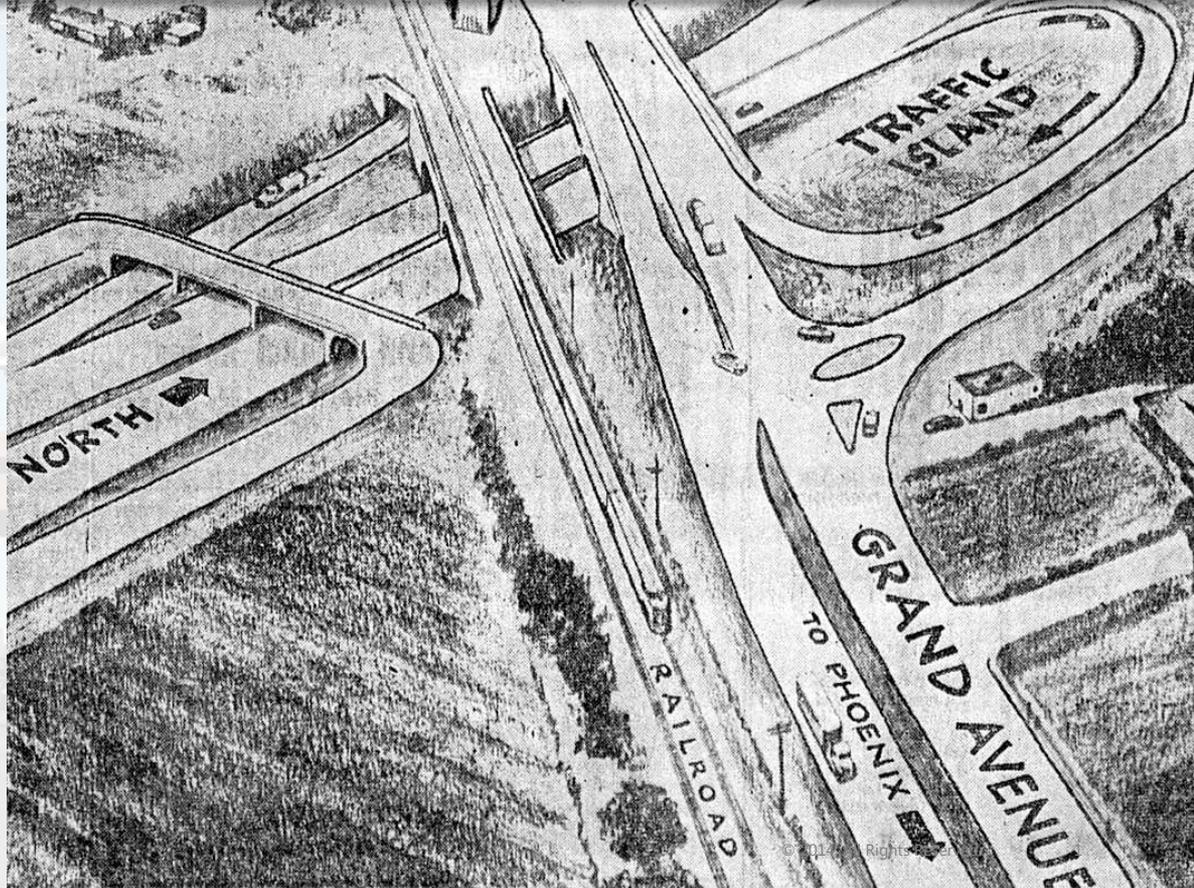




US-60/Grand Avenue Corridor Optimization, Access Management Plan, And System Study

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Recent Activities Summary

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- Meetings held:
 - Access Management Workshops – Week of March 3; and
 - Grand Avenue Coalition – March 19.
- One-on-One Access Management Meetings:
 - Sun City Fire – April 29;
 - Sands Chevrolet – May 6;
 - Wilhelm Auto – May 6;
 - Councilman Valenzuela – May 7;
 - Councilman Nowakowski – May 13;
 - Grand Avenue Merchants – May 15; and
 - Councilwoman Pastor – May 23.



