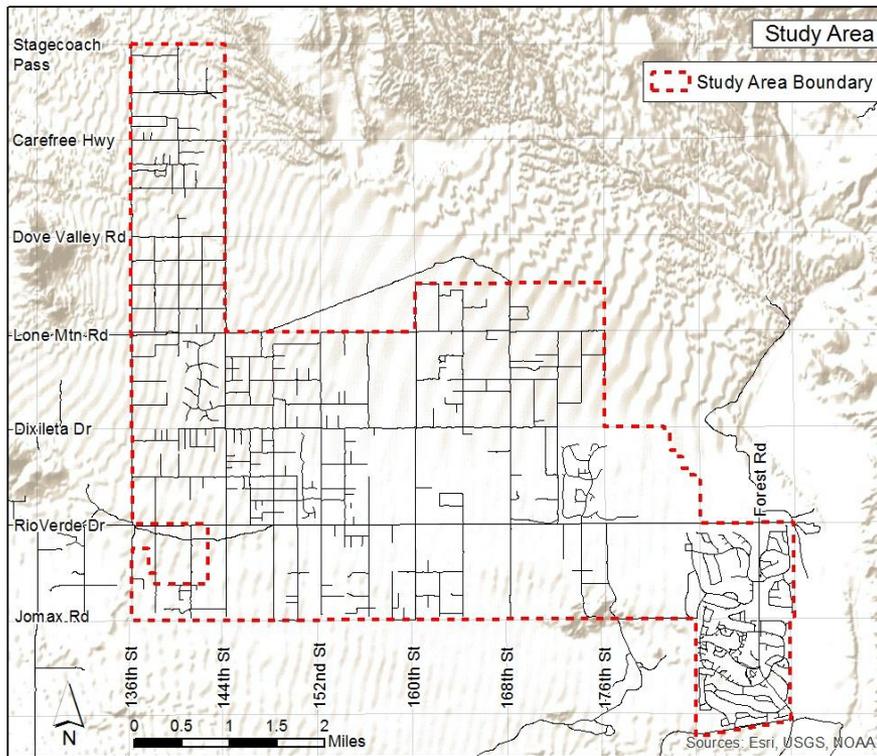




Study Area



The Rio Verde Small Area Transportation Study (SATS) area includes unincorporated Maricopa County from 136th Street to just beyond Forest Road on the east, and from McDowell Mountain Road on the south to Stagecoach Pass Road on the north.



Study Purpose

The Rio Verde area has continued to experience **growth** including planned communities. This growth has resulted in concerns regarding roadways and **access** into, out of, and within the community. In response to these concerns, MCDOT commissioned The Rio Verde Small Area Transportation Study.

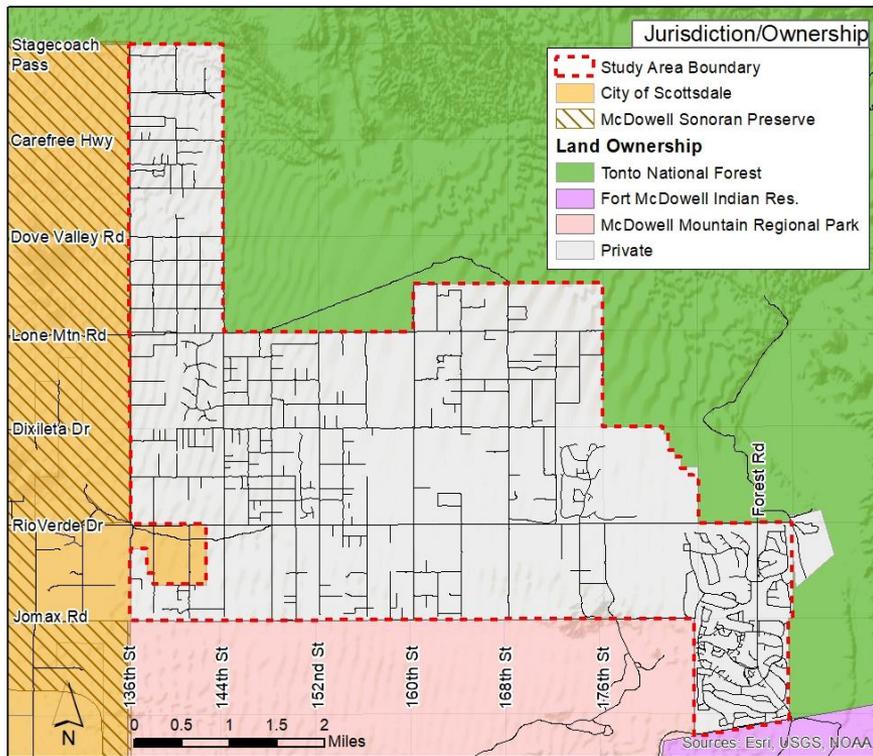
The Study analyzed existing conditions, identified potential growth, and evaluated existing and future traffic volumes to develop a **recommended** roadway network.

The study recommendations inform jurisdictional agencies, residents, and developers of a future roadway network.

Roadway construction is not currently funded.



