

# Art in the Desert

## Bridge Aesthetics in Arizona



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# Historic Bridge Aesthetics

- Architectural treatments such as:
  - Decorative parapet walls and guardrails
  - Art Deco styled columns and abutment details
  - Stylized details utilizing steel panels and shapes







**Winslow Overpass 1936**



**Gila Bend Overpass 1934**





**Pumphouse Wash Bridge 1931**





**Pumphouse Wash Bridge**





**Oak Creek Bridge 1992**

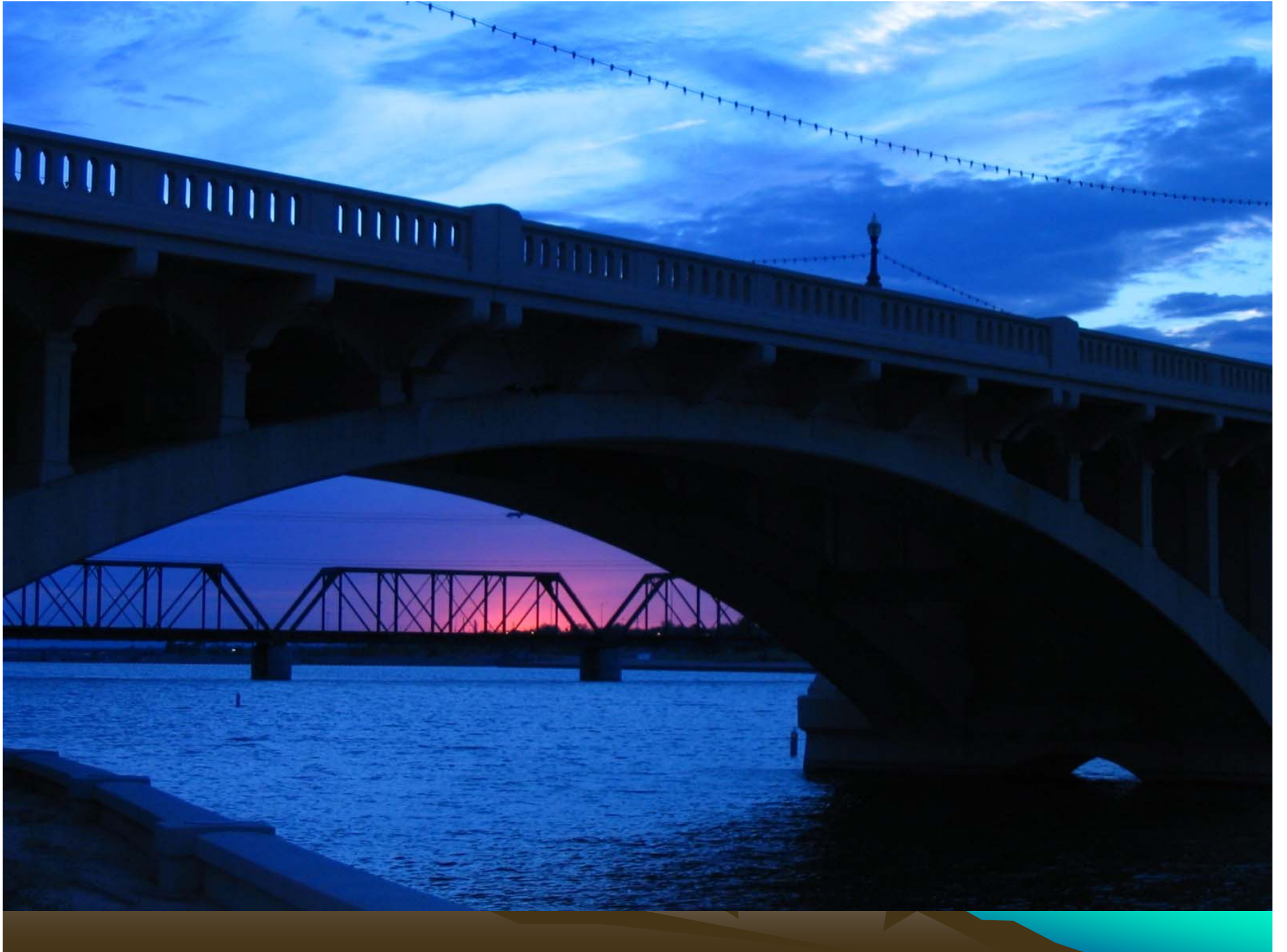


**Mill Avenue Bridge 1931**





**Mill Avenue Bridge Present day**







**Salt River Canyon Bridge 1934**





**Damaged guardrail and decorative Column 1984**





**Salt River Canyon Bridge converted to Ped Bridge  
Present day**

