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Loop 303 Drainage Project Completed Prior to Monsoon 2015

PHOENIX, Ariz. (March 24, 2015) – Working with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), the Flood Control District of Maricopa County (District) has completed the Loop 303 drainage system which transports stormwater from local watersheds and the Loop 303 to the Gila River.

The District partnered with ADOT on the Loop 303 Corridor regional project. The portion of the drainage system from Van Buren street north to approximately Bell Road was included in ADOT's freeway construction.

The District constructed the 4.7 mile long Outfall project at the downstream of the drainage system. The outfall is located west of Cotton Lane and extends from Van Buren Street to the north bank of the Gila River; it includes open channels, underground storm drains and culverts, and landscaping of the corridor.

"The completion of this corridor will increase public safety from stormwater along this portion of the Loop 303 freeway," said Clint Hickman who represents District 4 on the Board of Directors. "I am proud that our county and state agencies were able to work together to complete this project."

ADOT's Phoenix construction district engineer Madhu Reddy, agrees. "Constructing the outfall corridor required partnering and significant coordination among agencies," said Reddy. "Improving the regional drainage system and finishing Loop 303 north of I-10 will benefit the West Valley region for decades to come."

Not only does the project provide increased drainage protection for the Loop 303, but it also provides regional stormwater protection for several areas along the east and west sides of Loop 303.

Bill Wiley, chief engineer and general manager of the District, is gratified with the project. "By partnering with ADOT, we were able to plan and produce a cost-effective solution for stormwater collection and conveyance for the Loop 303 and surrounding communities," said Wiley.

The Flood Control District of Maricopa County assists Maricopa County residents and communities to reduce their risk of injury, death, and property damage from flooding, while still enjoying the natural and beneficial values served by floodplains.

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