US-60/Grand Avenue COMPASS
Loop 303 to Interstate 10

Corridor Optimization, Access Management Plan, And System Study

April 2014

On February 22nd, 2014, political leadership of the agencies along the US-60/Grand Avenue corridor signed the Partnering Charter of the Corridor Optimization, 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.

The agencies that are partner to the COMPASS Charter are: ADOT, City of Surprise, City of El Mirage, Town of Youngtown, City of Peoria, City of Glendale, City of Phoenix, and Maricopa County.

The study is guided by the Planning Partners, agency representatives that are responsible for technical review and input throughout the process.

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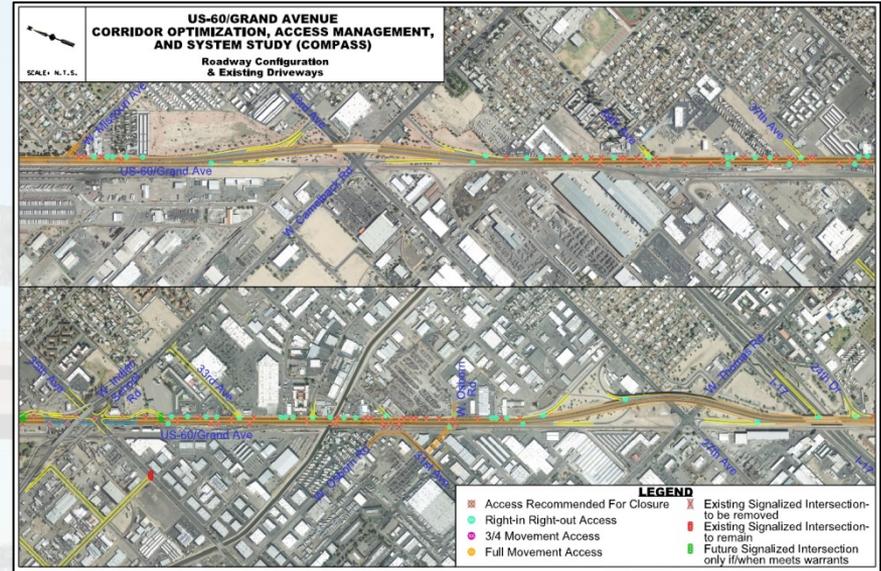


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- Circulated Vision Statement to Charter Partners.
- Revised Access Management Plan and Roadway Geometric Alternatives based on input from workshops.
- Prepared Technical Memorandum 5 (Draft).
- Developed initial signing guidelines.



Access Management Workshops

Agenda Item No. 3

- Meetings held with jurisdictions March 4-5, 2014 to:
 - Discuss the techniques and results of access management;
 - Illustrate how these techniques could be applied to Grand Avenue;
 - Focus on a few key locations to experiment with techniques. Discuss roll plots, mark-up ideas and possibilities;
 - Discuss techniques and strategies that should be successful on Grand Avenue; and
 - Identify potential stakeholders to meet one-on-one.