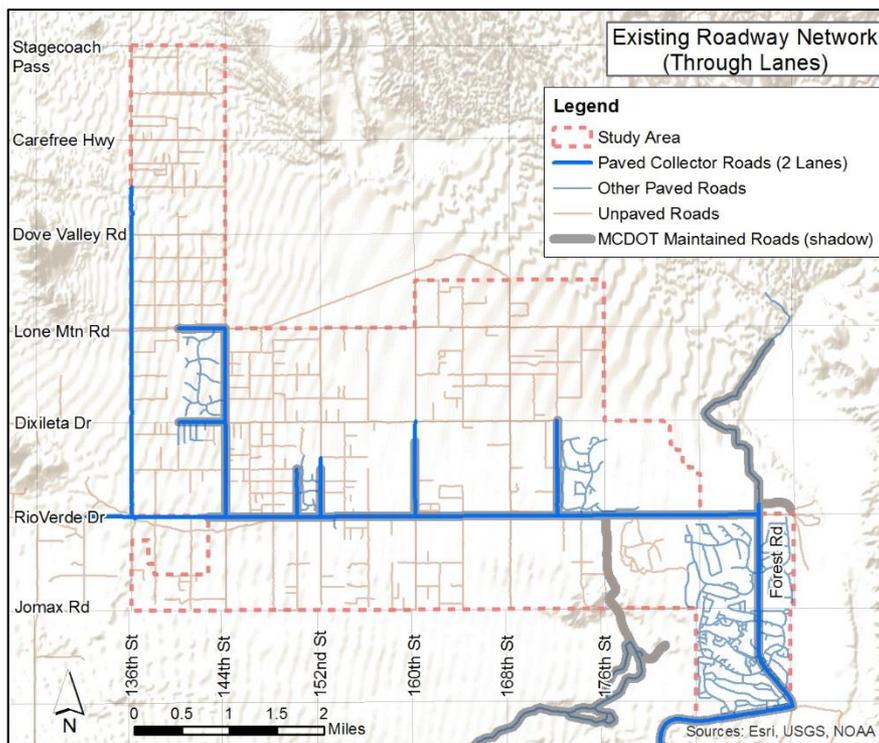
Jurisdiction/Ownership



- The study area is in unincorporated Maricopa County.
- The City of Scottsdale jurisdictional boundary is the western boundary line.
- All land within the study area is privately owned.
- The McDowell Sonoran Preserve, is located to the west
- The Tonto National Forest is located to the north and east, and
- The McDowell Mountain Regional Park and the Fort McDowell Indian Reservation are both located to the south of the study area.



Existing Roadway Network



- The majority of the existing roadways within the study area are unpaved and privately owned.
- Paved roadways include: Rio Verde Drive and parts of 136th St, 144th St, 152nd St, 160th St, 172nd St, and residential roadways within the Rio Verde, Tonto Verde, Trilogy and Granite Mountain developments.



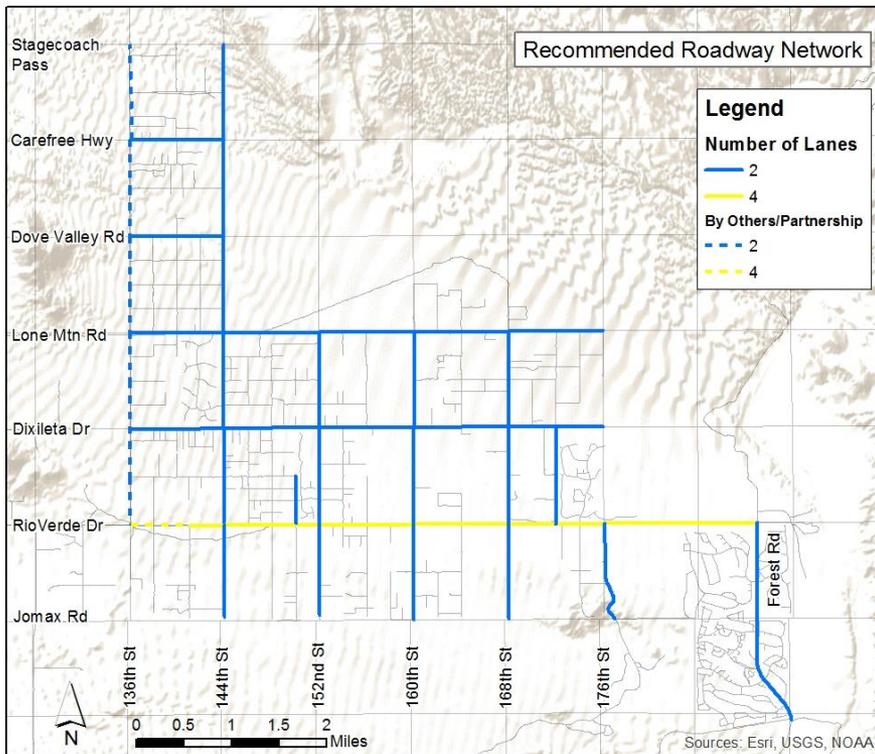
What We Heard

A public meeting was held on May 2, 2018, to introduce the project to the residents of the Rio Verde area and to receive feedback regarding existing concerns and constraints within the SATS study area. Comments received by the Project Team included:

- Many residents prefer the **rural character** of the community and would rather not see the existing dirt roadways paved.
- Request for a **paved connection** from 176th Street to McDowell Mountain road through the McDowell Mountain Regional Park.
- Potential **impacts of additional traffic** accessing the Tonto National Forest along 136th and 144th streets.



Recommended Roadway Network



- Based on projected future traffic volumes it is recommended that **Rio Verde be a 4-lane** roadway with a center turn lane.
- All other roadways are recommended to remain as 2-lane.
- Reminder – recommendations are **not currently funded**.