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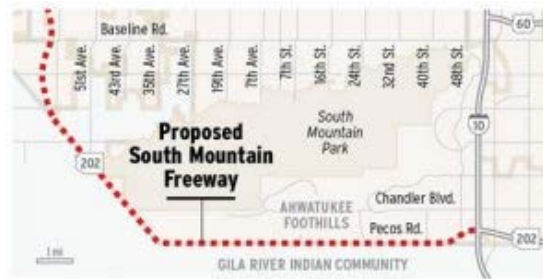
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MAG unveils plans for new Loop 202 stretch

The Associated Press



File map illustrating a proposed Loop 202 extension.
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The Maricopa Association of Governments is calling for an eight-lane Loop 202 running 22 miles and connecting Chandler with west Phoenix.

MAG transportation director Eric Anderson said the cost of the connector is an estimated \$1.9 billion. Construction wouldn't begin until 2017.

Earlier, MAG planners had proposed a 45-mile-per-hour parkway for the section of the proposed South Mountain Freeway through the Ahwatukee Foothills and part of the South Mountain preserve. Prior to that, a 10-lane freeway was in the works.

Some Ahwatukee residents don't want the extension running through their community. They fear a Loop 202 extension will create noise, air pollution and possibly harm wildlife in South Mountain Park.



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