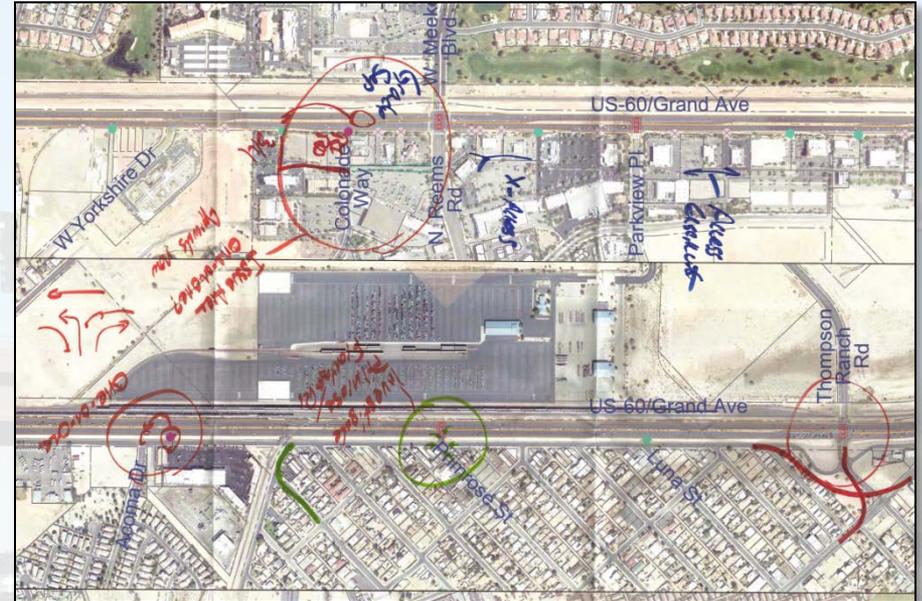


**Joint Access Management Workshop
(Surprise, El Mirage, Youngtown, and MCDOT)**

Access Management Workshops

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- What we heard:
 - Support for access management implementation throughout the Corridor.
 - Recommendation to use COMPASS study to memorialize access management plan and agency commitment to implementation.
 - Desire to continue discussions of access management implementation with policy-making bodies (e.g., planning and zoning commissions, city councils, etc.).
 - Recommendation to use case studies and actual examples of access management applications that reduced accidents, increased property values, etc. to demonstrate value of implementing strategies.



Grand Ave Coalition Meeting

Agenda Item No. 3

- Met March 6, 2014 and discussed:
 - Latest COMPASS activities, including a report on the access management workshops;
 - Implementation Plan; and
 - Transit alternatives (presentation by Steve Banta, Valley METRO).

Bus Rapid Transit – Guideway Features

- At-grade bus-only streets
- Dedicated lanes in the median
- Dedicated curbside lanes
- Traffic signal priority



Grand Ave Coalition Meeting

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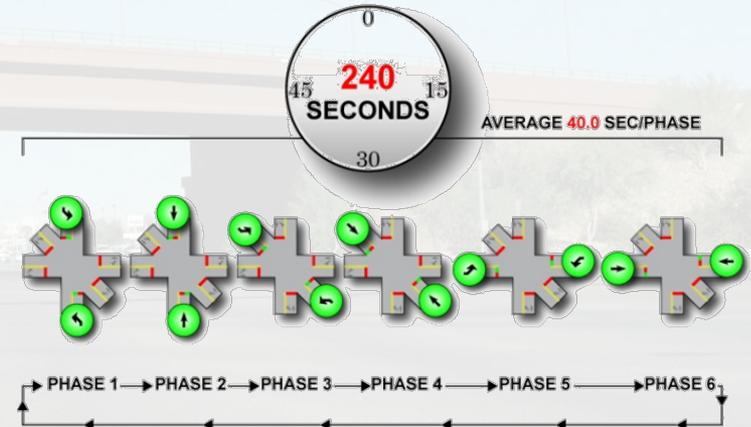
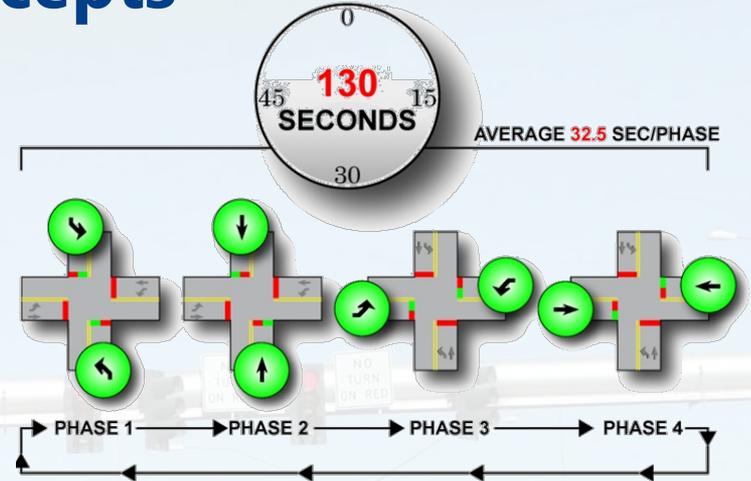
- What we heard:
 - Support and excitement at the potential of reducing number of driveways/access points onto US-60/Grand Avenue.
 - Reiteration of the need for a coordinated, multi-jurisdictional planning effort.
 - Potential for West Valley communities to initiate a joint ballot initiative to fund transit.
 - Potential for high-capacity and supporting transit to transform and shape land use and redevelopment.



