



ADOT projects for next five years to bring improvements to airport, roads

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KINGMAN — A recently released five-year project shows improvements to the Laughlin/Bullhead City International Airport.

The Arizona Department of Transportation presented a proposed five-year plan of roads and airport improvement projects in Mohave County and throughout the state.

The cost of Bullhead City's airport improvements would be more than \$40 million. Most of that, \$38 million, would come from federal funding with the rest coming from state and local funding, according to ADOT.

The project consists of building a new 8,000-square-foot Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting building built in three phases. Phase 1 is site preparation and infrastructure with the next two phases being building construction. The total cost for the fire station would be about \$6.25 million.

Another project is adding 1,000 feet to the south end of the main runway. The runway is currently 7,520 feet long. Site preparation of the runway extension is \$5 million with construction of the

runway costing \$5.5 million. Also planned is adding 1,000 feet of airport lighting for the runway extension costing \$500,000.

Also on the drawing board is \$2.9 million to construct 1,000 feet of a taxiway extension parallel to the runway extension and installing 1,400 feet of lighting for the parallel taxiway extension costing \$500,000.

The project also includes the purchase of 75 acres from the Arizona State Land Department costing \$15 million for the runway extension.

ADOT's five-year plan also calls for \$20 million for a four-lane highway on Highway 93 at Antelope Wash and \$21.4 million for a four-lane highway on Highway 93 at Carrow-Stephens. Other improvements to Interstate 40 include \$5 million for an intersection at Rancho Santa Fe parkway east of Kingman.

Over the next five years, Mohave County's funding for the road projects would include more than \$3.6 million in 2013, \$41.4 million in 2014 and \$5 million in 2015, according to ADOT.
