



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

State Route 83 Pavement Preservation

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The logo for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, featuring a stylized American flag with stars and stripes, and a gear with a plant growing from it, symbolizing economic recovery and infrastructure.

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Construction to Begin on State Route 83 near Sonoita

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The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) will begin construction activities along approximately 10 miles of State Route (SR) 83, from its junction with SR 82 in Sonoita to milepost 43.5, on July 27. This \$1.9 million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act project will rehabilitate the pavement on SR 83, creating a smoother road while prolonging the life of the road in a cost-effective and energy-efficient manner. The method used will be a "green" technology known as hot-in-place recycling, which will result in a new roadway made of 90 percent recycled material. This will save energy and result in a reduced carbon footprint for the project.

Construction is expected to last approximately three months. Paving is scheduled to begin Aug. 3; this phase of the project will occur in two-mile segments from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, beginning at the SR 82 junction and moving north. Work may occur on Saturdays if the schedule is delayed due to rain. The roadway will be restricted to one lane in the two-mile segment where work will be taking place. Flaggers will be onsite to help direct traffic, and a pilot car will lead traffic through the section one direction at a time. Drivers can expect delays of up to approximately 15 minutes. Signs will be in place on side streets instructing drivers who want to access SR 83 to wait for the pilot car. The road will reopen to two lanes in each direction each evening. Wide loads requiring a permit will be directed to a different route.

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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