



# SR 89A Bank Protection

## Flood Water Prevention Measures

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Arizona Department of Transportation will begin construction early May 2015 to improve erosion protection along the eastern bank of Oak Creek on SR 89A, approximately 2.5 miles south of the switchbacks at milepost (MP) 385.

Bank erosion can occur within Oak Creek during high water flows associated with monsoon and winter storm events. Storm events have contributed to a significant erosion of the roadway embankment and damaged a culvert in the project area. Because of a compromised watershed resulting from last year's Slide Fire, water flow in Oak Creek is expected to increase and could further undermine the east bank of Oak Creek and roadway support at this location.

To protect SR 89A from further bank erosion, existing protection measures will have to be fortified. Bank support improvements include repairing and reinforcing gabions (wire baskets filled with rock), replacing concrete reinforcements, placing rock and cobble to enhance protection, and upgrading guardrails within the project area.

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- ▶ Construction to begin early May, 2015
- ▶ Traffic will be reduced to one lane at the project location
- ▶ Flaggers will provide for alternating travel through the work zone
- ▶ Please allow for extra time in travel
- ▶ Anticipated delays from 5 to 15 minutes
- ▶ Hours of construction: Monday – Friday, early morning to 4:00 p.m. (daylight hours)
- ▶ Lane reduction will be lifted in advance of weekend travel beginning late Friday afternoon
- ▶ No nighttime, weekend or holiday construction is anticipated
- ▶ Construction is anticipated to be completed early August

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