



Houghton Road Corridor Projects

- 22nd Street to Irvington Road
- Valencia Road to Mary Ann Cleveland Way
- Bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad
- Union Pacific Railroad to Interstate 10



Summary of Public Open House

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017

Prepared for:

City of Tucson Department of Transportation

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**City of Tucson Department of Transportation
Houghton Road Corridor Projects
Public Open House Summary
Sept. 12, 2017**



Open House Overview

The City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) held a public open house meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Empire High School, 10701 E. Mary Ann Cleveland Way, Tucson, Ariz. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the public and receive their comments on four Houghton Road projects: 22nd Street to Irvington Road; Valencia Road to Mary Ann Cleveland Way; Bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad; and UPRR to Interstate 10. More than 70 members of the public attended. Fourteen (so far) comments were received from the public between Sept. 12 and Sept. 26, 2017 via comment form and email.

Public Notification

- Government official notification emailed – Aug. 25, 2017
- Newspaper advertisement published in Arizona Daily Star – Aug. 28, 2017
- Invitation postcard sent by postal mail – Aug. 28, 2017
- Invitation emailed to over 850 stakeholders – Aug. 28, 2017
- Invitation posted to houghtonroad.info website – Aug. 30, 2017
- Newspaper advertisement published in Vail Voice – Sept. 1, 2017
- News release emailed to local media by City of Tucson – Sept. 6, 2017

Copies of notification materials are included in Appendix A.

Title VI

Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act regulations provides that “no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” Related federal statutes and regulations require TDOT’s Title VI/Nondiscrimination Program to include nondiscrimination protection on the basis of age, sex, disability and income status in all TDOT programs or activities.



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The Title VI notice to the public, brochures and survey cards were displayed and made available at the meeting. Twenty-one completed survey cards were received at this meeting and provided to City of Tucson's Title VI Office.

Meeting Format and Materials

The meeting format was an open house with no formal presentation. At the open house, participants were provided a comment form, three Houghton Road Corridor project fact sheets and the implementation plan map. Participants were asked to:

- Sign in
- Proceed to information tables to review project area maps and discuss questions and concerns individually with team members
- Fill out and leave completed comment forms at the meeting or send them in by Sept. 26, 2017 to be included in the meeting summary report

Aerial plan view maps and displays showing the overall project information for 22nd Street to Irvington Road and Valencia Road to Mary Ann Cleveland Way were provided at staffed information stations. Displays mounted on boards showed the design of the bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad project. RTA MainStreet Business Assistance staffed a table with information about the RTA and business assistance. Arizona Department of Transportation staffed a table with information about the Houghton/Interstate 10 traffic interchange plans. Participants were encouraged to view the displays, ask questions and provide feedback.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

The meeting materials are in Appendix B. The comments are in Appendix C.

Appendices

- A: Notification Materials
- B: Meeting Materials
- C: Comments

HOUGHTON ROAD CORRIDOR

Appendix A

Public Open House Notification



PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

HOUGHTON ROAD CORRIDOR FROM 22ND STREET TO INTERSTATE 10

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED!

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12, 2017 | 5:30 TO 7 P.M.

Drop by any time - No formal presentation

EMPIRE HIGH SCHOOL

DINING AUDITORIUM

10701 E. Mary Ann Cleveland Way
Tucson, AZ 85747

The City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) invite you to attend a public open house to learn about the Houghton Road projects currently in construction or design. These projects are part of the overall plan to improve Houghton Road from Tanque Verde Road to Interstate 10 and funded by the voter-approved \$2.1 billion RTA plan.

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULES:

Houghton Road:

22nd Street to Irvington Road

This project began design in late 2016, and has reached 60% design completion. Construction is expected to start in 2022.

Houghton Road:

Valencia Road to Mary Ann Cleveland Way

Design for this project began in mid-2017 and is anticipated to take approximately 24 months, with construction expected to commence in 2020.

Houghton Road:

Bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR)

Construction began in March 2017, and should take approximately two years to complete.

Houghton Road:

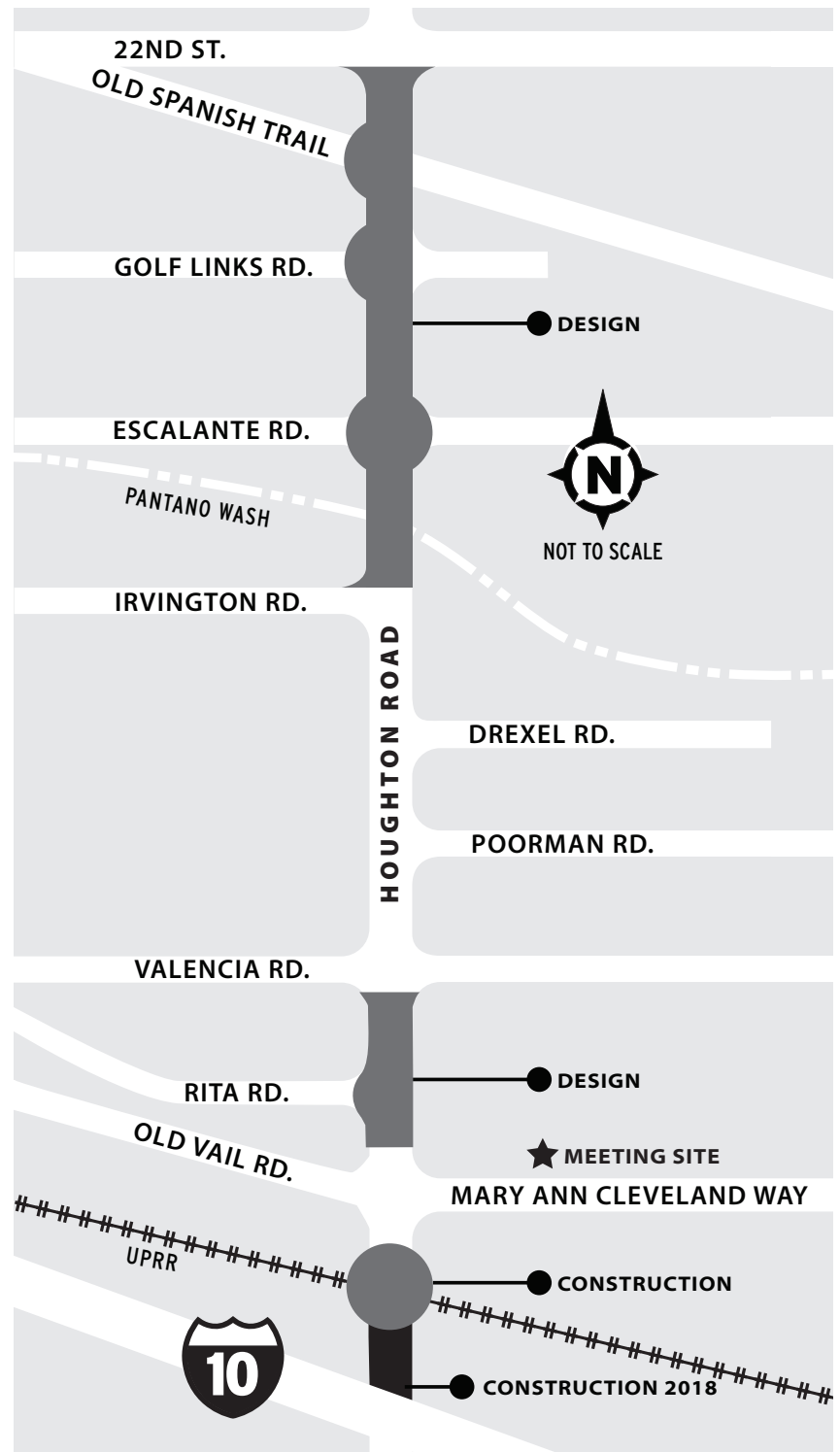
UPRR to Interstate 10

This project is preparing for construction which is anticipated to begin in 2018.

