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To: Teresa Welborn

Subject: Questions re: Truck By Pass thru San Pedro River Valley and Cascabel

Hi Teresa,

□ Thank you for your willingness to answer my questions regarding the By Pass through our community.

1. What exactly is the procedure when a "study" is done?

An ADOT study typically includes a basic scope of services, which can vary with each project. □ Those services can include research, forecasting, identifying alternatives, costs, and funding sources, environmental scans, developing road cross sections, public outreach, and developing a recommendation.

2. What kind of "study" is being done now re: our area? □ Is it □ "environmental, etc."

The I-10 Phoenix-Tucson Bypass Study scope of services include researching past and on-going studies, identifying three to five alternative corridors, forecasting travel demand, identify the needed road cross-section and cost, conducting an environmental scan of the corridor area, identifying potential funding sources, soliciting public comment, and developing a recommendation to the Arizona State Transportation Board for the next steps to be taken.

3. When was this study initiated? □ Who is the consulting firm doing it?

This study was initiated in January 2007 and the consulting firm is URS.
[note: URS is an ADOT consultant that is an engineering design firm]

4. How long will it take? □ If for only 6 months, how unusual is this? Doesn't it usually take at least a year?

This study is scheduled to be completed in six months, and the consultant began work in April 2007. □ The time frame for each study is

different, depending on the scope of work. The State Transportation Board has requested this study be expedited.

5. Why our San Pedro River valley when there are many mountains, ravines, washes, 100's of archeological sites, endangered species, etc. in this area?

One of the purposes of this study is to indicate three to five alternative corridors, so no one specific area has been identified.

6. Is this proposal one of many options that will be explored? If not, why not?

Please see answer number 5.

7. I understood from our conversation on Friday, this proposal came from Si Schorr as a personal request. How unusual is this? Or are these request made by Board members all the time?

It is not unusual at all for the State Transportation Board members to request that specific items be placed on the agenda for discussion.

8. Can you tell me what I SHOULD know at this point that perhaps I don't know???

You asked when the public outreach will occur for this study, and the lead time. The schedule indicates that public input will start in the second month. Typically, ADOT provides two weeks notice for public meetings. The time frame for these public meetings are tentatively scheduled for the second week of May.