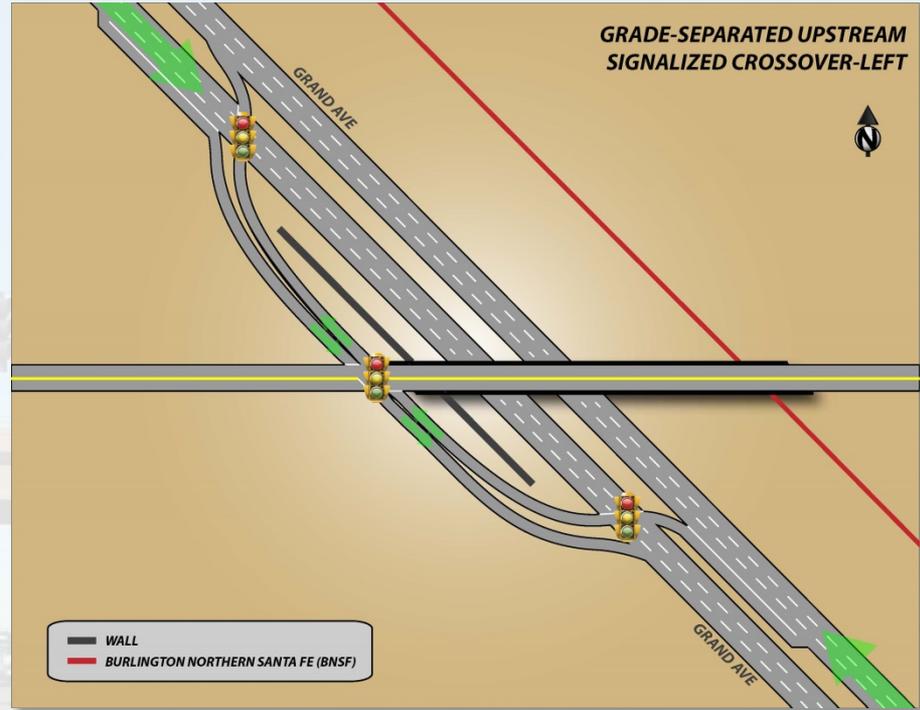
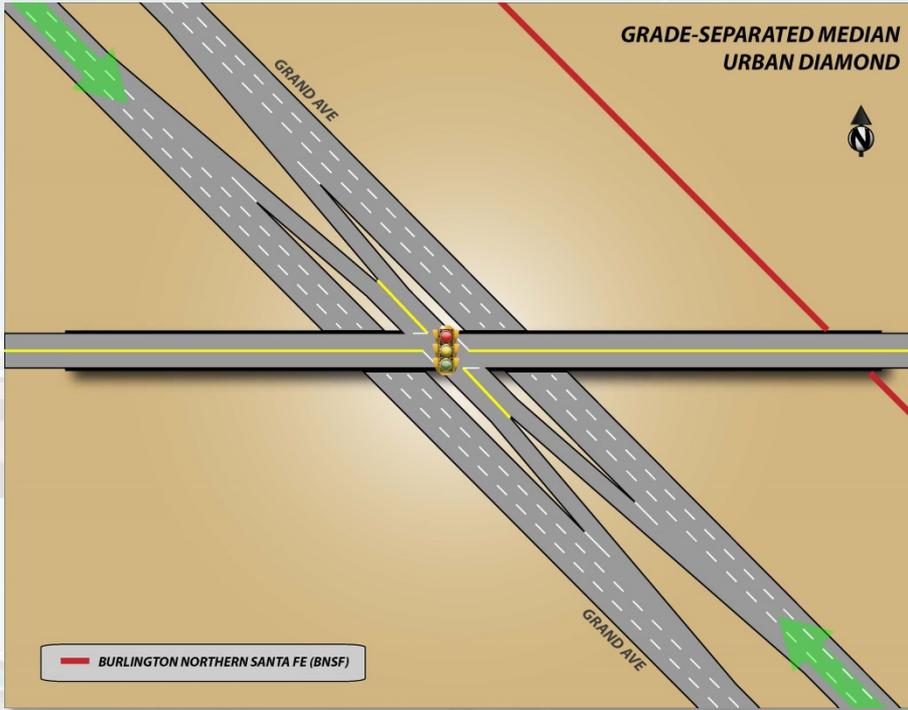
Geometric Improvement Concepts