CORRIDOR PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE:

- Widening Houghton Road to six-lane roadway with median
- Drainage improvements to provide all-weather access
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Public art
- Improved asphalt surface
- Bus pullouts
- Native landscaping with water harvesting
- New and upgraded traffic signals

These are projects of the Regional Transportation Authority. The voter-approved, \$2.1 billion RTA plan will be implemented through 2026. Details about the full plan are available at www.RTAmobility.com. The Regional Transportation Authority has a nine-member board with representatives from local, state and tribal governments. These projects are managed by the City of Tucson.



MORE INFORMATION:

For additional information, visit www.houghtonroad.info or contact **Lori Lantz** at lori@gordleygroup.com or 520-327-6077 or TDOT project manager **Michael Marietti** at 520-837-6629 or michael.marietti@tucsonaz.gov.

For accommodation, materials in accessible formats, foreign language interpreters and/or materials in a language other than English, contact **Lori Lantz** at 520-327-6077 or call 520-791-2639 **for a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD)** at least five business days in advance of this scheduled event.



MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.HOUGHTONROAD.INFO

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE NOTICE

HOUGHTON ROAD CORRIDOR FROM 22ND STREET TO INTERSTATE 10

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12, 2017

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OVERALL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CORRIDOR PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Widening Houghton Road to a six-lane roadway with median
- Drainage improvements to provide all-weather access during major storms
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Public art
- Improved asphalt surface
- Bus pullouts
- Native landscaping with water harvesting
- New and upgraded traffic signals

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULES

Houghton Road: Bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad

Construction began in March 2017 and should take approximately two years.

Houghton Road: UPRR to Interstate 10

This project is preparing for construction, anticipated to begin in 2018.

Houghton Road: Valencia Road to Mary Ann Cleveland Way

Design began in mid-2017 and is anticipated to take approximately 24 months, with construction expected to commence in 2020.

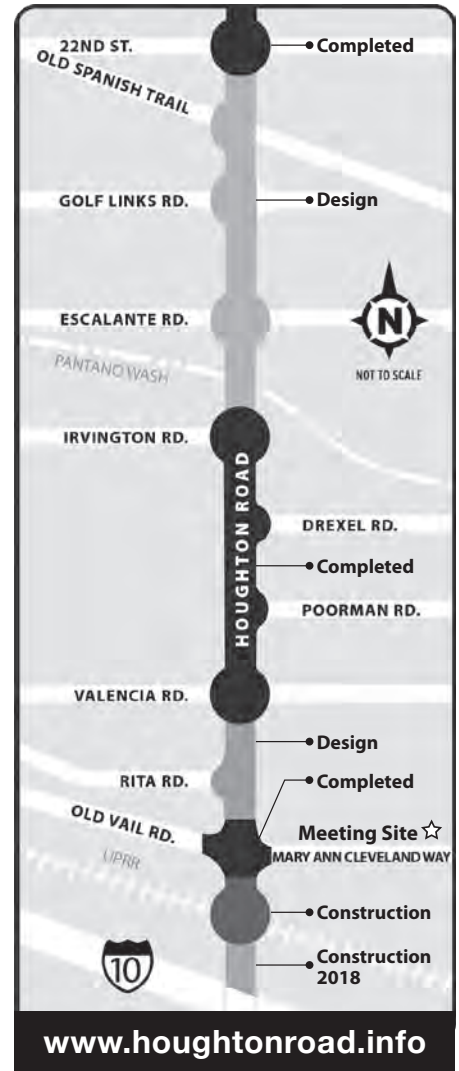
Houghton Road: 22nd Street to Irvington Road

This project began design in late 2016, and has reached 60% design completion. Construction is expected to start in 2022.

MORE INFORMATION

For additional information, please visit the Houghton Road Corridor website at www.houghtonroad.info or contact Lori Lantz at lori@gordleygroup.com or 520-327-6077 or TDOT project manager Michael Marietti at michael.marietti@tucsonaz.gov or 520-837-6629.

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DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULES

Bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad
Construction began March 2017 and should take approximately two years.

UPRR to Interstate 10
Preparing for construction, anticipated to begin in 2018.

Valencia Road to Mary Ann Cleveland Way
Design began in mid-2017, anticipated to take approximately 24 months, with construction expected to commence in 2020.

22nd Street to Irvington Road
Project began design in late 2016, and has reached 60% design completion. Construction is expected to start in 2022.

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NEWS RELEASE

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Date: September 6, 2017
TDD: 791-2639

HOUGHTON ROAD CORRIDOR PROJECTS

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

The City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) invite you to attend a public open house for four Houghton Road Corridor projects from 22nd Street to Interstate 10.

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017
5:30 to 7 p.m.
Empire High School
Dining Auditorium
10701 E. Mary Ann Cleveland Way, Tucson, AZ

Houghton Road Corridor project information will be available for the 22nd Street to Irvington Road, Valencia Road to Mary Ann Cleveland Way, Bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad, and Union Pacific Railroad to Interstate 10 projects.

For more information about the public open house, please contact Lori Lantz, community relations, at 520-327-6077 or lori@gordleygroup.com or TDOT project manager Michael Marietti at 520-837-6629 or michael.marietti@tucsonaz.gov or visit the project website at www.houghtonroad.info.

These projects are part of the overall \$2.1 billion RTA Plan, which will be implemented through 2026. The multimodal plan, nearly halfway through implementation, includes roadway, safety, transit, environmental and economic vitality improvements. For more information on the RTA Plan, visit <http://www.rtamobility.com>.



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www.tucsonaz.gov/street-bonds

HOUGHTON ROAD CORRIDOR

Appendix B

Public Open House Materials





Houghton Road Corridor Projects
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 Empire High School



SIGN-IN SHEET

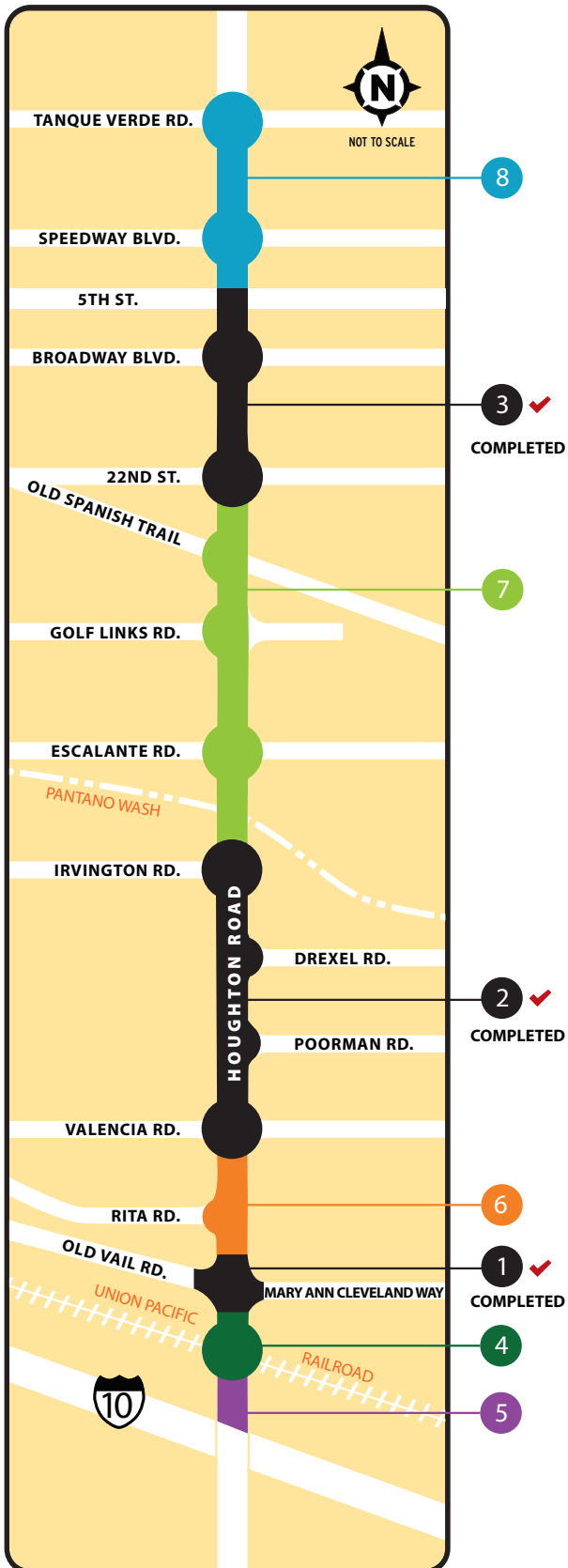
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Completion of this sign-in sheet is completely voluntary and helps the project team keep an accurate record of meeting attendees. Under state law, any identifying information provided above will become part of the public record and, as such, must be released to any individual upon request.



