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7 major freeway projects for '07

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A busy year of construction lies ahead for the Arizona Department of Transportation, with seven major freeway projects scheduled for launch in the Valley during 2007.

The projects, outlined by ADOT officials Tuesday, are:

- Construction of Interstate 17 interchanges at Jomax Road and Dixileta Drive in north Phoenix set to begin in the spring.
- An extension of carpool lanes on Arizona 51 between Shea Boulevard and Loop 101 scheduled for the spring.
- A major reconstruction of the I-17 interchange at Carefree Highway, scheduled to start construction in the summer.
- The addition of carpool lanes on Loop 101 between Princess Drive and Loop 202 in Scottsdale, scheduled to begin this summer.
- Construction of an Interstate 10 interchange at Bullard Avenue in Goodyear, starting in the summer.
- The widening of I-17 between Loop 101 and Carefree Highway, to add a general traffic lane and an HOV lane each direction, a multiyear project that starts in the fall.
- The widening of I-10 between Loop 101 and Sarival Avenue to add a general traffic lane and an HOV lane in each direction, scheduled to begin in the fall. This project was accelerated four years with Goodyear and Avondale providing funding assistance.