



**The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), in coordination with the City of Phoenix and Maricopa Association of Governments, has initiated a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Design Concept Report (DCR) for the US 60 (Grand Avenue), 35th Avenue and Indian School Road intersection (known as the Grand-35 study).**

## STUDY INFORMATION

The study will evaluate potential transportation improvements at the intersection of Grand Avenue, 35th Avenue, Indian School Road and the BNSF railroad crossing to reduce traffic congestion, enhance safety and improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

The study will evaluate raising or lowering one or more of the roadways through an underpass or overpass and evaluate improvement alternatives, which will be compared against a No Build (do-nothing) Alternative. The study will consider social, economic and environmental impacts of the alternatives, and refine the proposed alternatives to identify a Recommended Build Alternative.

## CURRENT STUDY PHASE

The study is currently in the alternatives evaluation phase. During this phase, various alternatives to raise or lower one or more roadways at the intersection are being evaluated based on various engineering, environmental, cost and other considerations, including public and agency input.

During the initial scoping phase of the study, three initial options were considered:

- Raising or lowering Grand Avenue
- Raising or lowering 35th Avenue
- Raising or lowering the BNSF railroad

After conducting a technical evaluation of each of these alternatives and seeking the public's input, the team determined that raising or lowering 35th Avenue would best accomplish the study objectives. This option would eliminate any roadway crossings of Grand Avenue and the BNSF railroad.

The study team then identified and evaluated 18 possible options for raising or lowering 35th Avenue. These alternatives were thoroughly evaluated and narrowed to two alternatives, which are listed below.

Please note that all of the alternatives will result in changes to access for some properties closest to the intersection as a result of new bridges or underpasses. New connecting roadways would be needed to restore access to these properties. In addition, both alternatives will require right-of-way acquisition from some property owners closest to the intersection.

## NEXT STEPS

The study team will evaluate the alternatives using technical analysis to identify a Recommended Build Alternative, while taking public input into consideration. The Recommended Build Alternative will then be further evaluated and compared against a No Build Alternative as part of the Draft EA document. As part of this process, various environmental and other impacts of the Recommended Build Alternative and No Build Alternative will be evaluated and described in the Draft EA. A DCR of the recommended build alternative will also be prepared, which reflects a conceptual level of design for the intersection.

Ultimately, this evaluation will identify a Recommended Build or No Build Alternative for agency, stakeholder and public review. The study team anticipates presenting the DCR and Recommended Build Alternative at a public hearing in 2023. The public will have an opportunity to review and provide comments on the Draft EA document.

# Get Involved!

Public comments on the proposed alternatives will be accepted through February 21, 2023 in the following ways:



Via the study website at [ADOTGrand35Study.com](https://ADOTGrand35Study.com)



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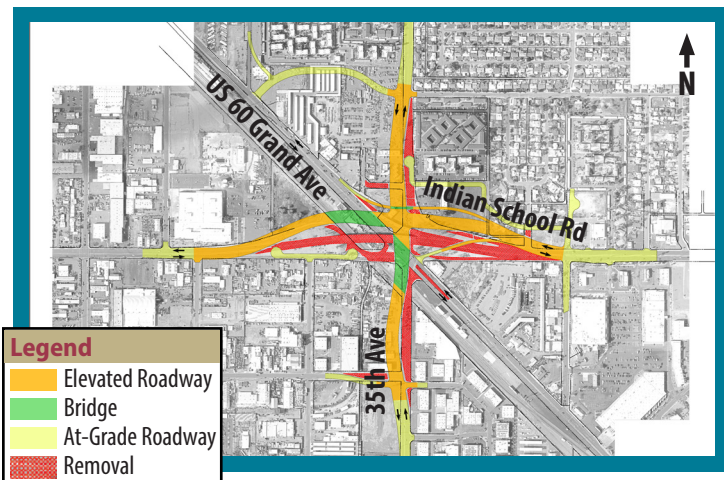


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## Alternative 1

- Raises 35th Avenue to create a new elevated intersection with Indian School Road above Grand Avenue.
- Maintains the existing alignment of 35th Avenue.
- Shifts Indian School Road to the north.
- Constructs new bridges for 35th Avenue and Indian School Road to pass over the railroad and Grand Avenue.



## Alternative 2

- Raises 35th Avenue to create a new elevated intersection with Indian School Road above Grand Avenue.
- Shifts 35th Avenue to the west.
- Shifts Indian School Road to the north.
- Constructs new bridges for 35th Avenue and Indian School Road to pass over the railroad and Grand Avenue.

The environmental review, consultation and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being or have been carried out by ADOT pursuant to 23 USC 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated 04/16/2019 and executed by FHWA and ADOT.

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