Houghton Road Corridor Implementation Plan



PROJECT	DESIGN STATUS	ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION START	CONSTRUCTION STATUS
DESIGN			
6 VALENCIA RD. TO MARY ANN CLEVELAND WAY	IN PROGRESS	2020	
7 22ND ST. TO IRVINGTON RD.	IN PROGRESS	2022	
8 TANQUE VERDE RD. TO SPEEDWAY BLVD.	2020	TBD	
CONSTRUCTION			
4 HOUGHTON BRIDGE OVER THE UPRR	✓	2017	IN PROGRESS
5 UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD TO I-10	✓	2018	
COMPLETED			
1 OLD VAIL RD./ MARY ANN CLEVELAND WAY INTERSECTION	✓	2009	✓
2 IRVINGTON RD. TO VALENCIA RD.	✓	2012	✓
3 BROADWAY BLVD. TO 22ND ST.	✓	2013	✓



Houghton Road Corridor

22ND STREET TO IRVINGTON ROAD

Houghton Road Corridor Overview

The City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) is designing improvements to widen Houghton Road with four to six lanes from Tanque Verde Road to Interstate 10. This project is part of the \$2.1 billion, 20-year RTA plan that was approved by voters in May 2006.

Houghton Road: 22nd Street to Irvington Road

Design of the Houghton Road: 22nd Street to Irvington Road project began in fall 2016. The design concept and initial design were established during the Conceptual Design phase which started in 2006. Improvements will extend from just south of the 22nd Street intersection to immediately north of the Irvington Road intersection and will include bridges at the Pantano Wash. Two public meetings will be held during the design phase, one near the middle of the design process and one near design completion prior to starting construction, anticipated to begin in 2022.

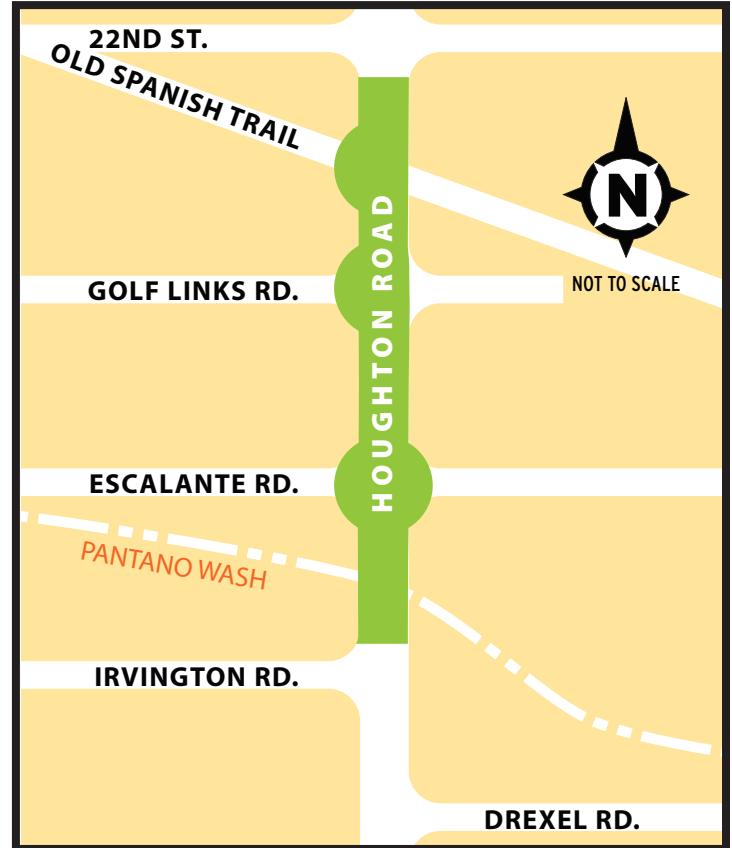
Improvements Include:

- Widening Houghton Road to a curbed six-lane roadway with median
- Retrofit of existing Pantano bridge and addition of a new bridge
- Left-turn lanes and dedicated right-turn lanes at Old Spanish Trail, Golf Links Road and Escalante Road intersections
- PELICAN pedestrian crossing signal at Secrist Middle School
- New and upgraded traffic signals at Old Spanish Trail, Golf Links Road and Escalante Road intersections
- Drainage improvements to provide all-weather access during major storms
- Bus pullouts
- Improved asphalt surface
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Native landscaping with water harvesting
- Roadway lighting
- Public art

Background

Recommendations for the Houghton Road improvements are based on:

- Engineering and environmental considerations
- Public information gathered during the Arizona Department of Transportation's Houghton Road Corridor Study [2002-2004]
- Public outreach efforts conducted during the City of Tucson's Conceptual Design and Final Design Phases [2006-present]



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Houghton Road Corridor

VALENCIA ROAD TO MARY ANN CLEVELAND WAY

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Houghton Road: Valencia Road to Mary Ann Cleveland Way

Design of the Houghton Road: Valencia Road to Mary Ann Cleveland Way project is beginning. Improvements will extend from just south of the Valencia Road intersection to immediately north of the Mary Ann Cleveland Way intersection. The process is anticipated to take 24 months. Two public meetings will be held during the design phase, one near the beginning of the design process and one near design completion prior to starting construction.

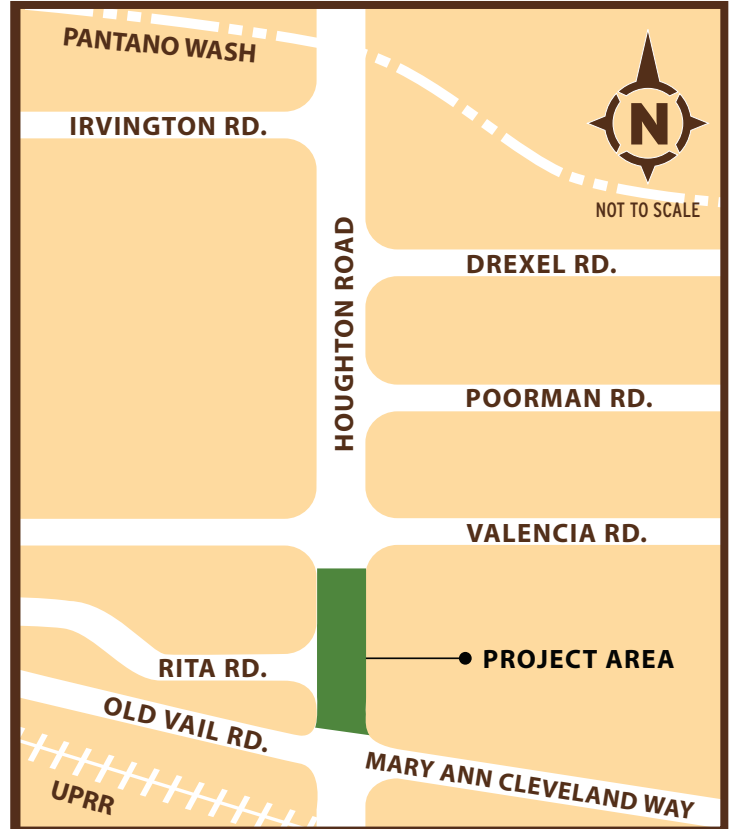
Improvements Include:

