



SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

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DECISION TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THROUGH FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

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Project: SAFETEA-LU Funding Agreement Arizona

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Following an initial public notice circulated on May 18, 2012, this Special Public Notice announces that the District Commander of the Los Angeles District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps") has decided to accept and expend Federal-Aid Highway Program funds contributed by the Arizona Department of Transportation ("ADOT") through the Federal Highway Administration ("FHWA") to expedite processing of ADOT's Department of the Army (DA) permit applications, subject to a series of limitations pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 139(j) (Section 6002 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users) referred to hereafter as SAFETEA-LU. Though ADOT would receive more expeditious reviews of their permit applications, procedural and substantive requirements of the DA permit application review process remain unchanged. The decision to accept funds is in response to the multiple, large, and complex DA permit applications that will be submitted by ADOT, and the need to devote significant staff time to these applications in order to ensure ADOT and the public are best served through the permit evaluation process. The decision to accept funds does not constitute any endorsement or implied consent of ADOT proposed projects; rather it will enable Corps Regulatory personnel to devote the attention required to these applications, in both a timelier and more thorough manner, benefiting ADOT and the public.

Copies of the documents related to this decision as well as any future permit decisions evaluated by ADOT-funded Corps Regulatory personnel, can be viewed at the Corps' District Regulatory webpage:

<http://www.spl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/WRDASection214>



Regulatory Program Goals:

- To provide strong protection of the nation's aquatic environment, including wetlands.
- To ensure the Corps provides the regulated public with fair and reasonable decisions.
- To enhance the efficiency of the Corps' administration of its regulatory program.

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