

# SR 189 FLYOVER: Grade Separating the Trucks from the Town



SR 189 is a 5-lane arterial street that connects Arizona's busiest international port of entry, the Mariposa POE in Nogales, with Interstate 19, and thus the rest of the country. More than \$200 million has been invested in expanding and modernizing the Mariposa Port, such that it is now the fourth busiest land port in the United States. The growing commercial and private vehicle traffic processed through the Mariposa POE has overwhelmed the ability of SR 189 to efficiently move traffic through Nogales and onto I-19, with the resulting congestion negatively impacting nearly \$17 billion in trade with Mexico.

The Arizona Department of Transportation is seeking \$25 million in TIGER funding as part of a \$134 million project to increase the safety and capacity of SR 189 by making targeted intersection and access management improvements, and to construct an overpass of Frank Reed Road for I-19 off and on ramps. These improvements would greatly improve the flow of traffic on SR 189 and enable the seven million commercial and personal vehicles that pass through the Mariposa Port each year to move more quickly, safely and efficiently on and off of I-19 and through the City of Nogales.

In the past, ADOT had intended to build this project in phases, with intersection improvements, raised medians and dedicated flyover ramp to northbound I-19 in the first, or interim, phase and the ultimate condition of grade separated on and off ramps over Frank Reed Rd. in Phase II. However, by leveraging TIGER grant funding with State and local resources the Department will be able to build both phases at once, saving \$13 million over the phased approach.

The local resources identified to help build the ultimate condition project are a \$25 million appropriation from the Arizona Legislature, contributions from the local share of overweight permit fees, and a new axle charge imposed on commercial vehicles. The permit fee and axle charge would provide a revenue stream sufficient to support \$40 million in funding for the project.

## SR 189 Ultimate Condition Revenue Sources

\$44 million - ADOT's Share of Federal Highway Funds  
\$25 million - Appropriation from Arizona State Legislature  
\$25 million - TIGER Grant  
\$40 million - Local and Private Permit Fees and new Axle Fee  
**\$134 million**

