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ADOT launches Valley's second Recovery Act project

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PHOENIX – The second highway project for Maricopa County funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is officially under way in the West Valley.

Officials with the Arizona Department of Transportation said the project will widen Interstate 10 between Sarival Avenue and Verrado Way, adding a third lane in each direction along six miles of the freeway.

The \$21.8 million project is one of five initial ARRA projects in Maricopa County that were approved by the State Transportation Board in March.

Since then, two additional projects have been added to the Maricopa County region as a result of cost savings from the bidding process. More ARRA projects are being added statewide from the cost savings.

There are currently 28 ARRA projects under construction throughout Arizona, with seven more that have already been completed.

ADOT warns, during the initial stages of work on the I-10, drivers should expect lane restrictions while crews set up a work zone along the freeway.

Eastbound I-10 will be narrowed to one lane at times this weekend (weekend of September 18-21) between Verrado Way and Sarival Avenue.

The ongoing project to add two new lanes in each direction along I-10 between Loop 101 and Sarival Avenue is scheduled for completion this fall. A third project to add single lanes along the right shoulders of I-10 between Dysart Road and Sarival Avenue is scheduled to start this fall.

The widening is scheduled to be finished in the spring of 2011.

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