# Bridge Aesthetics Today





# Aesthetics Today

- Identify a freeway corridor that is distinct from others
- Create aesthetic themes that can represent a community and its history
- Community input during the design process
- Bridge structures can become gateways



# Rustication Treatments Barriers







**Walnut Canyon TIUP(I-40)  
Price/Santan TI**



**Riggles Ave(I-10), Pecos Rd(101)**





# Rustication Treatments Columns







**Price/Santan TI  
Rio De Flag (I-40)**



I-10/I-19 Interchange





SR 51/Thomas Road  
Thomas Road Overpass

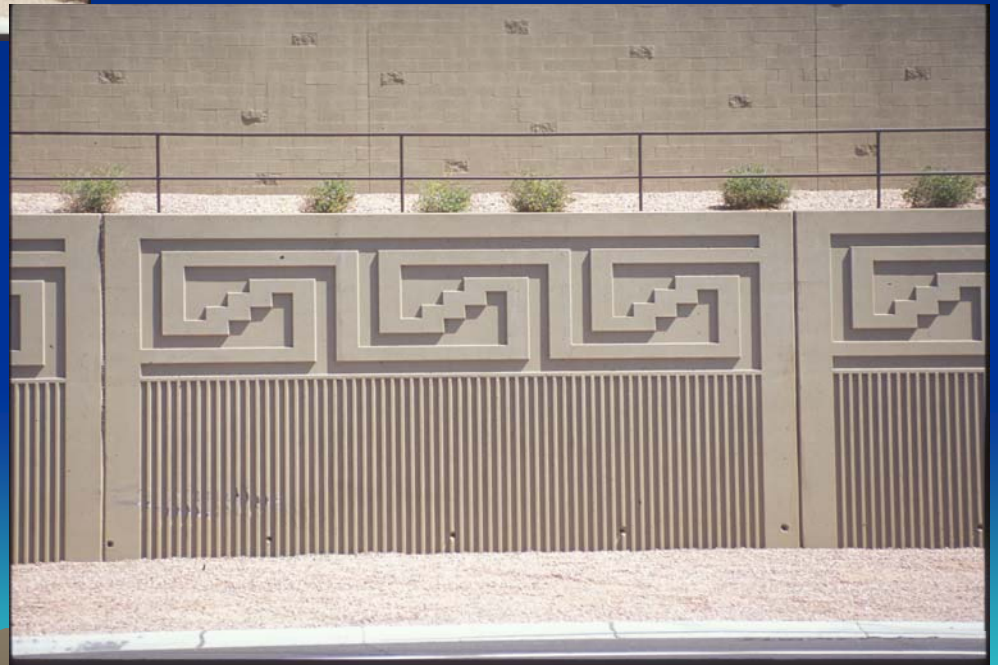


# Rustication Treatments

## Walls









Lindsay Rd OP (202)





