

285 ton copper-mining anode creates delays in cross-state journey



The oversize load is expected to cause traffic delays as it travels across the state.
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PHOENIX - The largest oversized load to cross the Hoover Dam's Bypass Bridge is expected to create significant delays throughout Arizona next week, the [Arizona Department of Transportation](#) said.

According to ADOT, the 285 ton, 225-foot anode used for electric copper-mining will make a week-long journey through the state, entering from Nevada Tuesday morning and ending up in Miami, Ariz. on August 16.

Moving uphill at just 15 miles per hour and taking up two lanes, the anode began its 380-mile journey in Salt Lake City on August 2, ADOT said.

They said motorists should expect delays near the oversized load, which will be escorted by Department of Public Safety officers and pilot cars.

Officials said there will be no traffic impact for weekend travelers.

Its complete travel schedule is listed below:

Tuesday, Aug. 9

Cross Hoover Dam Bridge between 12:30-1 a.m. on US 93 heading toward Kingman, where it will continue to Interstate 40. I-40 at milepost 42 south of Kingman will close at 5:30 a.m. to allow the heavy load to enter the eastbound side of the highway.

Wednesday, Aug. 10

Depart at 6 a.m. from Kingman area, traveling east on I-40 and then south on US 93 to north of Wickenburg.

Thursday, Aug. 11

Depart at 6 a.m. from Wickenburg area and travel east on US 60, then east on State Route 74 (Carefree Highway) before stopping near the I-17/SR 74 junction.

Friday, Aug. 12

Depart I-17/SR 74 junction at 12 a.m. and travel to Fountain Hills via Scottsdale Road, Dynamite Blvd., Rio Verde Road, Forest Road, McDowell Mountain Road, Saguaro Blvd. and Shea Blvd.

Monday, Aug. 15

Depart at 3 a.m. from Fountain Hills, traveling north on SR 87 and then southeast on SR 188 to Tonto Basin

Tuesday, Aug. 16

Depart at 6 a.m. from the Tonto Basin, traveling southeast on State Route 188 and then west on US 60 to New Street (mine entrance).

For freeway and highway conditions across Arizona, visit [ADOT's Travel information site](#) or call 5-1-1.