

MINUTES
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
REGULAR SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
473 S. MAIN STREET, SUITE 106
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.

Note: Council member(s) may attend Council Sessions either in person or by telephone, video, or internet conferencing.

1. Call to Order

Mayor German called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

- 2. Roll Call.** Council Members Buck Buchanan, Joe Butner, Bill LeBeau, Robin Whatley; Vice Mayor Dee Jenkins; and Mayor Charles German were present. Council Member **Jessie Murdock** was absent.

Also Present.

Town Clerk Judy Morgan was present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor German led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor German took a Point of Personal Privilege to let the public know that Council will not be taking public input on Item 5.5 Verde Connect project – presentation by Preserve the Middle Verde group. This is only a presentation and there will be an opportunity at a later time to hear from the public. Council is adhering to a strict presentation process.

A member of the audience asked why prayer is not done at the meeting. The Mayor responded the meetings are non-sectarian.

- 4. Consent Agenda** – All those items listed below may be enacted upon by one motion and approved as consent agenda items. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item if a member of Council requests.

a) Approval of the Minutes:

- 1) Joint Work Session – March 13, 2019
- 2) Regular Session – March 20, 2019

b) Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:

- 1) Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. – Special (Budget) Work Session
- 2) Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. – Special (Budget) Work Session
- 3) Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
- 4) Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears P&Z Matters
- 5) Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session

- c) Adoption of Ordinance 2019-A444, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, amending Town Code Section 2-1-3 Assumption of Office.** [Staff Resource: Judy Morgan]

- d) Approval of the Town Manager's annual goals.** [Staff Resource: Russ Martin]

e) Hours of Operation Resolution 2019-1018, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, establishing hours of operation, superseding Resolution 2018-995.

Vice Mayor Jenkins asked to make a modification to the wording on the 3/13/2019 minutes: 5.2 paragraph 4 – "... but recently had a situation that concerned her when a department head indicated by responding to VM Jenkins' request that that would be violating open meeting law. She asked the Town Clerk to clarify". There was no objection to this request.

Vice Mayor Jenkins made a motion to approve the consent agenda including 3/13/2019 Work Session Minutes, as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilor Buchanan and approved by a unanimous vote; Council members Buchanan, Butner, LeBeau, Whatley, Vice Mayor Jenkins and Mayor German voting in favor.

5. Special Announcements and presentations.

5.1. First Quarter 2019 Report (January – March) from the Planning and Zoning Commission. [Staff Resource: Carmen Howard]

No questions were received. Mayor German moved to approve the First Quarter 2019 Planning and Zoning Commission Report, as presented. Seconded by Vice Mayor Jenkins and approved unanimously; Council members Buchanan, Butner, LeBeau, Whatley, Vice Mayor Jenkins and Mayor German voting in favor.

5.2. First Quarter 2019 Report (January – March) from Board of Adjustments and Appeals. [Staff Resource: Carmen Howard]

No questions were received. Mayor German moved to approve the First Quarter 2019 Board of Adjustment and Appeals Report, as presented. Seconded by Councilor Whatley and approved unanimously; Council members Buchanan, Butner, LeBeau, Whatley, Vice Mayor Jenkins and Mayor German voting in favor.

5.3. Fair Housing Month Proclamation

Mayor read the proclamation and so proclaimed it.

5.4. Designation of April 21, 2019 as Power Talk 21[®] Day Proclamation.

Mayor read the proclamation and so proclaimed it.

5.5. Verde Connect project – presentation by Preserve the Middle Verde group - Eric Eberhard

Mr. Eberhard explained he had 4 sections of a written report and he would present the highlights, rather than reading it all. Written report is included with minutes.

Section I: Mr. Eberhard spoke on the number of followers the group has on Facebook; alternate routes in the area, and travel times from various locations around town, with Middle Verde being better than most. He stated a helicopter is currently needed for critical care needs in Town.

Section II: County estimates were done during construction of highway 260; how the 260 highway bypass of Main Street changed the economics of the downtown Camp Verde area, making Cottonwood more appealing for businesses.

Section III: Stated costs for Verde Connect solutions were not realistic and without consideration of sensitive artifacts/remains in the area.

