



ADOT identifies first stimulus road projects

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The Arizona Department of Transportation has identified its first priorities using \$85 million of \$350 million in federal stimulus money.

Bid opportunities were announced last week on 14 projects, all of which are due to start construction in the summer. Over the next several weeks, another 27 projects to be funded with federal stimulus money will be announced.

Among the first projects are two in Pima County:

- Interstate 10 repaving from Houghton to Rita roads, \$6 million
- State Route 86, Ajo Highway, bridge repairs, \$200,000.

All totaled, Pima County is to receive \$46 million, Maricopa County \$130 million and the state's other 13 counties will be receive \$175 million.

Elsewhere in Southern Arizona, \$2.75 million is to be used to repave State Route 83 in Santa Cruz County and \$1.95 million is going to repaving and median improvements on State Route 80 in Cochise County.

The biggest single project among first identified by ADOT is to widen I-10 on the westside of Phoenix to six lanes. The six-mile project is estimated to cost \$43.2 million.

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