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Dear Citizens Advisory Committee and Project Development Team Members:

We want to update you on the project as we near publication of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA). The project's draft technical reports are nearly complete and the project's management team is reviewing them. These technical reports form the basis of the draft of the EA. We anticipate the EA will be published in December.

The IAMP is also in progress. After the hard work of the IAMP CAC, the process is now focusing on the City. Both the Phoenix City Council and Planning Commission had a joint session with the IAMP management team last month, and the City is now considering the various transportation management measures suggested in the draft IAMP.

Once the Draft EA is available, project stakeholders (including those on the project mailing list) will be notified by postcard that the EA and the EA Executive Summary are available upon request. Those interested will have a choice of receiving either a hard copy or a CD of the EA. We will also upload the Draft EA to the project website. The document will also be available at selected community locations such as the library, city hall, public works, etc.

There will be a 30-day public comment period for the Draft EA. The public may comment throughout that time period. About two weeks after the EA is published, a formal public hearing on the project will be held in Phoenix. This hearing will provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions about the project and to provide written or oral comments on the Draft EA and the two design alternatives. Comment forms and court reporters will be available at the hearing for the public to give input on the project. A decision on which alternative to advance will be made after the public comment period is over, the comments have been compiled, and the issues raised have been discussed.

Thank you for your time and interest in this important project, which is now reaching another milestone. Dick Leever and the project team appreciate all of your help in developing this project.