Section IV: Spoke on cost and benefit; different road standards dependent on type of road and area; storm-water drainage and damage to ditches; town maintenance of area and new road being burdensome with increased liability for the town; reduction of emergency response time due to increased traffic; Yavapai Apache Nation (YAN) not wanting their land bypassed and economic impact to their goals and plans for their landholdings; other options for Highway 179 and Cornville Road traffic.

Mayor German thanked Mr. Eberhard for providing his presentation in a written format for ease of reference. He would like Council to hear from the YAN Tribe regarding their thoughts on this issue. He wants an open discussion in the future.

Mr. Eberhard spoke on the YAN's goal making and moving toward it, but didn't feel Camp Verde Council does that.

Mayor German explained the 3 documents the Town Council follows: Focus Future, General Plan and Verde River Master Plan.

Break: 7:12 p.m.

Resumed: 7:17 p.m.

6. Call to the Public for items not on the Agenda. (Please complete Request to Speak Card and turn in to the Clerk.)

Charlotte Salsman spoke against the Town's acquisition of the Camp Verde Water Company and stated she would not vote for Council and would want the Town Manager fired if they moved forward with the purchase. She spoke on the cost to repair the water system (lines).

Mayor German responded that there was a vote in 1995 by the constituents of Camp Verde approving the purchase of utilities for the future of the Town.

7. Business. Legal action can be taken.

7.1. Discussion whether to resubmit for the ADOT's Adopt-a-Highway litter removal program or release the Town's mile-of-road commitment.

Mayor German spoke for Councilor Murdock regarding this commitment and her understanding they are all too busy to continue this program. She is fine with it going back in the system for another group to adopt. Councilor Butner agreed he is not opposed to letting it go back, and suggested they look at coming up with a plan to clean up Camp Verde. Mayor German spoke on each Council Member considering ways they can contribute in this effort, including their properties and neighborhoods.

Mayor German made a motion to not resubmit, returning their mile-of-road commitment back to ADOT for their Adopt a Highway litter removal program, seconded by Councilor Butner. It was approved unanimously; Council members Buchanan, Butner, LeBeau, Whatley, Vice Mayor Jenkins and Mayor German voting in favor.

7.2. Discussion, consideration/update and possible direction to staff relative to proposed legislation by the 54th State Legislature. [Staff Resource: Russ Martin]

Mayor German explained the Council gets the legislative updates from the League of Cities and Towns. Yavapai County Board of Supervisors selected Steve Pierce to replace David Stringer, who recently resigned from the Arizona House of Representative seat. There was no Council discussion or questions.

8. Call to the Public for items not on the agenda. (Please complete Request to Speak Card

and turn in to the Clerk.)

None.

9. Council Informational Reports.

Councilor Butner attended a meeting with Mr. Eberhard and the YAN regarding the Verde Connect project, explaining they have a plan and are not in favor of bypassing with the Verde Connect. He suggested the two Councils (CV and YAN) need a joint work session together to discuss Economic Development, Water issues and Commercial Development on Highway 260. He participated in the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle ride and spoke in support of this appreciation for Vietnam Veterans.

Councilor LeBeau attended the Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day and felt it was nicely done. The Fort Verde State Parks Staff did a great job.

Councilor Whatley spoke on attending the Archaeology Center meeting and monies they are obtaining to open their doors as early as Fall 2021.

Mayor German announced an upcoming event at Jackpot Ranch on Sunday (4/7/19). Councilor Buchanan spoke on getting notice out late about this event but hoping there will still be a good turnout.

10. Manager/Staff Report

Town Manager Martin was out sick; therefore, this item was skipped.

10.1. Update on Verde Lakes road closures and long-term solutions.

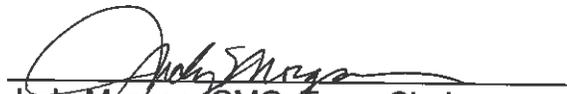
10.1 will be placed on a future agenda.

11. Adjournment

Mayor German adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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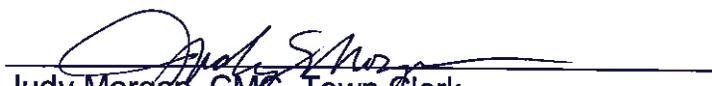

Mayor Charles German


Judy Morgan, CMC, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and accurate accounting of the actions of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde during the Council Meeting of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on April 3, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 25th day of April, 2019.


Judy Morgan, CMC, Town Clerk

VERDE CONNECT

Connecting People, Communities, and Services in the Verde Region

Add Your Voice!

