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Arizona House of Representatives
Representative Bret Roberts (R-11)
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Representative Bret Roberts Introduces Bill to Construct SR 347/I-10 Overpass

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Representative Bret Roberts (R-11) today introduced [HB 2802](#) legislation that would appropriate funds to construct a highway overpass near the City of Maricopa, linking State Route 347 to I-10.

HB 2802, if enacted, would appropriate \$35 million from the state general fund in fiscal year 2021 to the Arizona Department of Transportation to construct an overpass over Riggs Road and State Route 347, effectively linking the route to the I-10 corridor.

“The City of Maricopa has seen steady population increases each year and is projected to top 124,000 residents in the next twenty years – a 150% increase,” said Representative Roberts. **“With such high growth comes extreme congestion and safety concerns for commuters to the Phoenix Valley who only have a single main route to access the I-10. Frequent accidents along Riggs Road and State Route 347 impact more than 40,000 daily commuters who are forced to backtrack through Casa Grande to access I-10, sometimes doubling their commute time.”**

“With 11 serious injuries and nine fatalities taking place in this area over the past three years, it is imperative that we take action to ensure the safety of those using this route into the future. These funds will be dedicated to the start of fixing the life thread to the City of Maricopa and the SR 347 widening project.”

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