- Widening Houghton Road to a six-lane desert parkway with median
- Left-turn lanes and dedicated right-turn lanes at the Rita Road intersection
- New traffic signal and lighting at Rita Road
- Drainage improvements to provide all-weather access during major storms
- Bus pullouts
- Improved asphalt surface
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Native landscaping with water harvesting
- Roadway lighting
- Public art

Background

Recommendations for the Houghton Road improvements are based on:

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Houghton Road Corridor

BRIDGE OVER THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD TO INTERSTATE 10

Houghton Road: Bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad

The design for Houghton Road: Bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) is complete and Pulice Construction was selected as the contractor.

Construction started in March 2017, and is expected to take approximately two years to complete. This project consists of replacing the existing bridge with two bridges that will accommodate three lanes of traffic, bike lanes and sidewalks in each direction.

This bridge project will be constructed in two phases:

The first phase will keep traffic on the existing bridge, while a new bridge is constructed (three lanes) next to the existing bridge (currently two lanes). Once this new bridge is completed, traffic will be shifted over to the new bridge.

The second phase will include demolishing the existing bridge and building another bridge (three lanes) where the old bridge was located. When this work is completed, traffic will be redirected to use both bridges. One bridge will be for northbound traffic, and the other will be for southbound traffic.

Houghton Road: Union Pacific Railroad to Interstate 10

Design for Houghton Road: Union Pacific Railroad to I-10 is 100% complete. Construction is anticipated to start in 2018 and take approximately one year.

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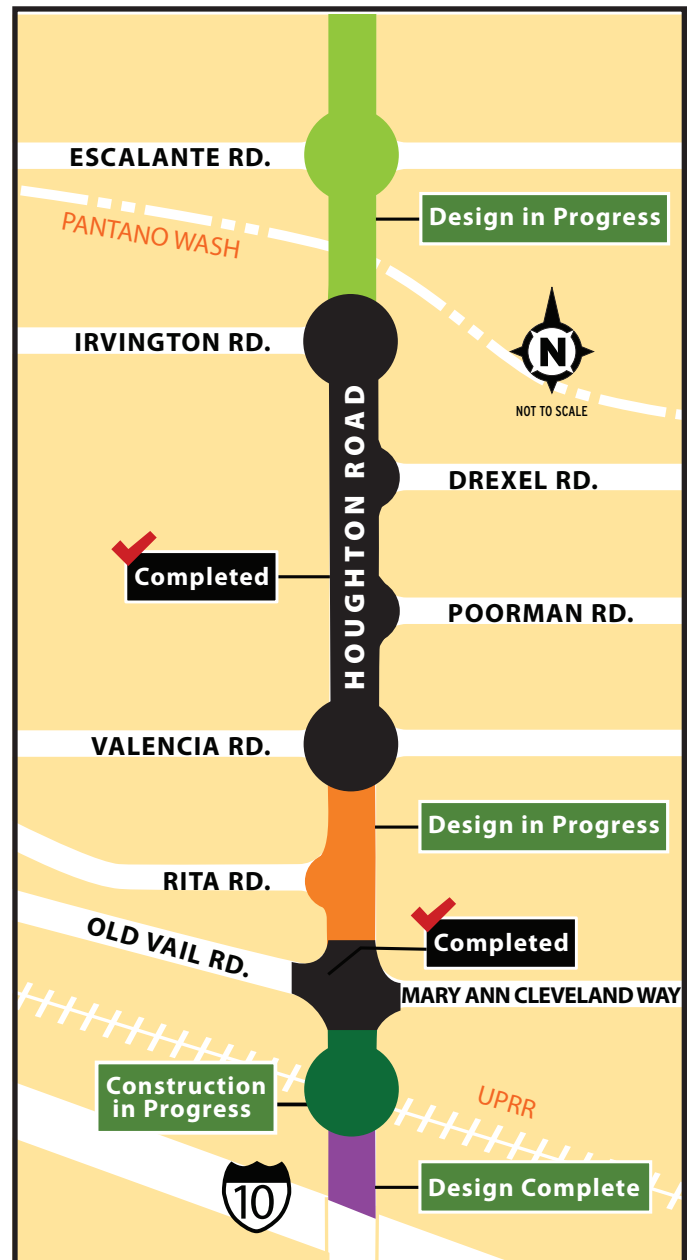
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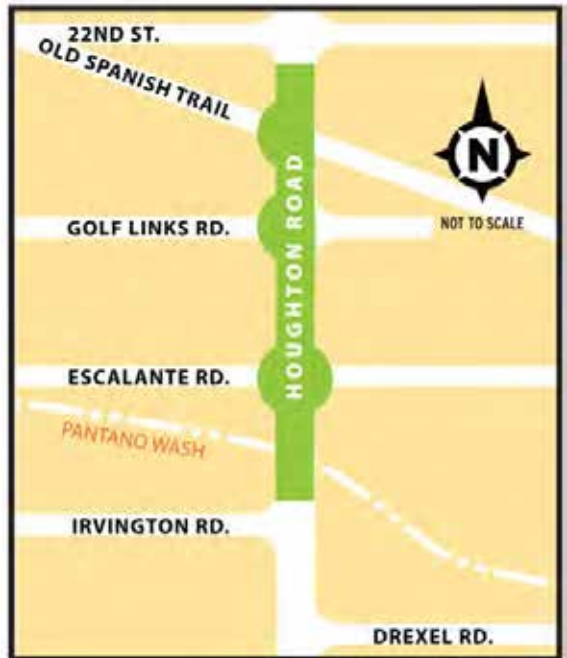
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Houghton Road

22ND STREET TO IRVINGTON ROAD

Primary Design Features

- **Project Limits:**
 - Project will tie into completed segments south of 22nd Street and north of Irvington Road
- **Major Intersections:**
 - Widening, turn lanes, and signals at Old Spanish Trail, Escalante Road, and Golf Links Road
- **Roadway and Drainage:**
 - Six travel lanes with multi-use lanes
 - Sidewalk on west side of road
 - Multi-use path on east side of road
 - Drainage improvements for access during 100-year storm events
 - New bridge and retrofit of existing bridge at Pantano Wash
 - Bus pullouts
- **Additional Features:**
 - Roadway lighting and public art
 - Pedestrian signal at Secrist M.S.
 - Native landscaping with water harvesting features



Project Status and Schedule

- **60% Plans completed**
- **One additional public meeting will be held during design development**
- **Construction to begin in 2022**



