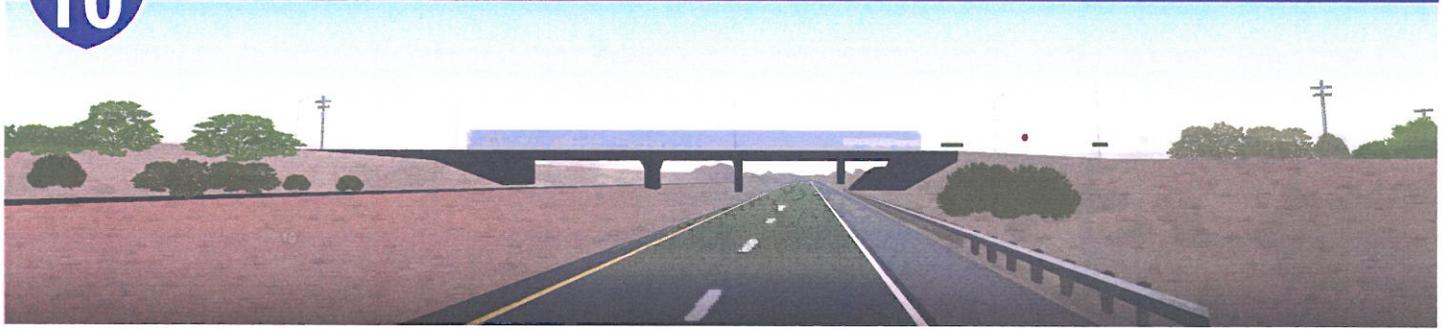




# Mescal Road /J-Six Ranch Road Bridge Project



## Background

The Mescal Road/J-Six Ranch Road Bridge over Interstate 10 was damaged by fire caused by a collision of two semi-trucks on March 15, 2011. Bridge inspectors determined the fire caused severe damage to the concrete piers and steel girders of the bridge, requiring ADOT to demolish and replace the structure. ADOT made the decision to demolish the bridge overnight on April 8-9, at the same time I-10 was being closed between State Route 90 and State Route 83 for the demolition of the old Marsh Station Bridge. During the 10-hour closure, interstate traffic was required to take a 67-mile detour using State Route 83, State Route 82 and State Route 90.

- ▶ Old bridge structure was designed in 1957 and built in 1958
- ▶ Westbound I-10 lanes used to be State Route 86
- ▶ Length of bridge – 221 feet
- ▶ Width of bridge – 28 feet
- ▶ The pedestrian walkway, which is a separate structure that runs parallel to the roadway bridge, will not be demolished. New protective screening will be constructed on the walkway, which will remain open at most times during the period before construction of the new bridge begins. Pedestrian access will be restricted during construction.
- ▶ Working with the Federal Highway Administration, ADOT was able to secure Emergency Relief funds to replace the bridge.

## Schedule

- ▶ Advertise project to contractors – Spring 2011
- ▶ Construction begins - Summer 2011
- ▶ New bridge open to traffic – End of 2011

## Detour information

Because the bridge has been demolished, the following detours will be required for motorists who use the interchange at Mescal Road/J-Six Ranch Road (Exit 297):

- ▶ Traffic coming from south of I-10 on J-Six Ranch Road who want travel north on Mescal Road will need to take eastbound I-10 at Mescal Road/J-Six Ranch Road traffic interchange and exit at State Route 90 (Exit 302), return to the westbound I-10 and exit at Mescal Road (Exit 297).

- ▶ Motorists heading south on Mescal Road who wish to access J-Six Ranch Road south of I-10 will need to take westbound I-10 at Mescal Road/J-Six Ranch Road traffic interchange and exit at Empirita Road (Exit 292), then take eastbound I-10 and exit at J-Six Ranch Road (Exit 297).

## Contact information

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