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- General approach is to:
 - Reduce traffic signal phases;
 - Reduce number of intersection approaches; and
 - Introduce new grade separations.
- Two proposed concepts:
 - Median Urban Diamond (MUD).
 - Upstream Signalized Crossover (USC).



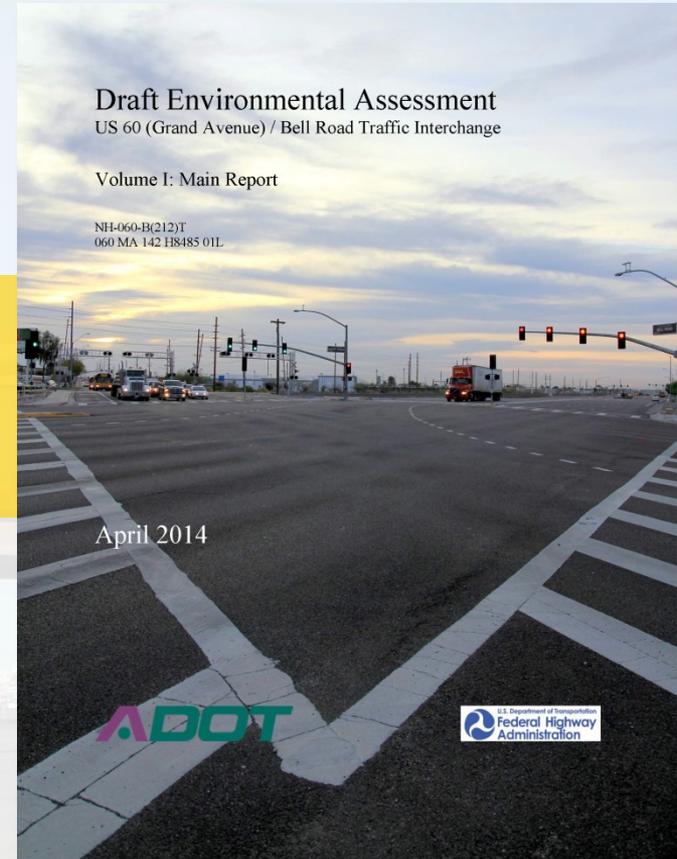
Two Primary Concepts



Concepts vs Formal Alternatives

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- Grade separation geometric alternatives are only concepts at this point.
- Formal Design Concept Report process will still be necessary with typical local, state and federal agencies approvals will be required.



One-on-One Meetings

- Reached out to 12 identified stakeholders to offer one-on-one meetings and facilitated seven meetings.
- Key themes:
 - Received specific feedback on access management concepts and operational improvements along Corridor.
 - US-60/Grand Avenue construction fatigue exists.
 - Support for high-capacity transit.
 - Appreciation for the value of implementing access management strategies.
 - Acknowledgement of the economic value of industrial properties along US-60/Grand Avenue.



Grand Avenue Merchants Association

Public Workshops

Agenda Item No. 5

Monday, June 23, 2014

6 to 8 p.m.

Glendale Main Library

Auditorium

5959 W. Brown St.

Glendale, AZ 85302

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

6 to 8 p.m.

Northwest Regional Library - Surprise

City of Surprise Room

16089 N. Bullard Ave.

Surprise, AZ 85374

Public Workshops

Agenda Item No. 5

- Open house format.
- Access management presentation available on “loop” video to view.
- Study team to utilize roll plots depicting draft access management plan and operational improvements to discuss and receive input.
- ADOT invited to have booth for projects at Bell and Thunderbird/Thompson Ranch Roads.