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Houghton Road

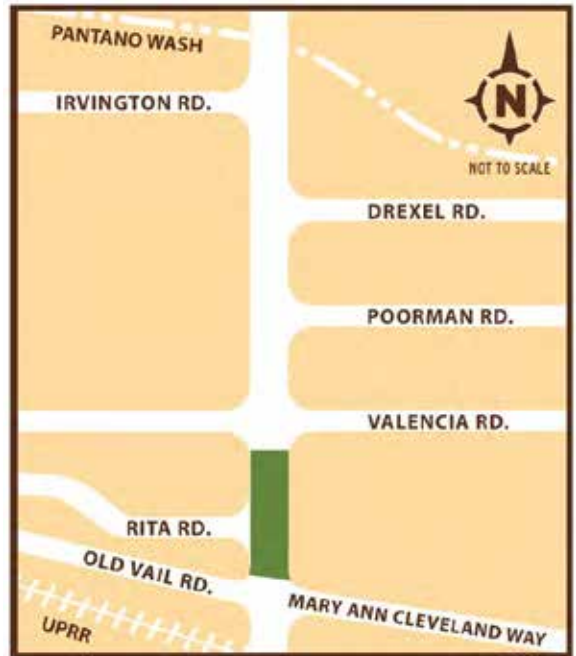
VALENCIA ROAD TO MARY ANN CLEVELAND WAY

Primary Design Features

- **Project Limits:**
 - Project will connect completed intersections from Valencia Road to MAC Way/Old Vail Road
- **Rita Road Intersection:**
 - Widening and turn lanes
 - New traffic signal
 - Access points to commercial areas
- **Roadway and Drainage:**
 - Six travel lanes with multi-use lanes
 - Sidewalk on west side of road
 - Multi-use path on east side of road
 - Drainage improvements for access during 100-year storm events
- **Additional Features:**
 - Roadway lighting and public art
 - Future access to Esmond Station Regional Park
 - Native landscaping with water harvesting features

Project Status and Schedule

- **Design began in July 2017, 24 month design schedule with 4 stages**
- **Two additional public meetings will be held during design development**
- **Construction to begin in 2020**



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TITLE VI KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Tucson Department of Transportation NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) hereby gives public notice that it is the Agency's policy to assure full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. Title VI requires that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, age or disability be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any Federal-Aid Highway Program or other activity for which TDOT receives Federal financial assistance.

Any person who believes his/her Title VI protection has been violated may file a complaint. Any such complaint must be in writing and filed with the TDOT Title VI Office Title VI Program Coordinator within one hundred eighty (180) days following the date of the alleged discriminatory occurrence. Title VI Discrimination Complaint Forms may be obtained from the TDOT Title VI Office by contacting Diane Sotelo, Title VI Coordinator.

El Departamento de Transportación de la ciudad de Tucson AVISO PUBLICO

El Departamento de Transportación de la ciudad de Tucson (TDOT) da aviso al publico que es la norma de esta agencia asegurar cumplimiento total con el Título VI de la Ley de los Derechos Civiles de 1964, la Ley de Restauración de 1987, y articulos relacionados y regulaciones en todos los programas y actividades. El Título VI require que ninguna persona será discriminada por razón de raza, color, país de origen, sexo, edad o discapacidad; será excluida de participar en, de negar servicios de programas, ayudas o beneficios por ningún programa o actividad financiados por el gobierno federal.

Cualquier persona que crea que se ha violado su protección bajo el Título VI, puede presentar una queja. Esta queja debe ser por escrito con la Oficina de Derechos Civiles de TDOT dentro de los ciento ochenta (180) días de la fecha en que se alega que la discriminación ocurrió. Para recibir formularios de reclamo, por favor póngase en contacto con la TDOT Oficina de Derechos Civiles: Diane Sotelo, Title VI Coordinator.

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Who are the authorities?

The two main authorities enabling Title VI implementation, compliance and enforcement are the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987. However, other statutes, laws, regulations, executive orders and the United States Constitution provide guidance for the effective execution of the objectives of Title VI.

THESE INCLUDE:

- Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
- Age Discrimination Act of 1975
- Uniform Relocation Act of 1970
- Executive orders 12898 and 13166

Title VI compliance

Title VI compliance is a situation where TDOT has effectively implemented all the Title VI requirements or can demonstrate that every good faith effort has been made toward achieving this end. As a subrecipient of federal highway funds, TDOT is required to prevent discrimination and ensure nondiscrimination in all programs and activities whether they are federally funded or not.



TITLE VI KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



What is Title VI?

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is the federal law that protects individuals and groups from discrimination on the basis of their race, color and national origin in programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance. However, the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) reference to Title VI includes other civil rights provisions of federal statutes and related authorities to the extent that they prohibit discrimination in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance.

TDOT's Title VI Policy

Pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 and other nondiscrimination authorities, it is the policy of the Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) that discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability shall not occur in connection with any of its programs or activities. TDOT's efforts to prevent discrimination will address, but not be limited to, a program's impact upon access, benefits, participation, treatment, services, contracting opportunities, training opportunities, investigation of complaints, allocation of funds, prioritization of projects and the functions of research, planning, project development, design, right-of-way acquisition and construction.

For more information

For questions or to file a complaint, contact:

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"At Tucson Department of Transportation, our goal is to ensure that every effort will be made to prevent discrimination through the impact of our programs, policies and procedures."





What programs are covered?

Federally assisted programs include any highway, project, program or activity for the provision of services and for other benefits. Such programs include education or training, work opportunities, health, welfare, rehabilitation, housing or other services, whether provided directly by TDOT or indirectly through contracts or other arrangements with other agents.

What type of discrimination is prohibited under TDOT's Title VI program?

Discrimination under our Title VI program is an action or inaction, intentional or not, through which any intended beneficiary, solely because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or retaliation has been otherwise subjected to unequal treatment or impact, under any TDOT program or activity. Discrimination based on the grounds referenced above limit the opportunity for individuals and groups to gain equal access to services and programs. In administering federally assisted programs and activities, TDOT cannot discriminate either directly or through contractual or other means by:

- Denying program services, financial aids or other benefits
- Providing different program services, financial aids or other benefits, or providing them in a manner different from that provided to others
- Segregating or separately treating individuals or groups in any manner related to the receipt of any program service or benefit
- Restricting in any way the enjoyment of any advantage or privilege enjoyed by others receiving any program service or other benefits
- Denying persons the opportunity to participate as a member of a planning, advisory or similar body
- Denying persons the opportunity to participate in the program through the provision of services, or affording the opportunity to do so differently from those afforded others

Who may file a Title VI complaint?

A Title VI complaint may be filed by any individual or individuals who allege they have been subjected to discrimination or adverse impact under any TDOT program or activity based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or retaliation.

What information is included in a Title VI complaint?

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A signed, written Title VI complaint must be filed within 180 days of the date of the alleged act of discrimination. The complaint must include the following information:

- Your name, address and telephone number. If you are filing on behalf of another person, include their name, address, telephone number and your relation to the complainant (e.g., friend, attorney, parent, etc.)
- The name and address of the agency, program or organization that you believe discriminated against you
- A description of how, why and when you believe you were discriminated against. (Include as much background information as possible about the alleged acts of discrimination.)
- Your signature

What will TDOT do with my complaint?

Upon receipt, the TDOT Civil Rights Office will determine which agency has jurisdiction to handle the complaint. If TDOT does not have jurisdiction to handle the complaint, it will be forwarded to the appropriate agency. The allegations will be investigated and an attempt will be made to resolve any violations if found. If efforts to resolve any violations are unsuccessful, enforcement proceedings may be initiated to bring the recipient into compliance.

Is there speech or hearing impairment assistance for filing a complaint?

Upon request, assistance will be provided if you are limited English proficient or disabled. Any complaint may be filed using an alternate format.



Autoridades

Las dos autoridades principales que hacen posible la implementación, conformidad y cumplimiento del Título VI son la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964 y la Ley de Restauración de 1987. Sin embargo, otros estatutos, leyes, reglamentos, ordenes ejecutivas y la Constitución de los EEUU proporcionan orientación para la efectiva orientación de los objetivos del Título VI. Estos incluyen:

- La Ley Federal de Asistencia Vial de 1973
- Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973
- Ley de Ciudadanos Americanos con Discapacidades de 1990
- Ley de Discriminación de Edad de 1975
- Ley de Traslado Uniforme de 1970
- Ordenes Ejecutivas 12898 y 13166

Cumplimiento del Título VI

TDOT ha implementado efectivamente todos los requerimientos del Título VI o puede demostrar que ha hecho todos los esfuerzos de buena fe posibles para lograr dar cumplimiento al Título VI. Como subdestinatario de fondos de carreteras federal, TDOT es responsable de prevenir discriminación y de asegurar que no exista discriminación en ningún programa o actividad, sean financiados con fondos federales o no.



