



I-11 Corridor

Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement

State Transportation Board
Project Update



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Study Session, August 30th, 2016

Highlights of Scoping Process



- **45-Day Scoping Period from May 23 to July 8**
- **Notification**
 - ▶ Notice of Intent in Federal Register on May 20
 - ▶ 67 Agency Invitation Letters
 - ▶ Public Advertisements, Website Updates, E-Mail Blasts, Social Media, and Press Releases
- **3 Agency Scoping Meetings**
 - ▶ Phoenix, Casa Grande, and Tucson
- **6 Public Scoping Meetings**
 - ▶ Casa Grande, Buckeye, Nogales, Tucson, Marana, and Wickenburg
- **Other Methods to Comment**
 - ▶ Website, E-Mail, Mail, and Phone

Agency Scoping Participation



- 21 Attended Agency Scoping Meetings
- 28 Submitted Official Comments
- 9 Accepted to be Cooperating Agencies
- 34 Accepted to be Participating Agencies



Cooperating Agencies

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- Arizona Game and Fish Department
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Environmental Protection Agency
- National Park Service
- United States Forest Service
- United States Fish & Wildlife
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Federal Rail Administration



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Of Transportation
Federal Railroad
Administration



Public Scoping Participation

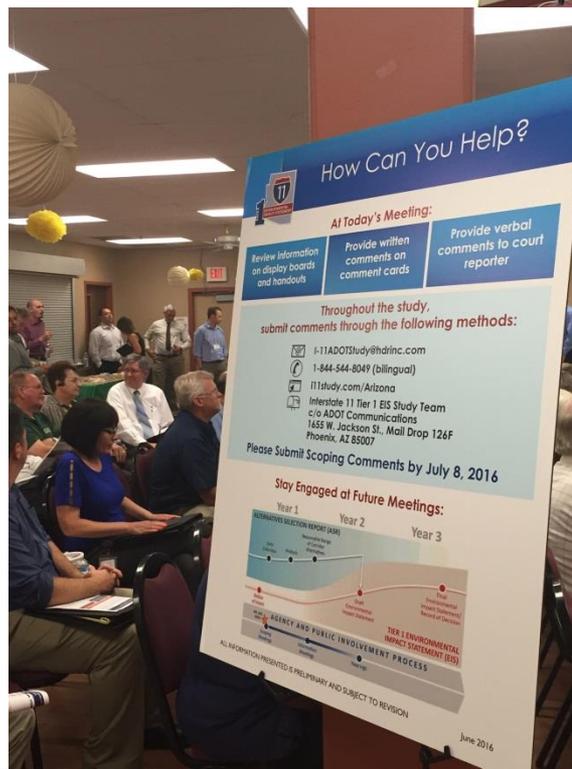


Meeting Date	Location	# of Attendees
Wednesday, June 8	Casa Grande	51
Wednesday, June 15	Buckeye	53
Tuesday, June 21	Nogales	41
Wednesday, June 22	Tucson	150
Thursday, June 23	Marana	150
Wednesday, June 29	Wickenburg	95
Total		540

Public Scoping Comments Received



- 522 On-Line Surveys
- 115 Comment Forms
- 45 E-mails
- 33 Court Reporter
- 11 Letters
- 9 Voicemails
- Map Mark-ups



Types of Scoping Input



- Avoidance Areas
- Environmental Resources
- Modal Considerations
- Corridor Alternative Preferences



On-Going Agency Coordination

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- Monthly Project Management Team
- Quarterly Executive Leadership
- Monthly Cooperating Agency
- Key Milestones for Participating Agencies
- One-on-One Discussions, as needed

