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During a meeting last week, consultant Sylvia Haskvitz writes down suggestions and concerns that businesses expressed about road access during Interstate 10 construction.

## ADOT, I-10 businesses seek cooperation during construction

The Arizona Department of Transportation held an outreach meeting last Thursday with businesses along the Interstate 10 corridor to brainstorm solutions to problems caused by the freeway's ongoing construction project.

Representatives and owners from several dozen businesses, including Riverpark Inn, Denny's, Aladdin Graphics, Aufmuth Auto Sales and Carls Jr., shared their thoughts on how construction will affect their businesses.

ADOT officials have helped the affected businesses by posting signs pointing to the establishments and erecting additional street signs to alert motorists.

"I'm trying to help you do things that will help each other," said Marie Miyashiro-Collins, of Elucity Network, a consulting firm working on the I-10 project.

At the meeting, ADOT stressed they cannot be all things to all businesses and they will help out with what they can.



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Abe Frisby, with Las Cazuelitas de Tucson, discusses trends with his business he has noticed during the I-10 construction.

Businesses should work together to come up with ways to get around the construction, said Laurel Parker, an ADOT project manager.

While many businesses have been negatively affected by the interstate construction, some have seen a jump in sales due to the funneling of traffic down the frontage roads.

Construction on the Prince Road/22nd Street portion is expected to wrap up in Spring 2010.