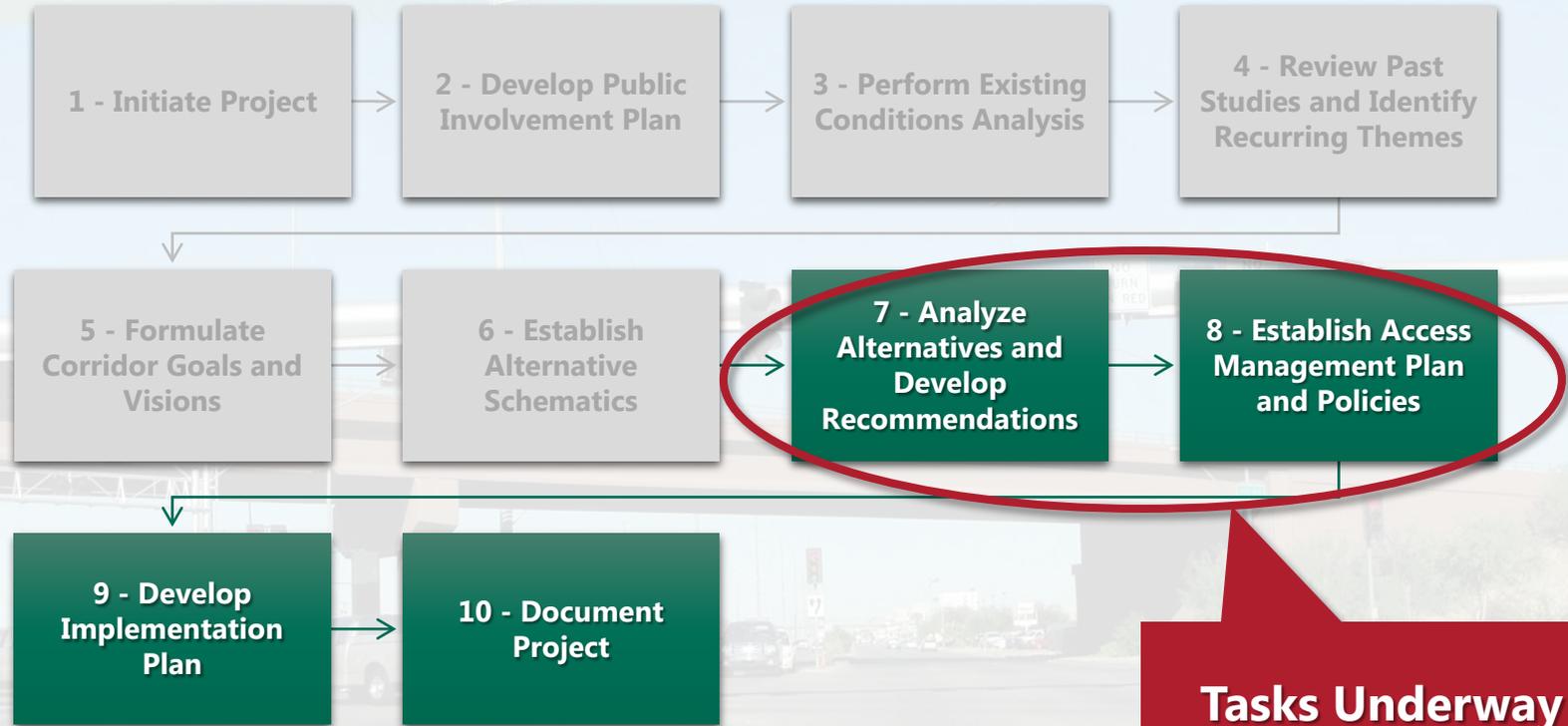
Next Steps

Agenda Item No. 6

- Conduct Management Partners meeting.
- Conduct public open houses June 23rd and 24th, 2014.
- Complete Access Management Plan and policies with access approval process.
- Complete signing guidelines.
- Complete concept documentation.
- Develop Implementation Plan.



Project Tasks



Tasks Underway



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