TÍTULO VI

CONOCE TUS DERECHOS



Que es el Título VI?

El Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964 es la ley federal que protege a los individuos y grupos de discriminación basada en raza, color de su piel y origen nacional en programas y actividades que reciben asistencia financiera federal. Sin embargo, cuando la Administración Federal de Carreteras de los Estados Unidos (FHWA, por sus siglas en ingles) hace referencia al Título VI, incluye otras provisiones de derechos civiles de estatutos federales y otras autoridades relacionadas de manera que prohíben la discriminación en programas y actividades que reciban asistencia financiera federal.

Las Normas bajo Título VI de TDOT

Conforme al Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964 enmendado, la Ley de Restauración de 1987 y otras autoridades en contra de la discriminación, es la norma del Departamento de Transportación del Tucson (TDOT, por sus siglas en ingles) que discriminación basada en raza, color de su piel, origen nacional, género, edad o discapacidad no ocurrirá en ninguno de sus programas o actividades.

Los esfuerzos de TDOT para prevenir la discriminación se dirigirán a, pero no serán limitados a, el impacto de un programa sobre el acceso, bienes, participación, trato, servicios, oportunidades de contratación, oportunidades de capacitación, investigación de quejas, disposición de fondos, priorización de proyectos y las funciones de planeación, desarrollo de proyectos, diseño, adquisición de derecho de vía, construcción e investigación.

Para más información

Para preguntas o para presentar una queja, comuníquese con:

DIANE SOTELO
TDOT TITLE VI COORDINATOR

Public Works Building
201 N. Stone Ave. 6th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701
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Diane.Sotelo@tucsonaz.gov

tucsonaz.gov



“En el Departamento de Transportación de Tucson, nuestro objetivo es asegurar que cada esfuerzo haga prevenir discriminación a través del impacto de nuestros programas, principios y procedimientos.”





Programas incluidos

Los programas que reciban asistencia financiera federal incluyen: cualquier proyecto vial, programa o actividad para la prestación de bienes y servicios. Tales programas incluyen educación o capacitación, oportunidades de trabajo, salud, asistencia pública, rehabilitación, viviendas y otros servicios, ya sea que hayan sido proporcionados directamente por TDOT o indirectamente a través de contratos u otros arreglos con otros representantes.

Qué tipo de discriminación está prohibida bajo el programa Título VI de TDOT?

Discriminación bajo nuestro programa de Título VI es una acción o inacción, intencional o no, por medio de cualquier persona que sería beneficiada, haya sido sujeto a trato o impacto desigual bajo cualquier programa o actividad de TDOT únicamente por su raza, color de su piel, origen nacional, género, edad o discapacidad o represalias.

Discriminación basada en los términos arriba mencionados les limita a grupos e individuos la oportunidad de obtener acceso equitativo a programas y servicios. En la administración de programas y actividades que reciban asistencia financiera federal, TDOT tampoco puede discriminar directa o indirectamente, por medio de contratos o cualquier otro medio para:

- Negar servicios del programa, apoyo financiero u otros beneficios
- Proporcionando diferentes servicios, apoyo financiero u otros beneficios, o proporcionándolos de manera diferente a como se les proporciono a otros
- Segregar o tratar por separado a grupos o individuos de cualquier forma relacionada a la recepción de bienes y servicios
- Restringir de cualquier manera el uso o goce de cualquier ventaja o privilegio de la cual otros que reciben bienes y servicios, usan o gozan
- Negarle a alguien la oportunidad de participar como miembro de un grupo de planeación, de asesoría u otro similar
- Negarle a alguien la oportunidad de participar en el programa mediante la proporción de servicios o dándoles la oportunidad de hacerlo de manera diferente de como se les proporcionó a otros

¿Quien puede presentar una demanda Título VI?

Cualquier individuo(s) que alegue(n) que ha(n) sido sujeto(s) a discriminación o impactado(s) desfavorablemente bajo cualquier programa o actividad de TDOT basados en raza, color de su piel, origen nacional, género, edad, discapacidad o represalias puede presentar una demanda Título VI.

Que información se incluye en una demanda Título VI?

Una queja Título VI por escrito y firmada debe presentarse dentro de los 180 días de la fecha en que se alega que la discriminación ocurrió. La demanda debe incluir la siguiente información:

- Su nombre, dirección y teléfono. Si usted esta presentando la demanda en representación de una tercera persona, incluya su nombre, dirección y teléfono y la relación que tiene usted con la persona agredida (ej. amigo, abogado, padre, etc.)
- El nombre y la dirección de la agencia, programa u organización que usted cree discriminó en su contra
- Una descripción de cómo, porque y cuando usted cree que discriminaron en su contra. Incluya la mayor cantidad de información que pueda sobre de los actos de discriminación que alega
- Su firma

Que hará TDOT con mi demanda?

Al recibir su demanda, la Oficina de Derechos Civiles de TDOT determinará que agencia tiene jurisdicción para manejar la demanda. Si TDOT no tiene jurisdicción para manejar la demanda, se le enviará a la agencia apropiada. Las alegaciones se investigaran y se intentará resolver cualquier, si es que se encuentren. Si los esfuerzos para resolver las violaciones no resultan exitosos, se dará inicio a procedimientos disciplinarios para asegurar el cumplimiento por parte del receptor demandado.

Hay ayuda para presentar la demanda para personas con problemas de oír o de habla?

Se proveerá asistencia a personas con habilidad limitada en inglés o discapacidad si lo solicitan. Una demanda puede ser presentada usando un formato alternativo. Para presentar una demanda Título VI, se puede comunicar a la Oficina de Derechos Civiles al numero que se menciona a continuación.



SELF-IDENTIFICATION SURVEY

Thank you for attending this public meeting.
Please take a few minutes to help us provide
you with more meaningful services.

*Completing this survey is voluntary. If you choose
to respond, please mark all that apply.*

ETHNICITY/RACE:

- African American/Black
- American Indian/Alaskan Native
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- Asian
- Hispanic/Latino
- White

AGE:

- Under 20
- 21-39
- 40-64
- 65+

SEX:

- Female
- Male

The Tucson Department of Transportation's (TDOT) goal is to ensure that every effort will be made to prevent discrimination through the impact of its programs, policies, and activities.

TDOT will take reasonable steps to provide accommodations based on language or disability. Requests should be made as early as possible to ensure TDOT has an opportunity to address the accommodation.

By completing this voluntary survey, TDOT will be able to determine who attends its public meetings and how the department can improve participation. The survey will also help TDOT fulfill federal reporting requirements.

TITLE VI – KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 USC 2000d, and U.S. Department of Transportation regulations provide that "no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

Title VI authorities:

- Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
- Executive Orders 12898 & 13166

Thank you! Your input is appreciated.

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May 2017

ENCUESTA PARA IDENTIFICARSE

Gracias por participar en esta reunión pública.
Por favor tómese unos minutos para ayudarnos
darte lo mas mejor servicios posible.

*El completar esta encuesta es voluntaria. Si usted
decide responder, por favor marque todas las
respuestas que le corresponden.*

ETNICIDAD/RAZA:

- Afroamericano/Negro
- Amerindio/Nativo de Alaska
- Nativo de Hawái/Otra isla del Pacífico ative
- Asiático
- Hispano/Latino
- Caucásico/Blanco

EDAD:

- Menos de 20
- 21-39
- 40-64
- 65+

SEXO:

- Femenino
- Masculino

El objetivo del Departamento de Transporte de Tucson (TDOT) es asegurar que cada esfuerzo se llevara a cabo para prevenir discriminación en el desarrollo de sus programas, políticas y actividades.