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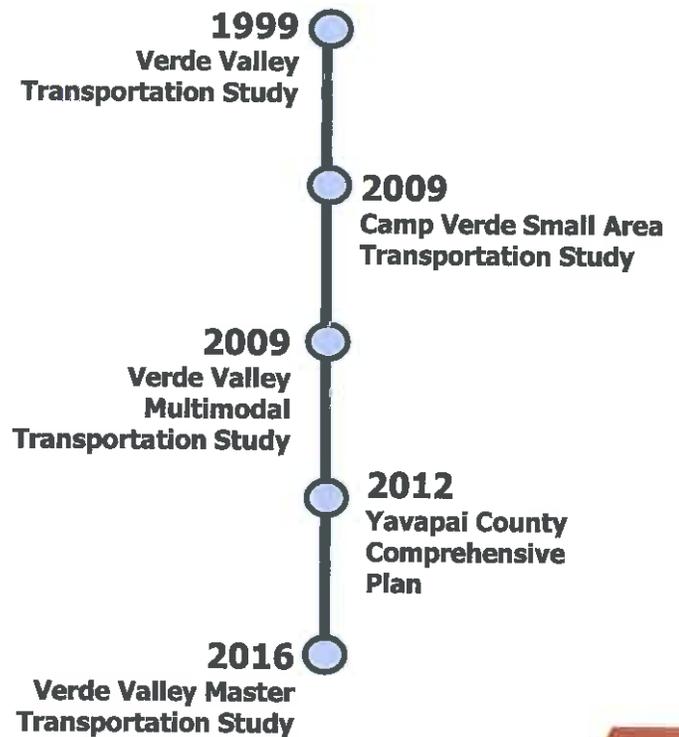
VERDE CONNECT

- What is Verde Connect?**
- Activities to date**
- What has been going on since the public meetings last fall?**
- Project Purpose**
- Next steps**

A LONG-ENVISIONED INVESTMENT

WHAT IS VERDE CONNECT?

Verde Connect brings together a long-term vision for a north-south route to connect Cornville Road to State Route 260.



ACTIVITIES TO DATE

- ❑ **Yavapai County initiated and funded a Design Concept Report in the spring of 2018, with no funding available for final design or construction.**
- ❑ **Public meetings held in Cottonwood, Camp Verde, and on the Yavapai Apache Nation in September and October of 2018.**



WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON SINCE THE PUBLIC MEETINGS LAST FALL?



BUILD GRANT

Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development

- ❑ Federal grant program for investments in road, rail, transit, and port projects.
- ❑ \$25 Million awarded to Yavapai County for the Verde Connect project in December 2018.
- ❑ Of the total 851 BUILD Grant applications submitted to the USDOT, only 91 projects were awarded. This project was the only one awarded in the State of Arizona.
- ❑ The Grant requires that all funds be fully expended by September 30, 2025.
- ❑ To obtain funding authorization from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the County must complete an environmental study that is compliant with the National Environmental Policy Act (**NEPA**).

NEPA

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

- ❑ Environmental Assessment (EA).
- ❑ Requests input on alignment alternatives the public would like us to evaluate and areas we should avoid.
- Close coordination with local, regional, state, and federal agencies such as the US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Forest Service, Army Corps of Engineers, and Environmental Protection Agency, among many others.
- ❑ “Scoping” period initiates the EA process.
- ❑ Future Phases: Alternative Analysis, Preferred Alternative Selection, Draft EA, Public Hearing, Final EA.

SCOPING

Public Comments Requested through March 31, 2019

- Scoping is the process used to determine the appropriate scope of an EA study, such as the study area and the need for the project, and to identify issues and concerns.
- Public participation is an integral part of scoping.
- Input received during this time will be added to the hundreds of comments received since public involvement kicked off in June 2018.

WHAT ARE WE DOING NOW FOR SCOPING?

Public Comments Requested through March 31, 2019

- ❑ Coordination with local, state, and federal agencies.
- ❑ Conducting Verde Valley Community presentations to receive public input.
- ❑ Website updates to disseminate latest project information.
- ❑ Outreach to public using press releases, newspaper advertisements, radio, online survey, email blast, etc.

HOW CAN I ADD MY VOICE?



