



Tohono O'odham School Bus Routes Transportation Study Information Handout

BACKGROUND

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the Tohono O'odham Nation (Nation) have initiated a new School Bus Routes Transportation Study. The primary focus of this study is to address the most critical transportation planning needs for school bus routes on the Nation and provide guidance for future transportation planning decisions.

The study will identify transportation safety improvements for the Nation's school bus routes for the short term (2010-2015), the mid term (2016-2020) and the long term (2021-2030).

Transportation safety improvements could include the addition of sidewalks, bike paths, crosswalks, bus shelters, paving of roads, enhancing safety at intersections, widening of roadways, reducing the speed limit, improving roadway signage, and mitigating flooding issues along roadways.

This study encompasses all of the Tohono O'odham Nation, including San Xavier District and San Lucy District. A map of the project area is included on the reverse side of this handout. For a more detailed map of a specific district, visit the district office or go online at www.tonation-nsn.gov/

PUBLIC INPUT NEEDED

A vital component of this transportation study is to gain information from the community. In addition to a meeting with the Legislative Council, district council presentations, and one-on-one stakeholder interviews, the community is encouraged to provide feedback on various transportation-related issues. This valuable information will be gathered and used when developing a final report that will include recommendations on future transportation projects. Your input and comments are important in developing a final report. All individuals living and working on the Tohono O'odham Nation are encouraged to participate by filling out comment cards and attending public presentations. Please send all comments to:

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TIMELINE

This Transportation Study is scheduled to be a 14-month process. Initial meetings were held in August 2010; the Legislative Council was briefed in September 2010. Team members will present to all 11 district councils by the end of the year while conducting ongoing stakeholder interviews and collecting public input. A final report is expected to be completed by September 2011.

PROJECT TEAM

This is a collaborative project between ADOT and the Nation's Planning & Economic Development Office. ADOT's project manager is Mark Hoffman and the Communication and Community Partnership contact is Linda Ritter. In addition, Julie Frazier is the contact for the TON Planning Department. Assisting ADOT with the planning effort is Jacobs Engineering; Rick Powers serves as their project manager.

To assist the project team during the course of the study, a Technical Advisory Committee has been formed. This is made up of community and governmental stakeholders to provide additional expertise and guidance. Some organizations represented on TAC include: Indian Health Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Tohono O'odham Police Department, and state and tribal schools.

CONTACT US!

Please feel free to contact any of the team members below during the course of this project with your concerns, questions, or comments.