TDOT también tomará todas las medidas razonables para ofrecer el acceso a servicios y actividades para personas con limitaciones ya sea por el idioma o por discapacidad. Las solicitudes deben hacerse lo más pronto posible para asegurar que el equipo encargado del proyecto tenga la oportunidad de hacer los arreglos necesarios.

Con su participación en esta encuesta voluntaria, TDOT podrá determinar quien participa en las reuniones públicas y como podrá mejorar la participación de miembros de minorías. La encuesta también le ayudará a TDOT a cumplir con requisitos federales.

TÍTULO VI – SEPÁ SUS DERECHOS

El Título VI del Acto de Derechos Civiles, la ley 42 USC 2000d y otros reglamentos del Departamento de Transporte de los Estados Unidos, aseguran que "ninguna persona en los Estados Unidos será negada los beneficios de o será discriminado de cualquier programa o actividad que recibe asistencia de fondos federales por su raza, color de su piel u origen nacional".

Otras autoridades relacionadas con la No-Discriminación de Título VI:

- La Ley Federal de Asistencia Vial de 1973 (Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973)
- Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973 (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973)
- Ley de ciudadanos Americanos con Discapacidades de 1990 (Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990)
- Ordenes Ejecutivas 12898 y 13166 (Executive Orders 12898 and 13166)

¡Gracias! Appreciamos sus datos.

HOUGHTON ROAD CORRIDOR

Appendix C

Public Open House Comments



Houghton Road Corridor Projects
Public Open House
Empire High School – Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017

Comment Form

Please indicate which Houghton Road project(s) this comment refers to:

- 22nd Street to Irvington Road Valencia Road to Mary Ann Cleveland Way
 Bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad UPRR to Interstate 10

ON THIS CORRIDOR COULD THE CITY ADD BIKE LANES
NORTH TO VALENCIA FROM RITA & SOUTH FROM RITA
ROAD TO MARY ANN CLEVELAND.

How did you hear of this meeting?

RR COMMUNITY WEB PAGE

Have you attended any previous open houses for the Houghton Road Corridor?

NO

Name (optional):

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Please include me on your email list to receive information concerning these projects.

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① Last meeting, I was told that a berm would be installed behind our house (3137 S Austin Pt Dr) what is the status of the berm?

② Traffic is horrendous at certain times of day, especially during school hours. Forcing us to make a right on Watson then flip a U turn at Escalante (?) near school is going to be a night mare.

③ A signal is needed at the other entrance to Austin Pt subdivision. Right now there is no light, and the →

How did you hear of this meeting?

Postcard

Have you attended any previous open houses for the Houghton Road Corridor?

Yes

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Too many openings to the neighborhoods
near the middle school.

How did you hear of this meeting?

RRNA email

Have you attended any previous open houses for the Houghton Road Corridor?

Yes

Name (optional):

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Email:

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Will there be any crossroads of Irvington/Houghton Rd. intersections? Pedestrian signals?

How did you hear of this meeting? Postcard in Mail

Have you attended any previous open houses for the Houghton Road Corridor? Yes

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I especially like the statue of horses on Houghton
St. of 22. It is creative and yet fits very comfortably
in the sense in which it was placed. Other roadside
& landscaping also hold to the character of the area.
It is hoped such quality can continue along the
corridor and be successfully true to this area
of Tucson

How did you hear of this meeting?

Received notice via USPS

Phone:

Email:

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My concern is the proximity of the 6-lane road to the houses which back up to Houghton Road. The noise level is also a concern. The road also dips going southbound on Houghton past Esmond Station Road. What will be done to provide drivers a smoother transition to the intersection of Houghton and Mary Ann Cleveland?

How did you hear of this meeting?

flier in mail

Have you attended any previous open houses for the Houghton Road Corridor?

No

Name (optional):

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Email:

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I work for Hughes FCH and we are currently building
our new branch at Old Vail Rd. and Houghton.
Please send information on upcoming meetings and updates.
Thank you!

Marker
How did you hear of this meeting?

Phone:

Email:

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need to put more thought into designing
left turn areas and cross traffic
Having to make a ~~South~~/right and drive
to a left/u turn to go north is a
bit ridiculous especially when
you have to cross 2 lanes of southbound
traffic to get to the u turn lane

How did you hear of this meeting?

email and newspaper

Have you attended any previous open houses for the Houghton Road Corridor?

Yes

Name (optional):

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Email:

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— Major concern regarding noise pollution. I live in the HOA that backs up against Desert Crossing HOA, and runs ~~parallel~~ parallel to Houghton.

— Also Houghton Road itself RAISES higher than the homes in part of this section. Will the Road be lowered?

How did you hear of this meeting? email

Have you attended any previous open houses for the Houghton Road Corridor? No

Name (optional): Address: City: State: Zip:

Phone: Email:

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TRAFFIC BACKS UP ONTO THE FREEWAY AT RITA & I-10
CAN WE GET LIGHTS THERE?

How did you hear of this meeting?

RE-COMMUNITY FORUM

Have you attended any previous open houses for the Houghton Road Corridor?

NO


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From: [REDACTED] 
Subject: Submittal of Coments
Date: September 16, 2017 at 2:59 PM
To: [REDACTED]



Attached are my comments regarding the four Houghton Road projects. RRNA board members are invited to submit additional comments.

I was impressed by the number of people who attended the public house to look at the 22nd to Irvington project. It did appear many were taken back when informed that construction would not occur until 2022 or later. I still think that a separate public meeting for that project needs to be held either at one of the churches along Houghton or at Secrist Middle School.

Thanks.
[REDACTED]



Comments
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Comments Regarding Public Open House Re: Houghton Widening Project

Houghton Bridge over UPRR railroad tracks:

At the meeting I was told that part of the railroad bridge art project was the waving lines imprinted on the side of the bridge overpass on. Austin said that the wavey lines would seem to move as the day wore on and the sun was in a different position. My response was that as there were no roads on either side of the bridge the only people who would get to see the “art” would be the train engineers as they approach the bridge. After thinking about the exposed side of the railroad bridge I have come to realize people driving on the dirt Old Vail road east of Houghton might get a glimpse of the lines on the bridge as would people over at Hot Rods. Truck drivers delivering goods to the back of TJ Max, Petco, Ross and Walmart might also see the waves. But that is very few number of people for what expense?

The top railings would, I was informed by Austin Wesnitzer, be similar to the green railings seen along Houghton where there are culverts etc. Will these railings be sufficient to protect bike riders or pedestrians who are crossing over the bridge? I would hate to see a biker fall through the railings onto the railroad tracks. I know everyone will say that won't happen. I recommend that the City's and County risk management groups be asked for their thoughts.

I believe that Public Art by its very nature is one that should be seen by residents or those using the bridge. I would like to see something like what was put on the Veterans bridge over by Aviation highway. It protects pedestrians while pleasant to view while driving alongside on the bridge.

At the public open house I asked Austin what was planned for the dirt sections of the bridge. He said they were considering putting in a tiered system with plants. He agreed it would be similar to what was put on Kolb road between Valencia and Irvington. The tiered system along on Kolb disappeared or has disintegrated due to lack of care. There is major soil erosion of the dirt walls from rains and lack of plants that disappeared long ago. What you have now are large pieces of concrete sliding down the sides towards Kolb road. I don't think that the railroad company wants to see soil washed away on the Houghton bridge sides and possibly onto their tracks. I know there is concrete along the tracks where the bridges support is but the dirt for the road fans out quite a ways. My other concern is providing water to the new plants. How long will the County pay for trucking water to a tank so the new plants can grow enough to hold the soil in place? Too bad succulents don't survive our heat as they would be one way to reduce soil erosion. Why not select a desert resistant spreading plant like lantana? It does not take a lot of water while spreading and protecting the soil. By the way, who is responsible if there is deep soil erosion along the bridge - County or City or RTA? Is there a plan B to fix any such erosion problem? We haven't see any government organization take care of problems on Kolb with a similar tiered project so I don't have a good feeling about a tiered system for plants on this important bridge structure.

