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ADOT hosting planning workshop Nov. 13

Although a common perception of it focuses on its Native American culture, Wild West history and the Grand Canyon, Arizona nonetheless is one of the nation's fastest-growing states.

People from all over the country move here to start families and careers and to build quality lives based on Arizona's bountiful amenities of landscape, history, culture and opportunities for outdoors recreation. Thus, population and employment growth are the driving forces behind the demand for new roads and transit services across the state.

To stay abreast of the needs, the Arizona Department of Transportation is inviting communities statewide to help shape the future of transportation in Arizona by participating in community workshops between Nov. 10-20. The workshops will provide communities the opportunity to review and comment on possible future transportation ideas.

Workshops will be held in Bullhead City, Coolidge, Flagstaff, Globe, Holbrook, Lake Havasu City, Nogales, Prescott, Safford, Sierra Vista, Show Low, Window Rock, and Yuma. The Show Low workshop will be held Thursday, Nov. 13, at the Days Inn JB's Meeting Room, 480 W. Deuce of Clubs, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. ADOT began the Statewide Transportation Planning Study in early 2008 to focus on a long-range vision of transportation needs in Arizona. This study is also known as "Building a Quality Arizona" and focuses on the year 2050. The study is composed of four Regional Framework Studies: Northern, Western, Central and Eastern Arizona. Each study looks at ways to plan for growth, understand community development and economic patterns and be prepared for future transportation needs.

For more information regarding the community workshops or general information about the study, please visit www.bqaz.gov.

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