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Big Bridge, Wide Highway: ADOT Schedules Final Paving of US 93 *Restrictions required Oct. 6-22; Drivers should plan alternate route for hour-long delays*

KINGMAN – As the historic project to bridge the Colorado River at the Hoover Dam nears completion, the Arizona Department of Transportation is preparing to complete the final paving on the 15 miles of an improved US 93 beginning Oct. 6.

Motorists traveling to Las Vegas via US 93 and the Hoover Dam should plan to take an alternate route from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 6 (Wednesday) through Oct. 22 (Friday) while construction crews complete work to add lanes to US 93 approaching the Hoover Dam Bypass. Travelers should anticipate hour-long delays with alternating one-way traffic being led through the work zone.

During this critical work, alternate routes are recommended to avoid the construction zone. Options include using State Route 68 east of Kingman to Bullhead City, crossing the Laughlin Bridge onto Nevada State Highway 163, then using US 95 through Searchlight, Nevada.

The Arizona Department of Transportation began the four-lane widening project in January 2009, and is ahead of schedule. When the project is finished this fall, US 93 will be a four-lane divided highway between Interstate 40 at Kingman and the new Hoover Dam Bypass.

ADOT has dedicated nearly half a billion dollars to widening and improving US 93 from Wickenburg in Maricopa County to Hoover Dam over the last several years. ADOT's long-term vision is to transform this highly traveled route into a four-lane divided highway through the entire 200-mile stretch. The US 93 series of projects is a priority for ADOT and has become a significant addition to our state highway system to more efficiently move people, goods and services.

Construction of the Hoover Dam Bypass remains on schedule for opening to traffic by November. Motorists who are not planning to attend the Oct. 16 *Bridging America* public celebration, (www.celebratehooverbridge.com) should expect heavy traffic delays on US 93 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. that day, and are highly recommended to take an alternate route traveling to Las Vegas. Travel on US 93 on Oct. 16 is not recommended for anyone not attending the special event.

The \$240-million federal project to create the Hoover Dam Bypass includes more than \$70 million in funding from Arizona, which was committed to help accelerate construction of this vital new piece of infrastructure. With more than 14,000 vehicles a day crossing over Hoover Dam, this new river crossing was needed to meet future traffic demands, improve safety and to open a new corridor for commercial traffic. When it opens, the new bridge will be jointly owned by Arizona and Nevada.

Call the project hotline at 1-888-887-0565 for more information about the US 93 widening project. ADOT works to inform the public about planned restrictions, but there is a possibility that unscheduled closures or restrictions may occur. Weather can also affect a project schedule. To stay up-to-date with the latest highway conditions around the state, visit the ADOT Traveler Information Center at www.az511.gov or call 5-1-1.

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