

As the first Arizonan to serve on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in more than a decade, Congressman Mitchell has the opportunity to help authorize funding for important highway and transit projects in the 2009 SAFETEA-LU reauthorization bill. These projects have the potential to make critical improvements in the East Valley and beyond. Below are the specific projects for which Rep. Mitchell has requested authorization:

**Passenger Rail - Phoenix to Tucson**

Submitted by: ADOT

Project Request: \$4,000,000

This project would provide an introduction of intercity passenger rail service in the most heavily traveled corridor in Arizona. Known as the Sun Corridor Megalopolis, the area between (and including) the greater metropolitan areas of Phoenix and Tucson is one of the fastest-growing corridors in the nation. By 2050 it is predicted to have a population in excess of 15 million, or nearly three times its current size.

**Elliot Road and I-10 Park and Ride**

Submitted by: City of Phoenix

Project Request: \$16,000,000

The City of Phoenix Public Transit Department will plan, acquire right-of-way, design and construct a park-and-ride facility in the East I-10 Corridor along Elliot Road. The facility will augment parking in the Ahwatukee area that has reached capacity at the Pecos Road/40th Street Park-and-Ride.

**Hayden Road and Camelback Road Intersection Improvements**

Submitted by: City of Scottsdale

Project Request: \$2,400,000

This project includes intersection improvements at Hayden and Camelback roads, including widening a bridge to add additional turning capacity from Camelback Road, and a pedestrian underpass.

**Hayden Road and Thomas Road Intersection Improvements**

Submitted by: City of Scottsdale

Project Request: \$2,960,000

This project includes full intersection improvements for additional capacity at Hayden and Thomas roads, including left turn bays and right turn deceleration lanes for all directions, improved access management and crosswalks.

**Neighborhood Circulator Expansion**

Submitted by: City of Scottsdale

Project Request: \$1,792,800

This project includes the acquisition of buses to expand an existing neighborhood circulator transit program.

**Scottsdale Airpark Transit Center**

Submitted by: City of Scottsdale

Project Request: \$2,400,000

The project includes the design and construction of a transit center in the Scottsdale Airpark. This transit center will provide a hub for transit services in the northern portion of the City of Scottsdale and a convenient transfer point for several regional transit routes coming into the Scottsdale Airpark.

**Scottsdale Road Corridor Bus Rapid Transit/High Capacity System Expansion, Phase I**

Submitted by: City of Scottsdale

Project Request: \$8,320,000

This project involves the design and construction of a 4-mile section of an arterial bus rapid transit system in an existing arterial roadway corridor. The corridor connects to the regional light rail transit system and is the most highly traveled transit route in the City of Scottsdale.

**Scottsdale Road Corridor Improvements, Pinnacle Peak to Happy Valley Roads**

Submitted by: City of Scottsdale

Project Request: \$18,400,000

This project involves widening a 1-mile section of Scottsdale Road from four to six travel lanes, adding turn lanes, bike lanes, a shared-use path, and raised medians.

**Orbit Neighborhood Circulator Replacement Buses, Tempe, Arizona**

Submitted by: City of Tempe

Project Request: \$10,591,086

This project will replace Orbit neighborhood circulator buses. The Orbit buses connect Tempe neighborhoods with other bus routes, light rail, Tempe schools, Arizona State University, downtown Tempe, Rio Salado, and the Tempe Public Library Complex. The current light-duty buses, which are high-floor, gasoline-powered vehicles would be replaced with low-floor, alternative-fueled or electric hybrid mini-buses with a 10 to 12-year life cycle. This project supports the national effort to provide green energy solutions for transportation.

**Fountain Hills Blvd. (Shea Blvd. to El Lago Blvd. and Glenbrook Blvd. to north City limits)**

Submitted by: Town of Fountain Hills

Project Request: \$7,200,000

This project will widen Fountain Hills Blvd. to two through lanes in each direction, with asphalt overlay, bike lanes, sidewalk, median, intersection turn pockets, traffic signal improvements, and landscaping.

**Shea Blvd. (Palisades Blvd to ½-mile east of Saguaro Blvd.)**

Submitted by: Town of Fountain Hills

Project Request: \$6,020,000

This project will widen Shea Blvd. to three through lanes each direction, with asphalt overlay, bike lanes, sidewalk, median, intersection turn pockets, traffic signal improvements, and landscaping.

**Pima Road corridor improvements, McDowell Road to Via Linda.**

Submitted by: Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

Project Request: \$30,000,000

This project involves widening a section of Pima Road from two to four travel lanes, as well as other improvements including turn lanes, bike lanes, sidewalk and raised medians. The project will improve traffic flow and safety, enhance business access and accommodate multi-modal travel.

**Broadway Road, Mesa, Arizona**

Submitted by: City of Mesa

Project Request: \$7,000,000

Federal funding will support construction of lane improvements and additions as well as intersection improvements on the Broadway Road corridor between Alma School Road and Extension Road, and at intersections with Dobson Road and Alma School Road.

**Southern Avenue and Country Club Drive Intersection, Mesa, AZ**

Submitted by: City of Mesa

Project Request: \$4,195,125

Federal funding will support construction of improvements to the intersection at Southern Avenue and Country Club Drive, including bus pullouts at all four approaches; single right turn lanes on all approaches; a third westbound through-lane to the east of Country Club Drive; and a third eastbound through-lane extension to the east of Country Club Drive. A new bus shelter also will be constructed on the northeast corner of the intersection.