Mail comments to
Verde Connect
Project/Central
Creative, 24 W
Camelback Rd. #A-479,
Phoenix, AZ 85013



Visit our website at
www.verdeconnect.com
Click on "Get Involved" to
complete a short survey.
Click on "Contact Us" to
submit a written comment
and be added to the project
email list.



Call Public
Involvement
Manager Kristin Darr
at **602-750-7139** for
more information or
to be added to our
mailing list.

PROJECT PURPOSE

- ❑ **Connect areas divided by the Verde River**
- ❑ **Reduce out-of-direction travel**
- ❑ **Meet current and future travel demand**
- ❑ **Provide an alternative/emergency route**
- ❑ **Support planned economic development**
- ❑ **Manage access to the Verde River by providing a bridge crossing**

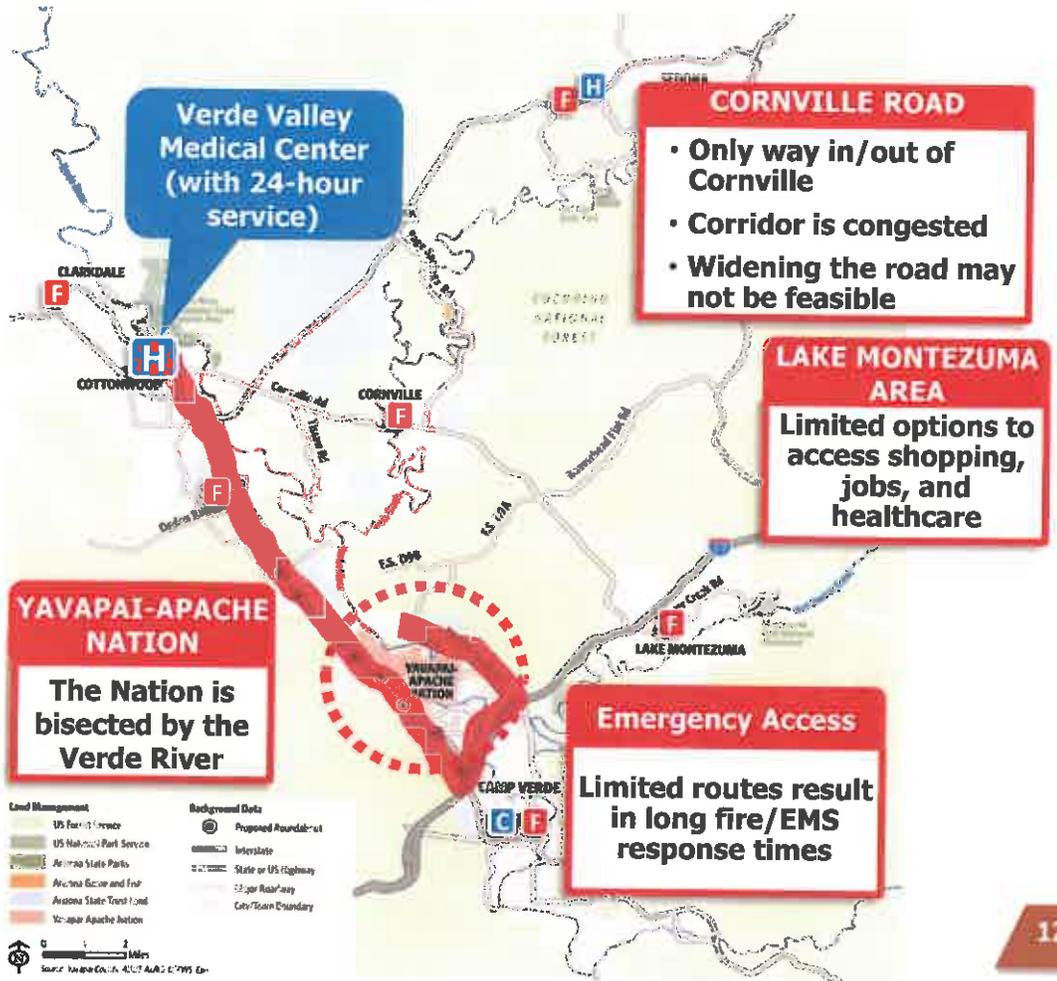