**Pima Freeway City of Scottsdale**



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City of Scottsdale**





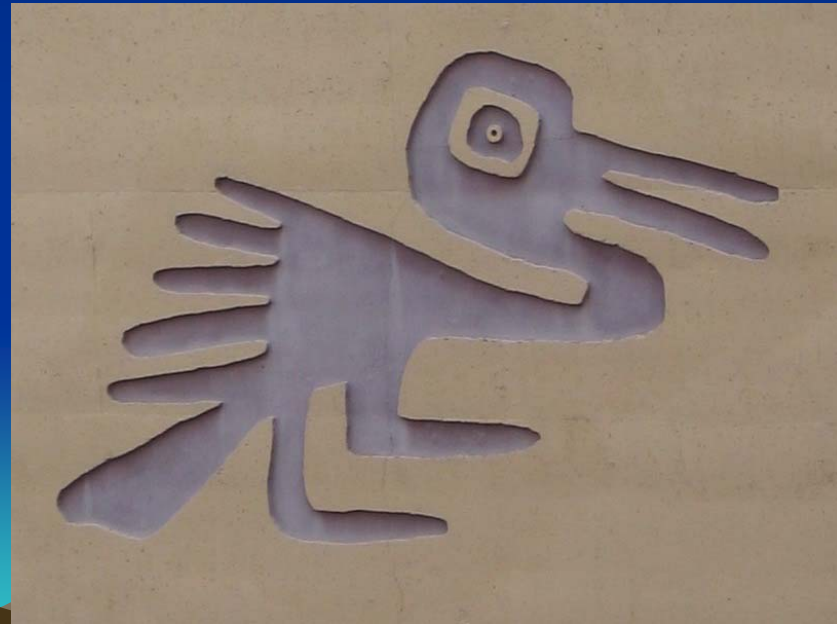
Valencia Rd TIUP (I-19)

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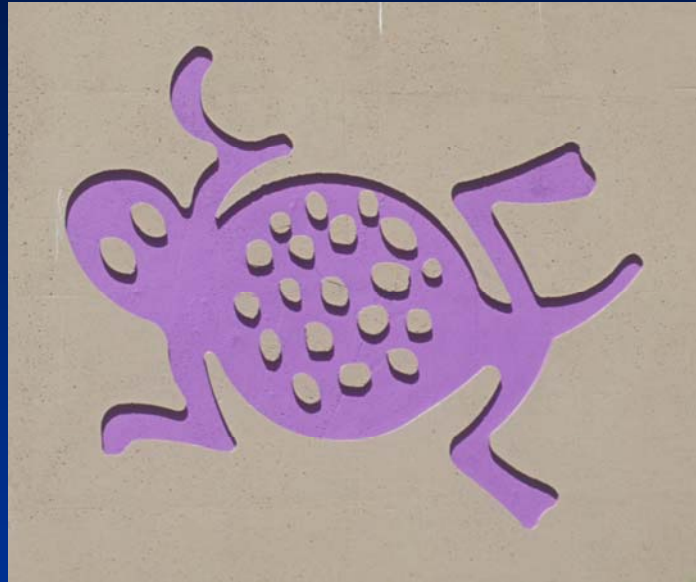












# Rustication Treatments

## Land Forms







**Price Freeway (101)**







Pima Freeway/  
Red Mountain Interchange





**Dobson Rd TIUP (202)**





# Fencing



Frye Rd UP (101)

