

WHAT'S NEXT

Wilbur Smith Associates, as the lead consultant, is currently gathering data and information as part of Phase 1 of this project. Public events will be periodically scheduled to review findings and receive feedback from the public and stakeholders. Please keep checking our Web site for updates.

PROJECT WEBSITE

All documents will be posted on the project Web site, which will be accessible through the MAG Web site www.mag.maricopa.gov, (under "Transportation", under "Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)"). The Web site will contain project materials including the scope of work, contact information, mailing list, sign-up information, newsletters, meeting agenda packages and draft project documents as they become available. An on-line survey will be available for interested persons to complete and return.

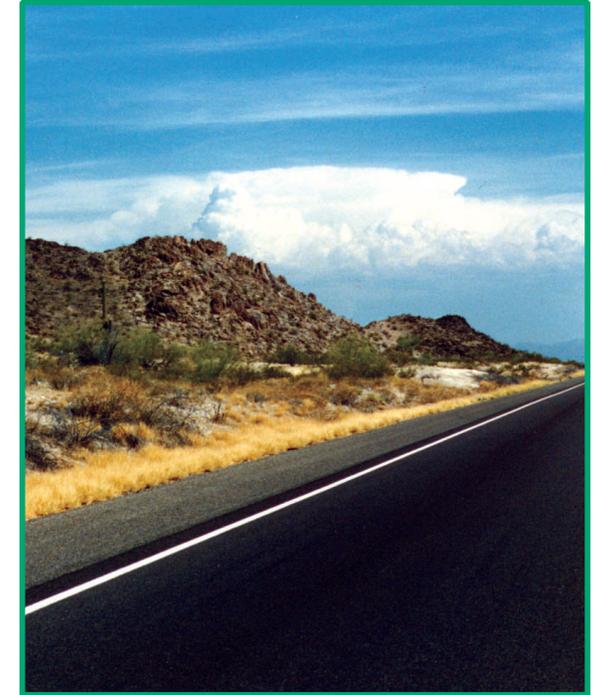
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SOUTHWEST AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY



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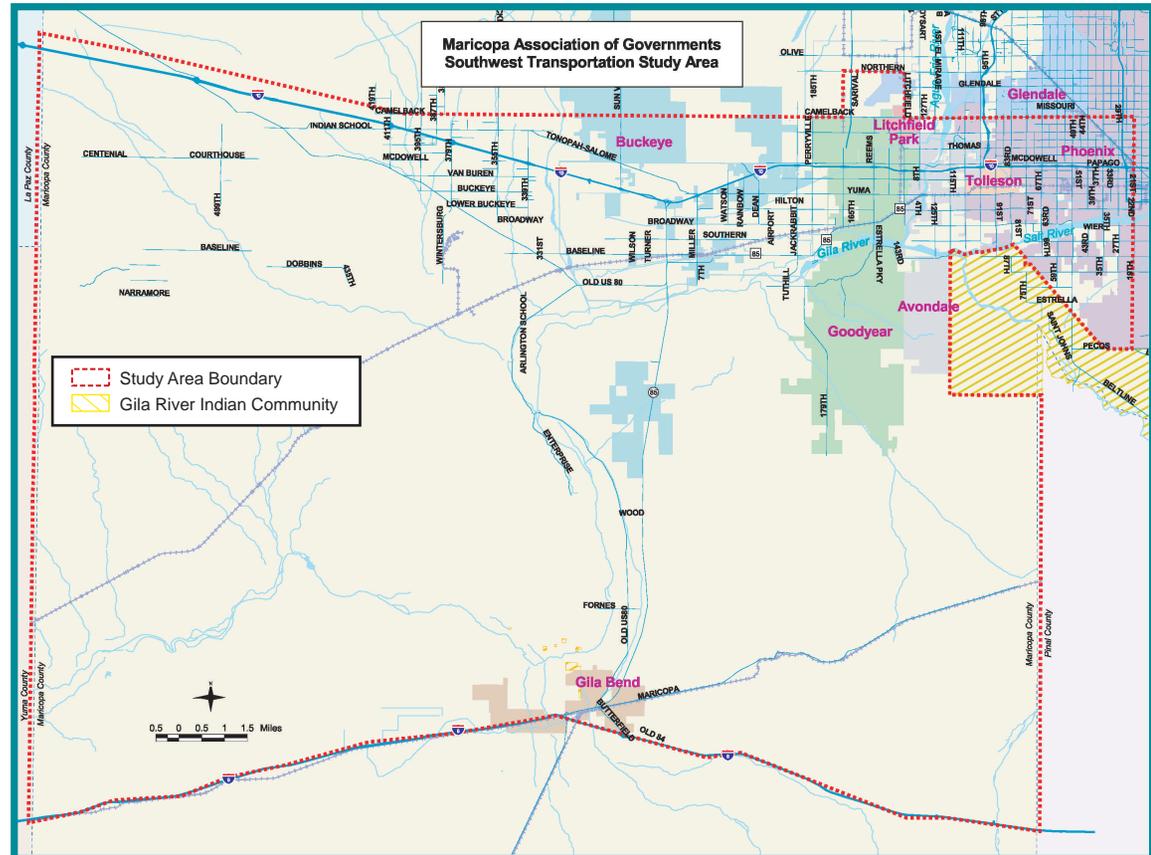


STUDY PURPOSE

The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) addresses regional planning issues faced by the cities, towns, Indian communities, and the county in the Maricopa Region. MAG is in the process of developing a new Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), for which background area studies are being conducted. One such study is the Southwest Area Transportation Study (SWATS). This newsletter is a first of a series designed to highlight key issues and possible solutions for transportation needs in the Southwest Valley.

The SWAT Study area is presented on the map, and generally includes the jurisdictions of Avondale, Buckeye, Gila Bend, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, Phoenix (Southwest), Tolleson, and unincorporated portions of Maricopa County. The study will also be closely coordinated with the Gila River Indian Community. Within this area, the study will identify potential multi-modal (roadways, transit, bicycle, pedestrian) transportation projects to address specific transportation-related conditions and concerns in this area. The identified needs and supporting background information from the study will help guide regional and local transportation planning in the future. The study is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2002.

STUDY AREA



STUDY PHASES

There are three major phases to the project:

1. Review existing conditions, look at the trends, and identify key transportation-related issues.
2. Develop and evaluate transportation improvements and investment options to address the issues and needs that we identified in Phase 1.
3. Develop multi-modal packages of investments that best meet the needs of the Southwest area, based on analysis of the options and considering consultation results.

Public and stakeholder consultation will be a critical ongoing element of the area study. To be a part of the ongoing efforts, call Wilbur Smith Associates at (480)775-4344, email us through the project Web site or fill out the online form and mail it to us.