

# State to spend \$132.6 million in five-year construction plan for Mohave County

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Mohave County – The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) plans on spending **\$132.6 million** on projects in Mohave County during the next five years.

“I just received the ADOT five-year transportation construction program book yesterday (July 30),” Mohave County Public Works Assistant Director Nick Hont said.

The 125-page book itemizes the state department’s five year plan “of what Arizona expects to receive in funds from various sources and how it proposes to spend them project by project.”

According to Hont, **“Mohave did Well.** We did have a meeting with ADOT and other agencies about a week ago. They went over the projects at that time. We do participate in some ADOT projects such as signal lights. We also put \$300,000.00 in to the study work for the proposed Highway 95 realignment projects north and south of I-40. On those projects, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is providing the right of way and ADOT is managing.”

According to the ADOT plan, Mohave County will receive \$132,636,000.00 in transportation construction funding from 2008 through 2012. During those same years, Apache County will receive close to \$49.2 Million; Cochise County, \$46.8 Million; Coconino County \$38.9 Million; Gila County, \$94.9 Million; Graham County, \$26.5 Million; Greenlee County \$200,000; La Paz County, \$1.5 Million; Navajo County, \$18.5 Million; Pinal County, \$178 Million; Santa Cruz County, \$18.6 Million; Yavapai County, \$120.5 Million; Yuma County, \$133.8 Million; Pima County, \$349.4 Million; and Maricopa County will receive \$3,861,584,000 in transportation construction.

“We did really well,” ADOT Kingman District Engineer Mike Kondelis said. **“We had a continuing commitment from the Board to fund the projects on 92 south in addition to carrying the 17-mile project (to Hoover Dam Bridge)”.**

“The two big projects are on Highway 93,” Hont said. **“The 17-mile stretch that leads to the Hoover Dam Bridge will go from a two-lane highway to a four-lane highway. That project is being put on the fast tract so it will be finished prior to the opening of the bridge.** ADOT has allocated \$40 million for FY 2008 and another \$40 million for FY 2009 for that area of Highway 93.”

**“The projects on Highway 93 south are important but certainly not as important as the 17-mile project to the bridge,”** Kondelis said. “Up until last year that stretch was broken into four different projects. We were able to get the funding to do the whole thing as one project and are in design on that right now. In fact, we are having our progress meeting on that tomorrow (August 1). That is probably the biggest project in the Kingman District’s history.”

“The other big project is the Antelope Wash area of Highway 93,” he said. “That project will design the new roadway, acquire the right of way and construct the four-lane divided highway with a total of \$22.3 million over the next five years.”

Other projects for Mohave County include a new underpass for Highway 15 at the Farm Road traffic interchange; the construction of Needle Mountain Rest Area and Port-of-Entry (POE) bypass road on I-40; Hoover Dam Bridge work; design and construction of a parallel roadway along Highway 93 at SB Ranch Road; design a passing lane for Highway 95 north of Lake Havasu City and state park roadwork at Lake Havasu State Park.

“The Highway 93 widening up to the Hoover Dam Bridge and at Antelope Wash is a real positive,” Hont said. **“They are doing the geotechnical work right now on the 17-mile area up to the bridge and that project is on the fast track to be done by 2010.** They are going to do the Rattlesnake Wash area design in this five-year plan with construction during the next (five years).

“ADOT has really come through for us,” Hont said. **“These projects will have major positive impacts on Mohave County.”**

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