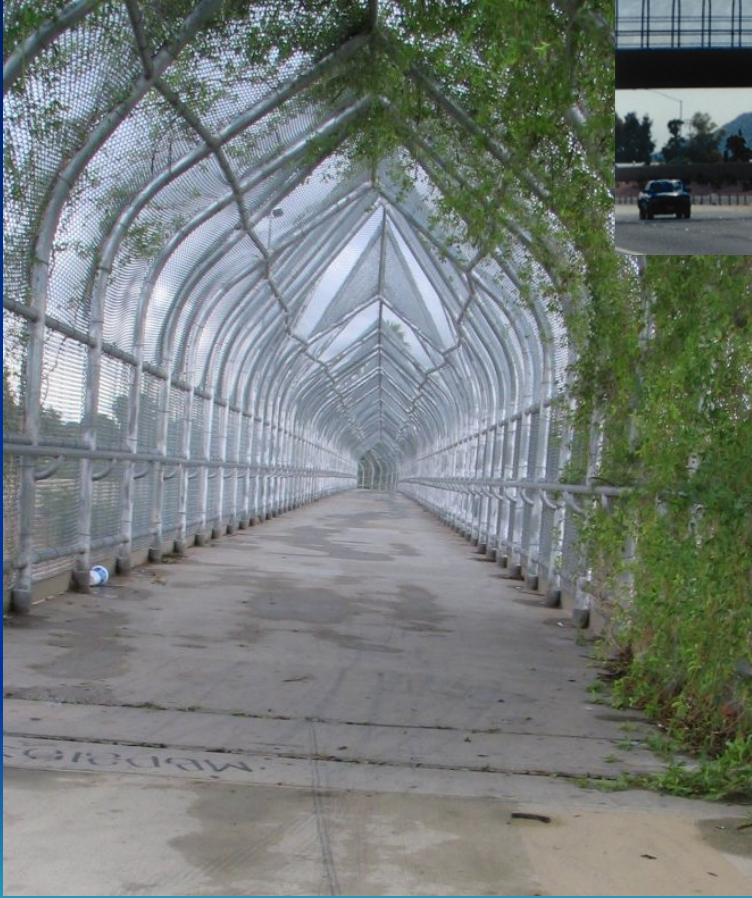
# Pedestrian Bridges







**Maryland Ave Ped OP (I-17)**



Nisbet Rd Ped OP/29<sup>th</sup> St Ped OP (SR 51)



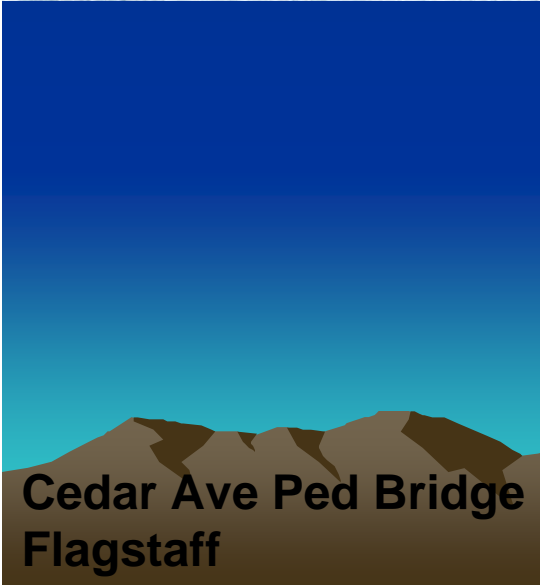
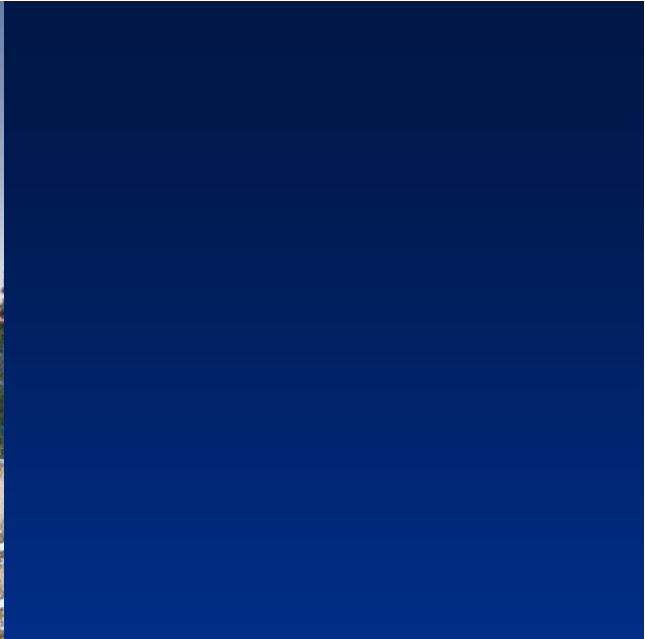


**Snake Bridge Tucson**









**Cedar Ave Ped Bridge  
Flagstaff**

# Community Involvement

- Communities see freeways as a barrier dividing neighborhoods
- Communities can be involved early in the development of freeway aesthetics
- Aesthetics can be enhanced with additional funding
- Aesthetics can create unique community identity with gateway treatments





# Freeway Mitigation and Enhancement Ideas



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## Aesthetics Guidelines



**Aesthetics Guidelines for Roadway Improvements - DRAFT**  
SR 303L, Estrella Freeway, I-17 to SR 801  
I-10, Papago Freeway, SR 85 to SR 101L











**Central Ave over Deck Park/I-10 Tunnel**



**Light Rail  
Tempe Town Lake Br**



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