



Sonoran Desert Drive Alignment Study

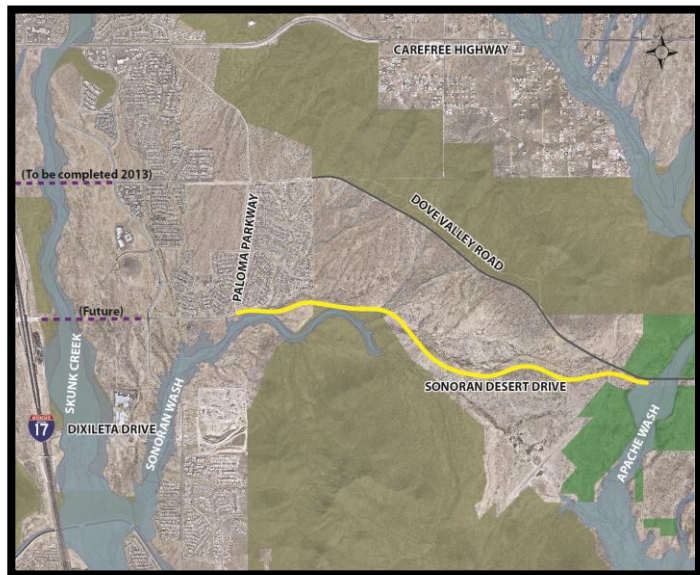
PROJECT PURPOSE

Sonoran Desert Drive (formerly Lone Mountain Road) has been planned as an important east-west alignment between Interstate 17 and northeast Phoenix since 1987. Sonoran Desert Drive is part of the City's major roadway grid system which identifies an arterial roadway every mile to ensure that traffic can safely and efficiently move through an area whether it is residential or commercial.

In 2002 the Sonoran Parkway Corridor Study was initiated. This study was completed in 2007, and included a portion of Dove Valley Road that was recently completed and open to traffic in May 2013, as well as a major segment of Sonoran Desert Drive between North Valley Parkway and Cave Creek Road. The recommended alignment was based upon many variables including, environment, terrain, land ownership, major drainage and wash locations, cost, constructability, etc.

The **Sonoran Desert Drive Alignment Study**, which will research, refine, and determine various aspects specific to future development of Sonoran Desert Drive, was requested by community stakeholders in 2011. The stakeholders desired that Sonoran Desert Drive and associated connections, pathways, and the right-of-way be reviewed in advance of future development so that this major arterial roadway can be designed and built expeditiously when deemed necessary. There are four primary goals of the alignment study:

- 1) To refine the alignment set forth in the completed 2007 study based on current land use/development plans and community input.
- 2) To develop, and solicit community feedback for alternative intersection configurations for Sonoran Desert Drive and Dove Valley Road.
- 3) To determine the conceptual collector roadway connection points between Sonoran Desert Drive and Dove Valley Road.
- 4) To define characteristics for potential Scenic Corridors in the area by working closely with the community.



**Your input is very important to the team,
and we encourage you and your community to be involved in the process.**

