

8. PERMITS AND APPROVALS

ADOT will be responsible for ensuring compliance with all related commitments and regulatory permit conditions made or obtained for the project. Anticipated permits and approvals required for the South Mountain Freeway—and the agencies from which these permits and approvals will be obtained—are listed as follows.

Federal

USACE:

- ▶ Section 404, individual permits and nationwide permits, as required

FHWA:

- ▶ authorization to proceed with design, construction, and R/W activities

State

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ):

- ▶ Section 401, Water Quality Certification
- ▶ Section 402, construction Arizona Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit

Local

Maricopa County Air Quality Department:

- ▶ dust permit

9. PUBLIC OUTREACH AND COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE FEIS AND ERRATA

Although issuance of an FEIS does not require a formal comment period under NEPA, FHWA's Environmental Impact and Related Procedures (23 C.F.R. Part 771) call for new substantive comments received on an FEIS to be responded to in the ROD. This section of the ROD describes the public outreach related to the FEIS.

Final Environmental Impact Statement Availability

The FEIS was made available to the public on September 26, 2014. Public notification of availability of the FEIS included the following:

- ▶ publication in the *Federal Register*
- ▶ direct mail and/or e-mail notice (notice provided to all participants who provided a direct mail or e-mail address during the project's public involvement process; direct mail used for key agencies)
- ▶ Community and jurisdictional briefings about the FEIS
- ▶ project Web site announcement
- ▶ notification posters distributed throughout the Study Area
- ▶ advertisement of FEIS availability in local newspapers of wide distribution, including:
 - > *Abwatukee Foothills News*: Friday, September 26, 2014
 - > *Arizona Informant*: Wednesday, October 1, 2014
 - > *The Arizona Republic*: Friday, September 26, 2014
 - > *East Valley Tribune*: Sunday, September 28, 2014
 - > *Gila River Indian News*: Friday, October 3, 2014
 - > *La Voz*: Friday, September 26, 2014
 - > *West Valley View*: Friday, September 26, 2014

The FEIS and notices of availability stated that comments could be submitted by:

- ▶ mailing them to the South Mountain Freeway project team at: South Mountain Freeway Project Team; Arizona Department of Transportation; 1655 West Jackson Street, MD 126F; Phoenix, AZ 85007
- ▶ e-mailing them to <projects@azdot.gov>
- ▶ leaving them as a message on the project hotline at (602) 712-7767

Printed copies of the FEIS and related documents were available for purchase from ADOT upon request or were available for the cost of printing at a FedEx Office Print & Ship Center. Compact discs of the FEIS were available at no charge and were provided upon request.

The FEIS, DEIS, and technical reports were available to download at no charge at <azdot.gov/southmountainfreeway>.

A printed copy of the FEIS was available for review at eight libraries throughout the Study Area and at nine locations on the Community (see Volume III, Appendix B). In addition, printed copies were available for review by appointment at ADOT.

Errata to the Final Environmental Impact Statement

After release of the FEIS, ADOT was contacted by a stakeholder organization and was informed that the comments it had submitted on the DEIS were not included in the FEIS. ADOT examined this concern and found that the comments, submitted through e-mail, had been received, but were not transmitted to the project team. ADOT conducted a thorough search of the e-mail system and found that 10 e-mail comments had been inadvertently omitted from the FEIS. The omitted comments consist of the e-mail from the stakeholder organization and 9 e-mails from other interested parties. The comments were reviewed, and FHWA and ADOT determined that omitted comments did not raise new issues not analyzed in the FEIS. Based on this, FHWA, in conjunction with ADOT, published an omission notice in the *Federal Register* on November 7, 2014, and prepared an errata volume [Volume IV of the FEIS] to address these omissions.

The errata was made available to the public on ADOT's Web site and at the repositories on November 28, 2014. Public notification of availability of the errata included the following:

- ▶ publication in the *Federal Register* on December 5, 2014
- ▶ direct mail and/or e-mail notice (notice provided to all participants who provided a direct mail or e-mail address during the project's public involvement process; direct mail used for key agencies)
- ▶ Community and jurisdictional briefings about the errata