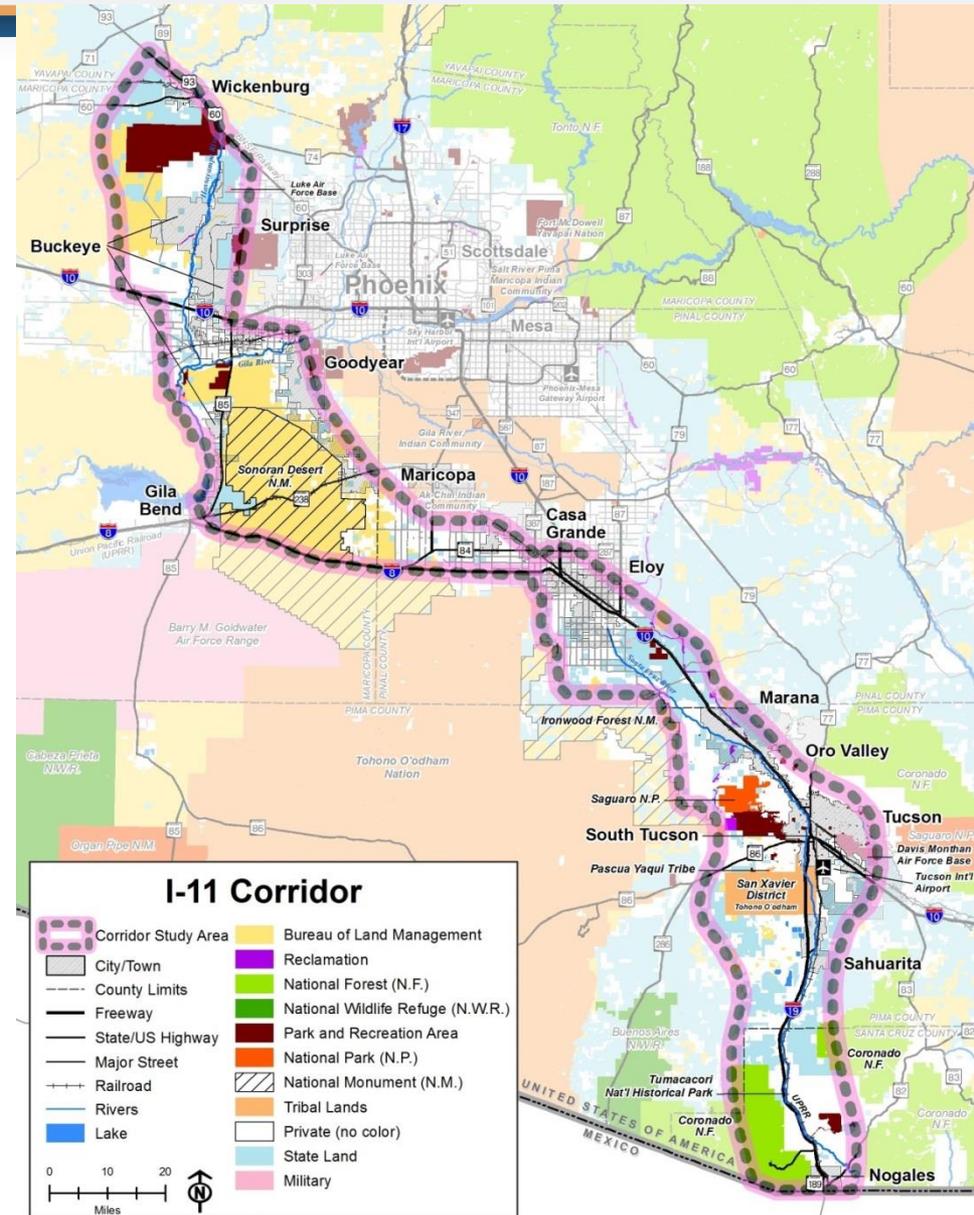


◆ Official Agency and Public Opportunity for Comment during Tier 1 EIS Process

Cultural Resources / Tribal Input

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- 4500+ known Locations each containing multiple cultural sites
- Over 50% of the Study Area has not been surveyed
- Tribal Consultation Process has begun
 - ▶ 24 Tribal Communities



Key Issue Resolution



- **I-10 Capacity in Tucson** (City of Tucson)
- **Tribal Input** (Four Southern Tribes / Ancestral Lands)
- **Tucson Mitigation Corridor** (BOR / USFWS / AGFD / Pima Co.)
- **Vulture Mountains Cooperative Recreation Area** (BLM / ASP / Maricopa Co.)
- **Wildlife Corridors** (USFWS / Reclamation / AGFD)

Schedule and Next Steps



■ August 2016 to February 2017

- ▶ Evaluate and Screen Comprehensive list of Corridor Alternatives for Tier 1 EIS
- ▶ November to December 2016
 - Conduct Key Milestone Meetings with Agencies and Stakeholders

■ Spring 2017

- ▶ Present Tier 1 EIS Reasonable Range of Alternatives to Public
- ▶ Begin Preparation of Tier 1 EIS



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THANK YOU!!



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