We are looking forward to your participation in the Arizona Linking Conservation and Transportation Planning workshop being held next Wednesday and Thursday, November 8 & 9, 2006 at the following new location near downtown Phoenix.

Note New Location of Workshop Below! HDR Phoenix Office 3200 East Camelback Road Suite 350, The War Room Phoenix, AZ US 85018-2311

The goal of the workshop is to improve linkages between conservation and transportation planning (with an emphasis on long-range planning). This workshop provides a unique opportunity to guide the future of transportation planning in Arizona. This workshop brings the transportation and conservation communities of Arizona together to find ways to integrate conservation data, methods and tools into current transportation planning processes. This workshop will feature presentations on widely used conservation approaches, recently developed technologies, and standardized datasets, and illustrate how they can be used during various stages of the transportation planning processes. The workshop is structured to allow frequent input and dialog related to all the ideas that are being introduced, and one of the major outcomes of the workshop will be a modified version of the transportation planning process.

The tools, methods and data that will be introduced to you during this workshop can be used to streamline efforts and provide a head start in meeting several Presidential Executive Orders and FHWA initiatives including:

- SAFETEA-LU
- Ecological: Ecosystem Approach to Infrastructure, and Cooperative Conservation
- Environmental Mitigation: Avoid, Minimize, Compensatory Mitigation
- Scenario Planning
- Linking Planning and NEPA
- Integrated Planning
- Support for Transportation Project Decision-Making
- GIS4EST Workshop Content
- Programmatic Approach to the Endangered Species Act
- Green Highways (in concert with US EPA)
- Good Neighbor Environmental Board (GNEB)

We have already held two successful workshops – one in Little Rock, Arkansas and one in Lakewood, Colorado, and we expect this workshop to be even better! But we can't do it without your participation. We are here to help you work more effectively so don't miss this opportunity.

We look forward to seeing you in Phoenix!