



US-60/Grand Avenue COMPASS

Loop 303 to Interstate 10



Project Summary

November 2012

On February 22nd, 2012, political leadership of the agencies along the US-60/Grand Avenue corridor signed the Partnering Charter of the **Corridor Optimization and Access Management Plan, and System Study (COMPASS)**.

The goals of COMPASS are to:

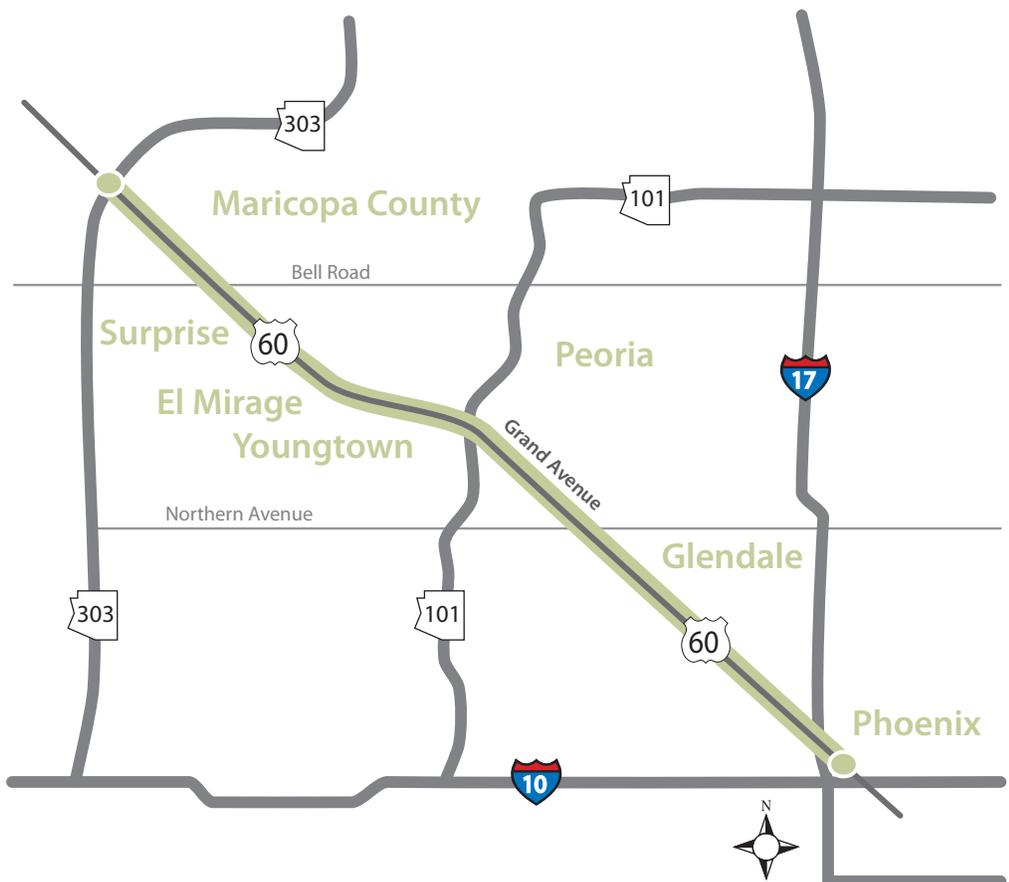
- Create an overall vision for the Corridor embracing the important regional function and unique character of US-60/Grand Avenue.
- Define the operational character for the US-60/Grand Avenue Corridor that will enhance economic development, maintain accessibility to adjacent land uses, improve traffic operations, and reduce highway and rail conflicts.
- Establish an access management system providing an efficient access to and from adjacent properties.
- Develop guidelines for signage, landscaping and aesthetic treatments along the corridor.
- Provide the affected stakeholders with information about the project and opportunity to contribute to the study's outcome and recommendations.

COMPASS Partners

- Arizona Department of Transportation
- City of El Mirage
- City of Glendale
- Maricopa County
- City of Peoria
- City of Phoenix
- City of Surprise
- Town of Youngtown

Study Area

The study area begins at the State Route 303 traffic interchange in Surprise and ends at the Willetta Street intersection in Phoenix. It passes through portions of Surprise, El Mirage, Youngtown, Peoria, Glendale, Phoenix, and unincorporated Maricopa County. The corridor is operated and maintained by the Arizona Department of Transportation.



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Project Initiation

The Study Team has met with each agency along the corridor, and the following are a few highlights of themes heard:

- Improve travel time by optimizing and simplifying traffic signals operation.
- Improve access control and reduce conflict points.
- Explore and incorporate innovative transportation solutions.
- Continue implementation of planned grade separations and consider new grade separations.
- Eliminate six-leg intersections.
- Accommodate future growth and encourage development opportunities.
- Develop aesthetic policies, including:
 - Uniformity or character areas
 - Way-finding signage
 - Branding
- Address Northern Avenue connectivity.
- Address railroad interaction at new and existing crossings.
- Consider access to transit.



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