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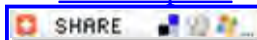
Does ADOT stimulus money help you?

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From 2007 to 2009, 77,000 construction jobs were lost in the state of Arizona. Now, the stimulus money will add an estimated 6,000 jobs, 2,220 of them here in Maricopa County. It's a drop in the bucket but it's a start says Doug Nintzel from ADOT.

If you're not one of the men or women directly affected by the job, there's something else in it for you: roads. The extra money means projects that were scheduled for down the line will now happen earlier. Four of them here in Metro Phoenix: I-17 widening North of Carefree Highway to Anthem Way. I-10 widening from Sarival Avenue to Verrado Way. Grand Avenue widening 83rd Avenue to Loop 303 and the Beardsley Road connection to the Loop 101.

In all their are 41 projects the state will take on, which will cost \$350 million. 21 of the projects are already in motion. And there's a potential to get more stimulus money. If other states don't start by the deadline issued, they will lose that money and it could go to a ready-state like Arizona. It's a long shot but Nintzel says we're ready if the opportunity comes up. The Obama Administration says the money going to Arizona should create or at least save up to 70,000 jobs in our state.

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