Traffic Model Results Now Available for Verde Connect

Yavapai County has announced that results of traffic modeling for the Verde Connect project are available for public review at www.verdeconnect.com in the “Documents” section. The exhibits show what traffic is like today and what it is projected to look like in 2025 and 2045 either with or without the potential new road.

The results of the traffic modeling incorporate information from traffic counts completed in May 2018, April 2019, and more recently in June 2019. Five exhibits are available, including:

- Existing Traffic Conditions
- 2025 No-Build Traffic Conditions
- 2025 Opening Year Traffic Conditions
- 2045 No-build Traffic Conditions; and
- 2045 Build Traffic Conditions.

“We are looking ahead to meet the demand of this growing region,” said Yavapai County Public Works Director Dan Cherry. “People are continuing to move here and the potential new road has been envisioned for many years to address the growing need for alternate ways to get around the study area.”

The study area is bounded by I-17, SR 89A, SR 260, and Cornville Road. The potential roadway, and bridge across the Verde River, would connect the northern portion of the Yavapai-Apache Nation and the Town of Camp Verde to State Route 260.

More than 200 people attended public open houses earlier in June, and the team is working on documenting the public input. Public input is one of several criteria that are used to analyze and compare different possible routes that the potential road would follow.

Along with the new traffic model exhibits, all of the materials that were presented at the public open houses are available www.verdeconnect.com. You can provide comments through the website or call 602-750-7139. Please provide comments by June 30, 2019.
Background

The Verde Connect Project represents a 25-year vision for the construction of a new north-south regional roadway between Cornville Road and State Route (SR) 260 in an area bounded by Interstate 17, Cornville Road, SR 260, and SR 89A. The new route has been in Regional Transportation Plans for years. No route has been selected. The County is completing a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental study, in this case an Environmental Assessment (EA). Yavapai County and FHWA are committed to a thorough and transparent process to identify possible routes and compare them, so the best alternative can be selected with the least amount of impact.

Call Public Involvement Manager Kristin Darr at 602-750-7139 for more information or to be added to the project mail/email list.

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