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from will be studied only if it is determined that an alternative is needed," he said. "But we're thinking decades from now, not years from now. It's a long-term endeavor."

"This meeting is about us listening to you," said Dale Buskirk, one of the Technical Advisory Committee members of the Planning Division. "Is it necessary to continue planning for an alternative to I-17?"

District 4 senator Jack

Harper and District 6 representative Sam Crump were among the BCHS meeting attendees.

"We need to relieve congestion (on the I-17)," said Harper, noting that planners need to look at various options. "To relieve congestion, I would support a private company building a toll road."

Crump said he attended the meeting to "learn like everyone else was".

"It's good to see the process

getting started," Crump added.

To mail in comments on the possibility of I-17 alternate routes, write to ADOT I-17 Alternate Study, c/o KDA; 4545 E. Shea Blvd., Suite 108, Phoenix, AZ 85021. Fax comments to (602) 368-9644 or e-mail Kristin@KDACreative.com.

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