## **ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**



Fifty-fifth Legislature Second Regular Session

HB 2184: appropriation; State Route 24; connector Sponsor: Representative Cook, LD 8

Committee on Transportation

## Overview

Appropriates \$15,000,000 from the state General Fund (GF) in FY 2023 to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to distribute to Pinal County to acquire right of way to extend State Route (SR) 24 and to develop a connector route extending from SR 24 along the Central Arizona Project canal alignment.

## History

<u>Laws 1973, Chapter 146</u> established ADOT to provide for an integrated and balanced state transportation system with a director responsible for the department's administration (<u>A.R.S. § 28-331</u>). ADOT has exclusive control and jurisdiction over state highways, state routes, state-owned airports and all state-owned transportation systems or modes are vested in ADOT.

The duties of ADOT are as follows: 1) register motor vehicles and aircraft, license drivers, collect revenues, enforce motor vehicle and aviation statutes and perform related functions; 2) do multimodal state transportation planning, cooperate and coordinate transportation planning with local governments and establish an annually updated priority program of capital improvements for all transportation modes; 3) design and construct transportation facilities in accordance with a priority plan and maintain and operate state highways, state-owned airports and state public transportation systems; 4) investigate new transportation systems and cooperate with and advise local governments concerning the development and operation of public transit systems; and 5) have administrative jurisdiction of transportation safety programs and implement them in accordance with applicable law (A.R.S. § 28-332).

SR 24 was completed in 2014, opening the freeway between SR 202 and Ellsworth Road. In Fall 2020, ADOT began construction on <u>State Route 24 Interim Phase II</u>, which extends the freeway approximately five miles from Ellsworth Road in Maricopa County to Ironwood Drive in Pinal County. The project will include two paved lanes in each direction separated by a graded median, new at-grade intersections and bridges. Phase II construction is projected to be completed in 2022.

## **Provisions**

1. Appropriates \$15,000,000 from the GF in FY 2023 to ADOT to distribute to Pinal County to acquire right of way to extend SR 24 and to develop a connecter route that extends from State Route 24 along the Central Arizona Project canal alignment.

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