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## ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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### **Construction to Begin for Railroad Safety Upgrade in Tucson**

(Phoenix) Starting today, a major construction project gets underway in Tucson which will relieve traffic congestion and improve safety at a busy Union Pacific Railroad crossing.

The Arizona Corporation Commission approved the upgrade at I-10 and Ina Road in its February 2016 Open Meeting.

The project includes lowering I-10 to ground level and widening it to eight lanes, while Ina Road will be reconstructed as a six-lane roadway and will be raised to cross over Camino de Oeste, the tracks, and I-10.

“There is a significant amount of traffic that crosses those tracks each day including 26 school buses,” said Chairman Tom Forese. “Once completed, this eliminates any accidents or conflicts between traffic and trains since the traffic will pass over the tracks. It will also help relieve congestion to the businesses in that area.”

The Ina Road exit and entrance ramps will shut down starting Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, and will remain closed for two years as the construction is completed. A portion of the \$120 million dollar project will be funded by the Federal Highway Administration.

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