AREA ISSUES AND NEEDS

Long Commute Times

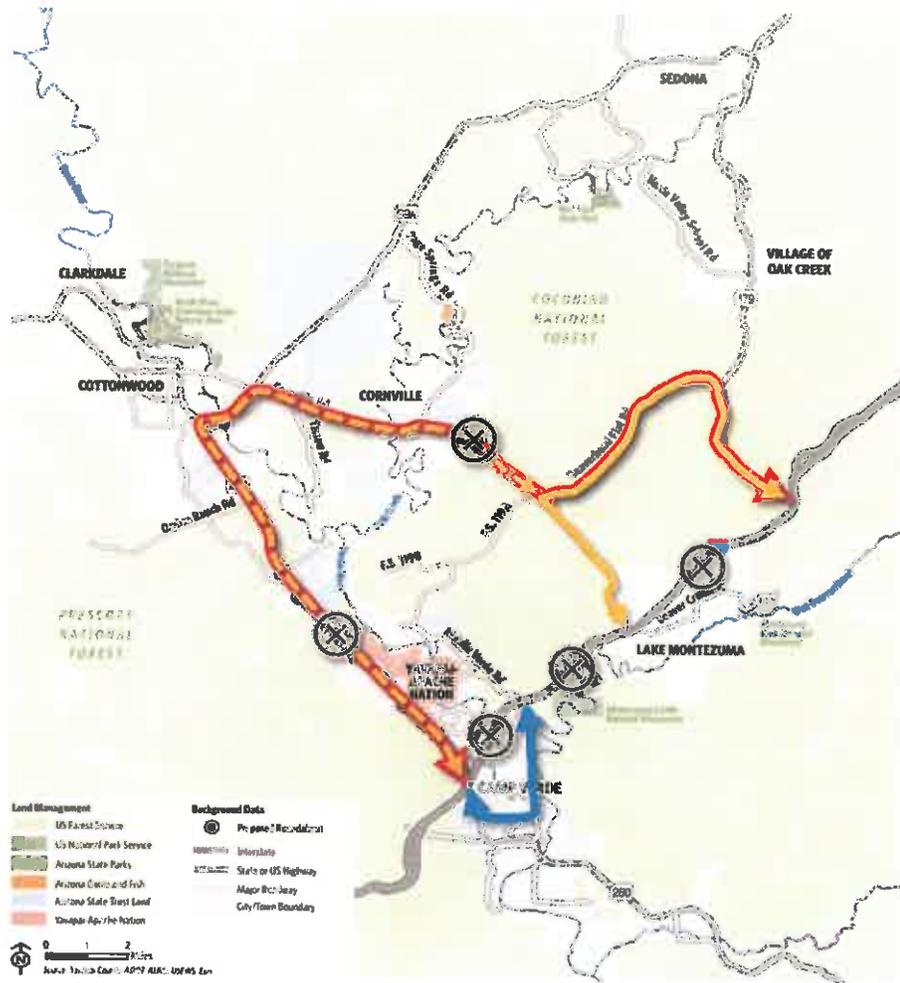
Long Fire and EMS Response Times

- F** Fire Station
- H** Hospital/Emergency Department
- C** Medical Clinic



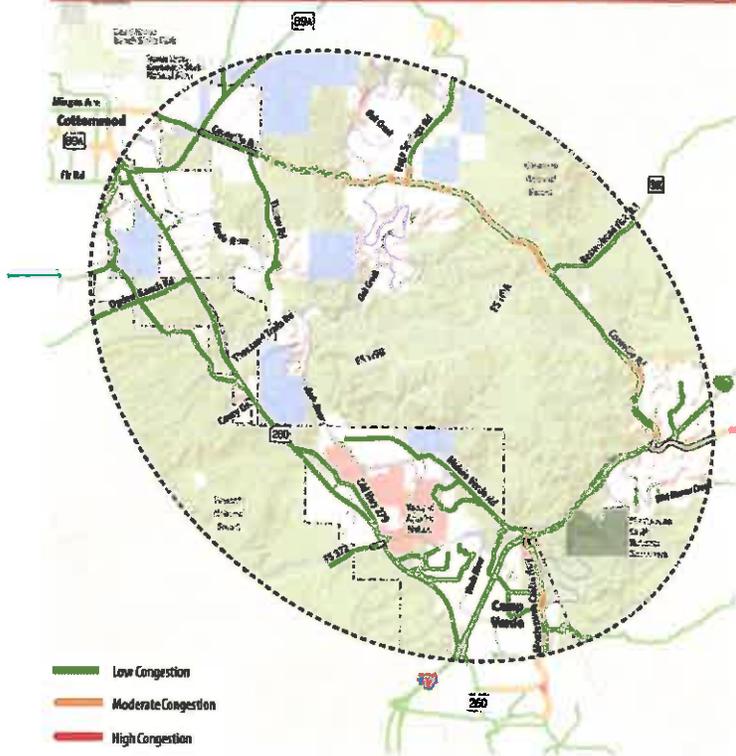
AREA ISSUES AND NEEDS

Detour lengths
 regional
 highways are
 shutdown

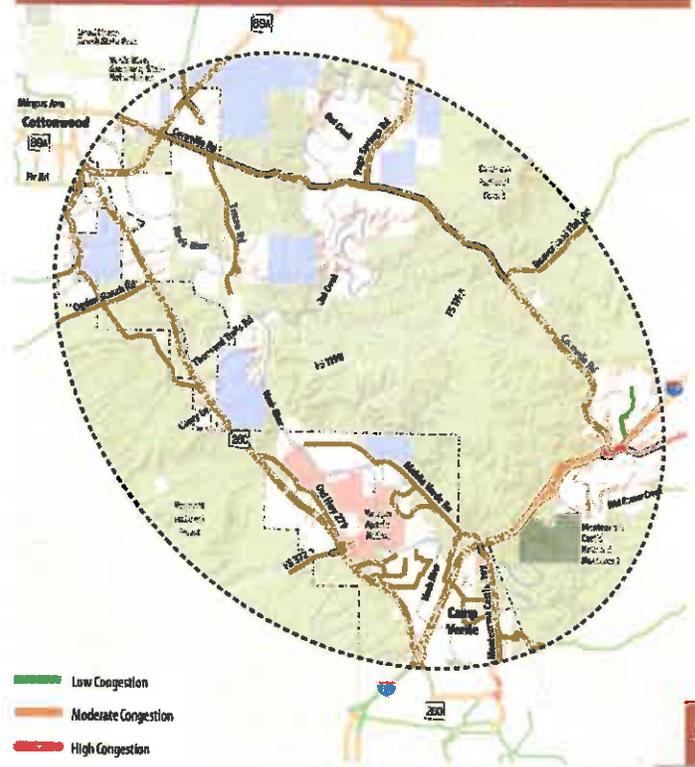


What Happens if we DO NOTHING?

