



# 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 Rd Traffic Interchange

 Constructing a bridge over the railroad will require reconstruction of the Cortaro Rd traffic interchange at I-10

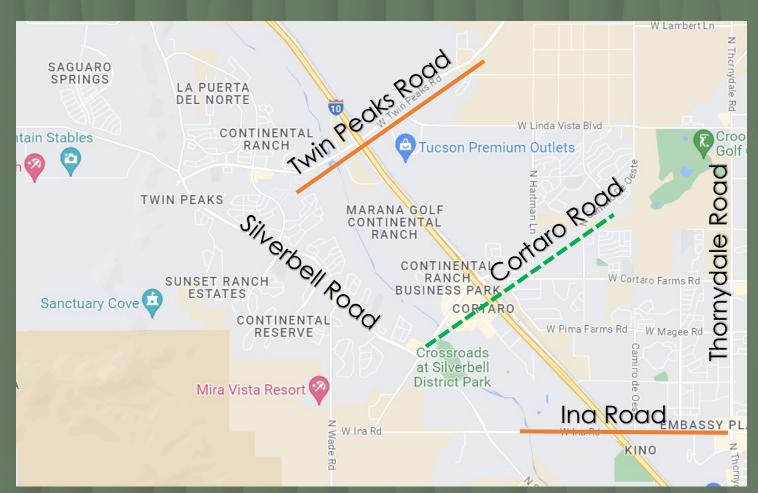
Traffic impacts – Alternatives nearby

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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