



# State Route 260 Widening Project

(between Thousand Trails Road and Interstate 17)

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Arizona Department of Transportation is currently planning a capacity and safety improvement project to widen State Route 260 east of Cottonwood between Thousand Trails Road and I-17 (mileposts 209.08 to 218.39).

The project will include seven full-access intersections (roundabouts) at Thousand Trails Road, Coury Drive, Milepost 214 and 215, Cherry Creek Road, Horseshoe Bend Road and Wilshire Boulevard.

## WHY ROUNDABOUTS?

It is ADOT's intent to sufficiently upgrade this nine-mile segment to suitably accommodate the increased daily regional traffic and population with a four-lane divided highway that will provide drivers with an improved safety corridor for the next 20 plus years.

As a result, SR 260 will become a four-lane divided highway between I-17 and Cottonwood once this project has been completed.

ADOT, the Federal Highway Administration and the Verde Valley communities have provided support throughout the development process and are in agreement with the project including the seven, new full-access intersections.

The focus of this project is to provide a high-level of service for increased regional traffic, and commercial and residential development.

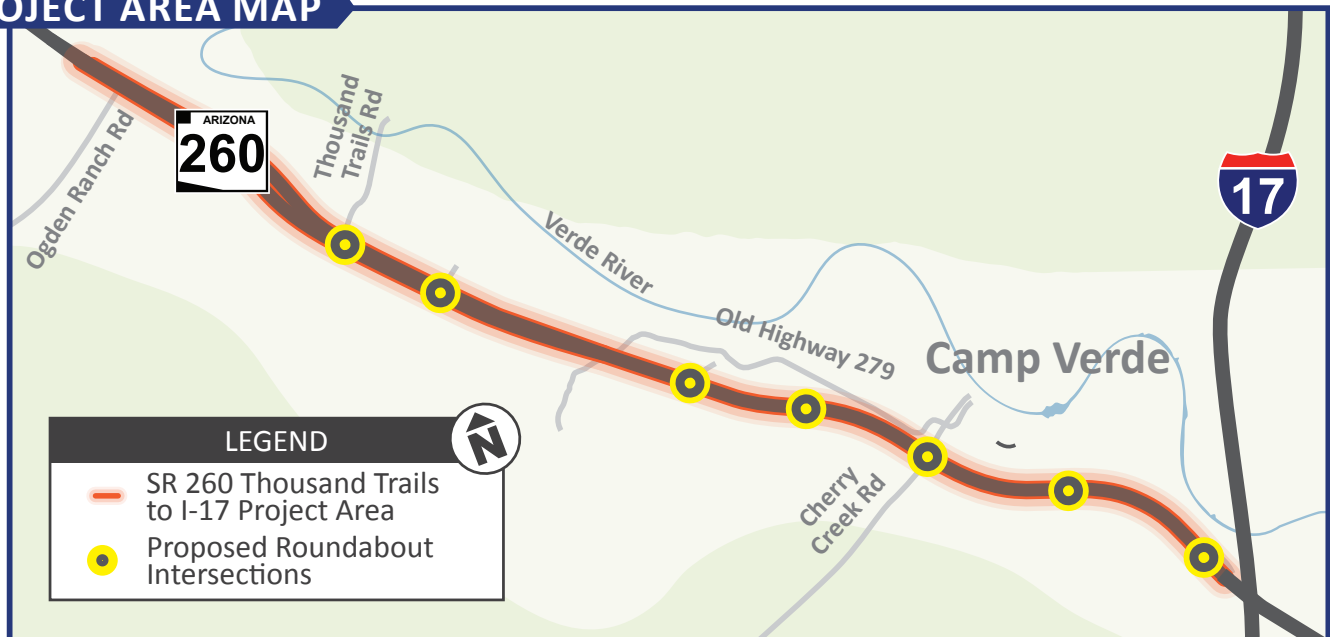
Roundabouts were determined to be the best solution over traffic signals because they provide safe U-turn ability at intersections, increased capacity, less delay and result in fewer serious crashes.

Each roundabout designed for this project will be larger than the other existing roundabouts. They are approximately 35 feet larger in diameter than the Cottonwood, Clarkdale and Sedona roundabouts and will allow a WB-67 truck (semi-trucks with 53 foot trailers) to stay in their dedicated lane while traveling through the roundabout.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

- ▶ The average intersection spacing is approximately one mile between each roundabout
- ▶ Construction is expected to begin in spring 2016, project estimate for construction is \$62 million
- ▶ Access to businesses will be maintained during business hours

## PROJECT AREA MAP



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