOT VLT fee)
- \$15M for Pima Community College Aviation Center Expansion



# Key 2019 Issues

New \$95 million in local infrastructure projects:

- \$28 million appropriated to ADOT for the expansion of US Route 95 between Yuma and the Yuma Proving Grounds.
- \$20 million to the City of Kingman to construct two new interchanges on Interstate 40 east of State Route 66.
- \$18 million to be distributed to every city and town in equal amounts.
- \$10 million for the study concerning the widening of Interstate 10 between Phoenix and Casa Grande.
- \$10 million to the State Aviation Fund for planning and construction at local airports.
- \$6.5 million appropriated to the City of Mesa for the construction of a State Route 24 bridge over Ellsworth Road.
- \$2.8 million to the City of Globe for the repair or reconstruction of the Jesse Hayes Road Bridge over Pinal Creek.



# Key 2019 Issues

## Full Funding for Interstate 17 Widening Project

- State Budget included the full funding of the widening of Interstate 17 between Anthem and Black Canyon City, with a total of \$130 million in additional State Highway Fund monies appropriated over the next three years to cover the current funding gap.
- The appropriation includes \$40 million in FY 2019-2020 and \$45 million each in FYs 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.
- ADOT plans to deliver this project utilizing a design-build method and expects to have the design-builder under contract by this time next year—with an estimated construction completion date of late 2022 or early 2023.







# Federal Policy Overview



# Arizona Congressional Delegation

- 2 Senators; 9 Congressional Seats
  - Kyrsten Sinema
    - Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation
      - Aviation & Space Subcomm. (Ranking D)
  - Ann Kirkpatrick (D) CD-2
    - House Appropriations
  - Greg Stanton (D) CD-9
    - House Transportation Infrastructure Committee
      - Aviation & Highways & Transit Subcomm.

# *Key Commerce Corridors*







# Key Federal Issue: Funding

# INFRA Grant

- The State of Arizona was awarded a \$90 million grant for a Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Project by the US DOT
- The \$90 million represents more than 10% of \$855.95 million total awarded by the federal government.
- The grant will help fund the near-term project costs on the I-17 widening, which includes improvements that are both innovative and cost-effective.
- Money that is no longer needed for I-17 widening due to this federal grant will be reallocated to rural transportation projects.



# Key Federal Issue: Funding

# FAST Act Reauthorization

The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee unanimously approved a five-year highway program reauthorization bill on July 30, 2019.

S2302, The America's Transportation Infrastructure Act contains \$287 billion in Highway Trust Fund contract authority and authorizes an additional \$5.7 billion in general fund appropriations.

The bipartisan bill was bipartisan has received a tweet of support from the President. Many issues exist, including how to fund the proposal and also how to ensure electric and hybrid vehicles are contributing appropriately.

The bill will move to the full Senate for consideration. The House of Representatives is currently discussing their version of a reauthorization bill.







Looking Ahead









## 2020: What's Next

- \$ to spend (hopefully on transportation)
- Political Margins are Razor-thin
- Bipartisan support is key timing is now
- Looming Travel ID Deadline October 2020
- Engage your policymakers and staff



