



# Arizona Department of Transportation

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Auditor General  
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Dear Ms. Davenport:

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) extends its thanks to you and your staff for the professionalism displayed during the Sunset Review of ADOT.

ADOT agrees with all aspects of the Sunset Review, and offers the following amplifications and comments.

**Factor 2. The effectiveness with which ADOT has met its objectives and purposes and the efficiency with which the agency has operated.**

ADOT is in the process of implementing all of the recommendations from the Highway Maintenance and Aspects of Construction Management audits.

Regarding the use of consultants, ADOT uses a management level process to determine consultant needs based on project schedule, availability of in-house staff and expertise requirements on the project. ADOT uses this process to evaluate the need for consultants on any given project.

Also, ADOT would like to draw a clear distinction between the contractors that are utilized for highway construction versus the consultants that are utilized in the design, development, project management, inspection and testing processes. The Arizona Revised Statutes require ADOT to utilize private contractors to construct the highways.

**Factor 4. The extent to which rules adopted by ADOT are consistent with the legislative mandate.**

ADOT has formed a committee to review the areas identified by the Auditor General, and will develop such rules as necessary.

We thank you for your extensive efforts on this review.

Sincerely,

Victor M. Mendez

cc: Richard Travis, Deputy Director  
John A. Bogert, Chief of Staff  
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