



# ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## State Route 83 Pavement Preservation

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### Project Update for State Route 83 near Sonoita

Additional work on this American Recovery and Reinvestment Act pavement preservation project along State Route (SR) 83 from its junction with SR 82 to approximately 10 miles north will occur in the spring of 2010 to repair areas that were chip sealed and are now unraveling. After the chip seal work is complete, the contractor will install the permanent thermoplastic striping and recessed pavement markers. The work will start in spring when air temperatures are high enough to ensure the materials will bond together as designed.

Quality of roadwork is important to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). In 2003, as part of ADOT's continuing effort to improve paving methods and materials, a series of test sections was created along this stretch of SR 83 using a variety of combinations of roadway materials to test the effectiveness of various mixtures for possible future use in this area, as well as statewide. The inconsistency in the quality of the recycled roadway is primarily due to the variability of the old test sections. In order to improve quality, seven of the test sections did not undergo the hot-in-place recycling process that was applied to the rest of the project; instead, a more conventional milling-and-paving process was used. In addition, a heightened percentage of new material was utilized on the remaining sections in an attempt to provide a higher quality roadway.

ADOT advises drivers to proceed with caution, obey all posted speed limit signs and be alert for construction equipment and personnel. While ADOT strives to inform the public about planned roadway restrictions, during any complex construction project, there is a possibility that unscheduled closures or restrictions may occur. ADOT appreciates your patience as we construct these improvements.

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