

## Quarterly Gold Canyon Transportation & Safety Update



GCCI – April 2024

### Kings Ranch Road

1. As you have noticed, there are two major changes on Kings Ranch Road! The **extended right lane northbound turn lane to Sleepy Hollow** is being lengthened to handle the additional traffic volume.
2. **The much-needed pedestrian-activated walk signal is being installed near the Methodist Church.**
3. Because traffic, pedestrian and cyclist traffic has significantly increased, there is a need to **expand the north shoulder** of Sleepy Hollow Trail from Mogollon Trail towards Kings' Ranch Road to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety.

### Renaissance Festival & US-60 Safety

1. Once again, Festival management provided **manual signal control** at the US-60 intersections and fine-tuned the flow at the festival entrance.
2. The major gate factor for eastbound morning traffic is the **18-car holding area for left turns from US-60 at Superstition Mountain Drive**. Once this short lane fills, the lights need to immediately change to prevent collisions in the fast lane. This bottleneck aggravates the flow during the Saturday and Sunday morning Renaissance peaks and is a major contributor to the long backups on eastbound US-60
3. Because of increasing regional traffic volumes, the 18-vehicle left turn holding lanes at Superstition Mountain Drive and Mountainbrook Drive continue to overfill, resulting in many **rear-enders and near misses during NON-Renaissance days.**

This urgent need for twinned left turn lanes on US-60 eastbound at Superstition Mountain Drive and Mountainbrook Drive was **escalated to ADOT, Senator Farnsworth, and Representative David Cook.**

### **Maverik Service Station at Kings Ranch Road & US-60**

1. The increased traffic by the new Maverik service station requires a **second (and extended) left-turn lane will be added Eastbound on US-60** as a condition of occupancy.
2. A **new median will be installed** at the end of Kings Ranch Road between the new service station and Walgreens.

### **Gold Canyon Transportation Study.**

1. Detailed planning to manage trailhead traffic at Cloudview and Broadway is underway.
2. As part of the County's outreach process, ADOBE, SALT, the Cloudview neighborhood and GCCI contributed observations and recommendations to improve safety, trail connectivity, and traffic hot spots.
3. Some items will be managed through the TAC (Transportation Advisory Committee) process for funding.
  - a. Bringing Kings Ranch Road up to standard when it is reconditioned in 2026. This will provide standard roadway and shoulder width from US-60 to Baseline.
  - b. Providing culverts and road widening from Cloudview down to Baseline.
  - c. Redesign of the intersection of Superstition Mountain Drive and Don Donnelly to improve cyclist and pedestrian safety, line of sight improvements, and larger STOP signs.
  - d. Because of the increasing traffic growth and the anticipated surge when Peralta Trail is paved, a pedestrian-activated crosswalk at the Peralta Trail intersection is required.
4. Other improvements will qualify for safety funding, and some qualify for standard maintenance funding.

### **Planning Items - Trails**

1. Apache Junction and the County are developing a **multi-use trail between S. Goldfield Road and S. Superstition Mountain Drive.**
2. There is growing interest in extending this regional **trail from Basha's to Peralta Trail** and from Peralta & US-60 to the Peralta Regional Park.

### **Spring Road maintenance and cleanup.**

1. **The County is re-striping** many of the major and neighborhood streets; filling **cracks and potholes; and clearing roadway growth** before the summer season.
2. If you need work done in your neighborhood, simply submit a **Road Maintenance Request at this link:** [\[Pinal County\] Report Road Maintenance Issue \(seamlessdocs.com\)](#)
3. The new ADOT contractor has cleaned up the **litter** along US-60 and other Pinal and Maricopa highways.

**Do not forget to get informed on the November Proposition to re-new the ½ cent excise tax for Pinal County road maintenance! GCCI recommends approving this renewal.**

Enjoy our beautiful Spring weather!

Sincerely,

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