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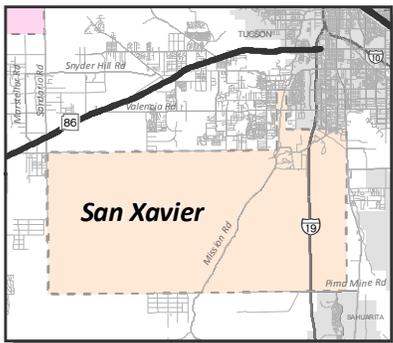
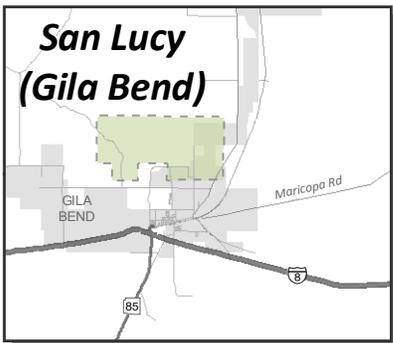
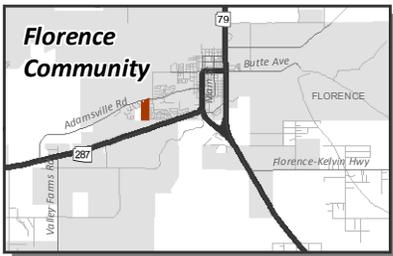
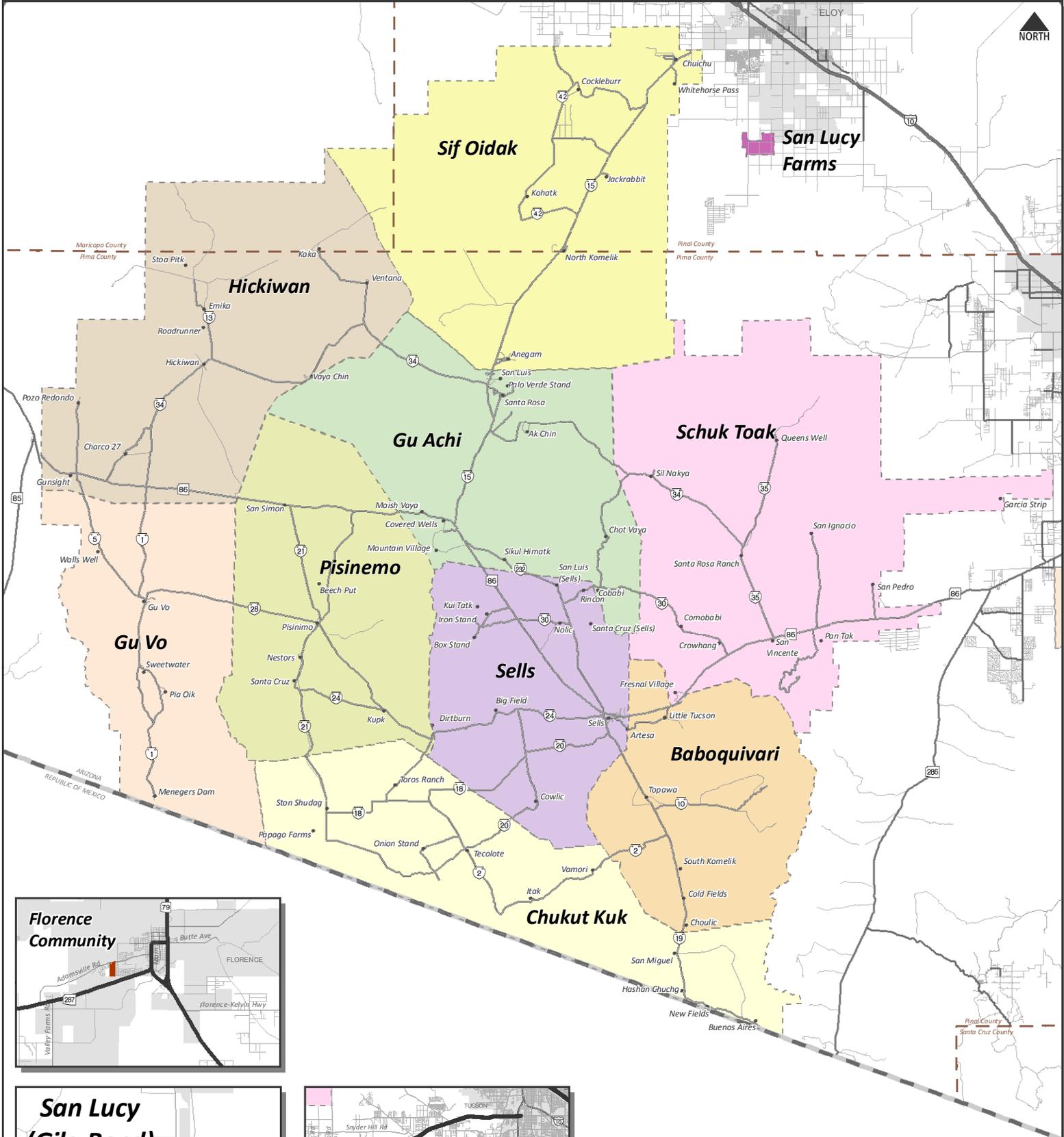
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For additional information on this project, including copies of maps, comment sheets, handouts and other documents, go to: www.tonation-nsn.gov/

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