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Cortaro Railroad Crossing Public Meeting

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This meeting is currently being recorded and will be available for viewing on a later date on MaranaAZ.gov/cortaro-interchange.

Purpose

- Funds are needed to plan and construct a bridge over the Cortaro railroad crossing and upgrade the Cortaro Traffic Interchange
- Role of the citizens: provide feedback on the proposed project



What is a Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Grant?

- Funding from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to:
 - Enhance rail safety
 - Improve health and safety of communities
 - Eliminate at-grade rail crossings that are frequently blocked by trains
- Competitive grant – limited funds – funding announcement TBD
- Public involvement increases chances of the Town getting funds
 - We want to hear from YOU!
- RCE grants prioritize projects that improve
 - Economic strength and global competitiveness
 - Equity
 - Sustainability
- 20% match required from the Town of Marana

What is the problem?

- Rail crossing safety
- Disconnection of communities
- Air quality/climate impacts
- Congestion, delay
- Impaired access to jobs
- Absence of sidewalk and bike lanes

Cortaro Road @ I-10



Cortaro Rd Traffic Interchange

- Constructing a bridge over the railroad will require reconstruction of the Cortaro Rd traffic interchange at I-10
- Traffic impacts – Alternatives nearby
- Construction could last approximately 2 years
- Access to businesses will be affected

Alternate Routes

- Twin Peaks Rd interchange
- Ina Road interchange
- Silverbell Rd
- Thornydale Rd



How will this be funded?

- Current Project Estimate at \$200 M
- State contribution - \$10 M to jumpstart this project.
- Federal grant contribution –
 - RCE - \$40 M request
 - with the Town's \$10 M match = \$50 M total
- RTANext allocation –
 - \$100 M request
 - This is a voter-approved tax



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