Current Modeled Traffic Congestion



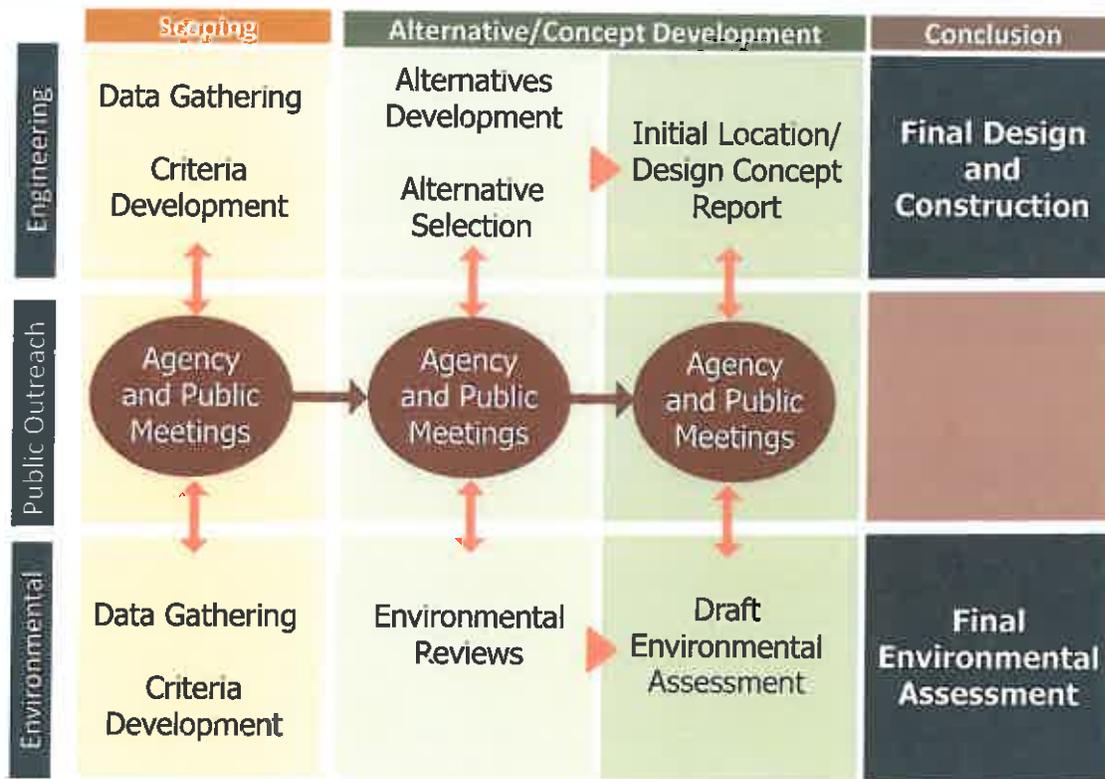
Modeled 2040 Traffic Congestion



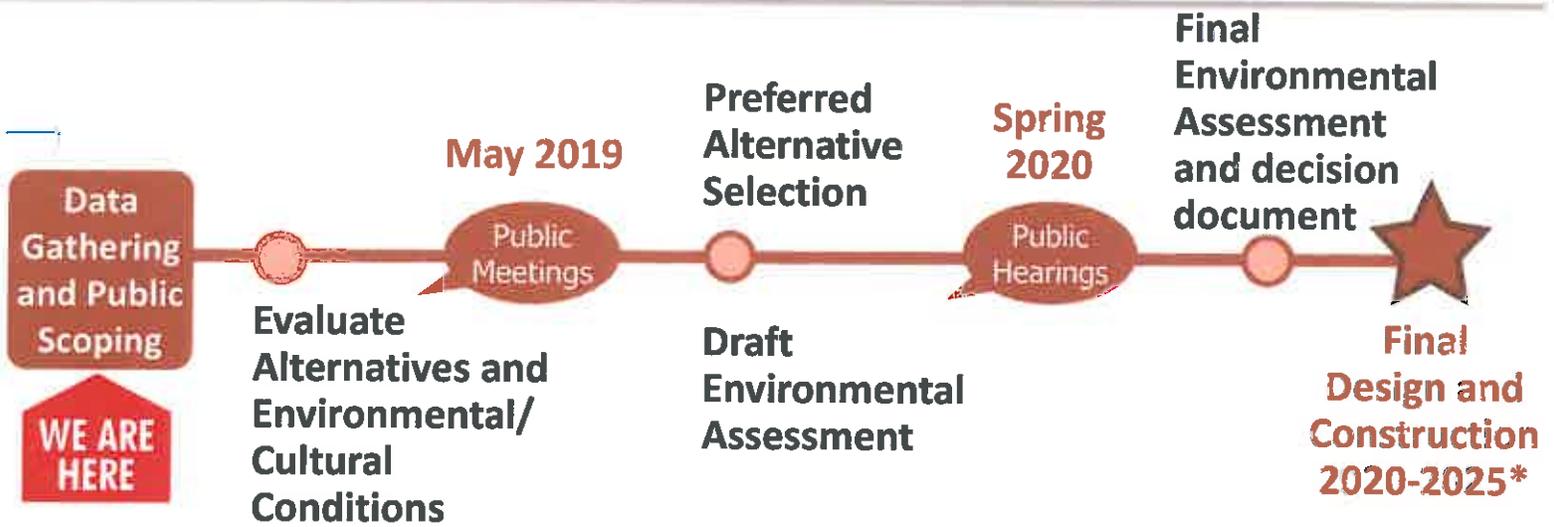
HOW ARE ALTERNATIVES IDENTIFIED?

- **Previous Studies**
- ▪ **Technical Analysis:** physical, environmental, cultural, built environment, impacts, etc.
- **Agency Input:** jurisdictions; regional, state and federal agencies
- **Public Input**

STUDY PROCESS



NEXT STEPS



**If a build alternative is selected.*

HOW CAN I ADD MY VOICE?



Mail comments to
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Phoenix, AZ 85013



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Click on "Get Involved" to
complete a short survey.
Click on "Contact Us" to
submit a written comment
and be added to the project
email list.



Call Public
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Manager Kristin Darr
at **602-750-7139** for
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