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ADOT North-South Segment 1 Study c/o HDR, Inc. 20 E. Thomas Rd., Suite 2500 Phoenix, AZ 85012

## To Whom It May Concern:

The East Valley Chambers of Commerce Alliance (EVCCA) is the largest chamber of commerce organization in Arizona with nearly 5,000 members representing eight chambers in the East Valley including Apache Junction, Carefree/Cave Creek, Chandler, Gilbert, Mesa, Queen Creek, Scottsdale, and Tempe. Our membership includes large multi-national corporations and local small businesses. The EVCCA is a true representation of the Arizona business community.

The State Route 505 (SR 505) or the Southeast Valley North/South corridor, is a road of regional significance. The EVCCA believes transportation corridors need to connect existing and future population centers with jobs and regional destination centers. The SR 505 will no doubt improve access to future activity centers, increase regional mobility, and integrate the region's transportation network.

The SR 505 coupled with the State Route 24 (SR 24) helps complete the limited access highway system in the Southeast Valley. Both will be heavily traveled on into the future. The EVCCA recommends giving top priority to connecting a completed SR 24 with the SR 505.

The EVCCA strongly supports construction of the SR 505.

Sincerely,

Tom Binge Chair

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Carefree/Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce
Chandler Chamber of Commerce
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