So to sum it up I think there are still some issues that need to be looked at regarding the Houghton railroad bridge as to both an art project and soil protection along the road..

Houghton between 22nd and Irvington

I still believe that an arrow turn light needs to be installed at Escalante and Houghton especially for vehicles turning left to go eastbound on Escalante. I know the city will say they need to do a traffic study etc, etc. As there will be no widening of Houghton in this area for 5-6 years if not more, something needs to be done now. On Thursday at 8:20am I drove by Escalante and saw a car waiting to make a left turn off Houghton. I continued to see the car, in my rear mirror, waiting to turn as I drove past Secrist middle school. That is quite a ways for me to travel and still see the vehicle waiting on northbound Houghton traffic. Something needs to be done now and not verbal platitudes from the City. The City owes the residents who reside east of Houghton off Escalante a safe way to travel.

Also, Houghton Road between Escalante and Golf Links needs to be repaired as that section of road is in terrible shape and may not last another 6-7 years with all the traffic it carries. What are the OCI (The Overall Condition Index) numbers for Houghton from Escalante to Golf Links? TDOT brags about their use of the specialized van to gather road data so what does it say? I am using 6-7 years for a time frame due to potential unexpected delays such as lack of funding or requirement to complete bridge work over the Pantano wash first before widening Houghton from 22nd to Irvington.

Houghton between Valencia and Old Vail Road

Several of us have walked this segment with both City and contractor traffic engineers to explain and show areas of concern. We have been told that the new designers are aware of our concerns in this area. I hope that our concerns are looked at seriously and some changes are incorporated into the 30% road design that we can comment on/. We do not want to wait until we are shown a 60% road design for comment. Past experience has shown that nothing we say will matter once the road design is at 60%. All we are told is that any suggested comment changes will be “too expensive” so they won’t be incorporated into the design.

We would also like to be in attendance with the engineers meet with representatives who manage the Fry’s development at the corner of Rita Road and Houghton. We know that the businesses will want open access for customers. Our concerns are for safety of those who frequent local businesses but also for potential traffic mitigation problems that may extend into the neighborhood on Rita Road. For example, cars back up at the south driveway while waiting for cars to dart across 2 lanes so they can turn left onto Rita Road. This traffic wants to either get

over to Fry's gas station or turn south onto Houghton from Rita Road as southbound traffic on Houghton may be overwhelming. It may be wise to have the southern driveway widened so cars wanting to turn left don't affect vehicles making a right turn onto Rita Road. Maybe a change regarding the median at this driveway is required for safety.

Over the past decade we have brought up quite a few issues as we have met to discuss Houghton widening. Most of these were listed on the parking lot. So I don't think we need to go list those or go into detail on them. I do want to reiterate that traffic noise for residents living below Houghton's road bed; traffic safety; sidewalks and community monuments are major concerns for us.

Verbal promises, from City representative, that monuments will either be saved or rebuilt have proven unreliable up to now. The old saying talk is cheap could be said for this issue.

We need turning arrows at the Houghton / Rita Road intersection. It might even be good to have the arrow lights separate from regular green signal lights. Especially if the road design plan shows 2 turning lanes from Rita Road onto Houghton. The number of turning lanes on Rita Road and also Rita Ranch Road needs to be discussed by all concerned.

I personally would like to see a clause in the road widening RFP that states if any sidewalks along Houghton, Rita Road, Rita Ranch Road or Old Vail Road are removed due to road widening construction that new sidewalks will be installed as part of this road project before the City signs off on completion.

We **do not want** any medians on Houghton and along the road in this area to be seeded with grass period. We also would like to have curbs in the medians like what was provided between Broadway and 22nd. Please don't tell us curbs can be provided once we are urbanized. I came to Tucson and Rita Ranch when there were few homes and no businesses. We are becoming more urbanized every day.

At the public meeting, I expressed an idea to both Psomas representatives and Michael Marietti regarding utilization of a drainage way as a pedestrian walkway under Houghton. The drainage section goes from Houghton to Rees Loop where it connects to a larger wash to move water from the east side of Houghton through our community. Children and adults use the drainage way to cut through the housing area so they don't have to walk all the way to Rita Road about 2 tenths of a mile and back. The City might want to look at the opportunity to have a pedestrian walkway at this point under Houghton. Before anyone says the City does not do this look at the underpass for cyclist and pedestrians on Old Spanish Trail as you enter the Target store parking area. This would be a good time to establish a way for residents to either travel safely under the 6 lanes to the regional park, Empire High School or any future commercial development on the east side of Houghton. The Houghton Area Master Plan (HAMP) says there should be connectivity between neighborhoods. This may be a perfect chance for the City to show it is committed to the HAMP and what it says. Drainage from a pedestrian underpass could

be sent one of two places: One-half mile along Houghton to the south there is a wash between the commercial property and housing or use the current drainage ditch to the large wash located on the west side of Rees Loop. The latter wash is closer. A pedestrian walkway could save funding in having to design and install a PELICAN or HAWK light at the regional park entrance.

Finally, we would like to recommend that a pipe which could be used to carry reclaimed water to the Esmond Station Regional Park be installed when Houghton is widened. Current proposed plans for the regional park show it having 12 ball fields and 11 soccer fields at the very least. If we don't put a pipe in the ground now, Houghton will need to be torn up later which will cost more money and construction time. Currently there is no reclaimed water pipe south of Irvington and Houghton. This pipe would be put in place so that in the future it is available once other piping is laid southward from Irvington.

Houghton UPRR Bridge to I-10

My only comment about this section is that construction will occur around 2020 at about the same time Houghton widening from Valencia to Old Vail Road is scheduled. Plus, ADOT plans to work on the Houghton bridge over I-10 at the same time. What I see is eastbound traffic coming off I-10 at Rita Road will either use Old Vail Road travel east to Rancho del Lago area or traffic will travel through Rita Ranch to Valencia and turn north on Houghton. This will put a lot of stress on both Rita Road and Old Vail not to mention Valencia eastbound from Nexus to Houghton.

There needs to be close coordination between the major players (ADOT, RTA, TDOT, contractors and the neighborhood association). At this time we don't know the County's plans for widening Valencia east of Houghton. It might be good for TDOT to contact PCDOT regarding scheduling road construction on eastbound Valencia.

Summary

I am sure I have forgotten something and maybe other board members can add to this lengthy comment submittal. Please remember we drive this area daily and so do our family members. Some of us have lived in this community for decades so we are very familiar with traffic problems, minor and major in our community. Some problems can be addressed during the widening construction. We don't profess to have the experience of designing roads etc., but we possess experience and history that we think should be considered when designing plans for widening Houghton.

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Houghton Bridge over UPRR railroad tracks:

Austin confirmed that the new bridge would be 4 feet higher than the old bridge.

■ I might suggest that your thoughts might be placed in a bullet point document. With explanation saved for public discussion at the CDRC meeting. The bullet point list might be forwarded now ahead of any such meeting.

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[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Submittal of Comments

Date: September 17, 2017 at 11:40:24 PM MST

I looked over the comments attached to the email, [REDACTED] I couldn't agree more! Especially the observations on the tiered planter system on Kolb between Valencia and Irvington. What a waste of \$\$ and a lengthy lack of a maintenance commitment.

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