



## I-11 & Intermountain West Corridor Study

# Intermountain West Corridor - Update



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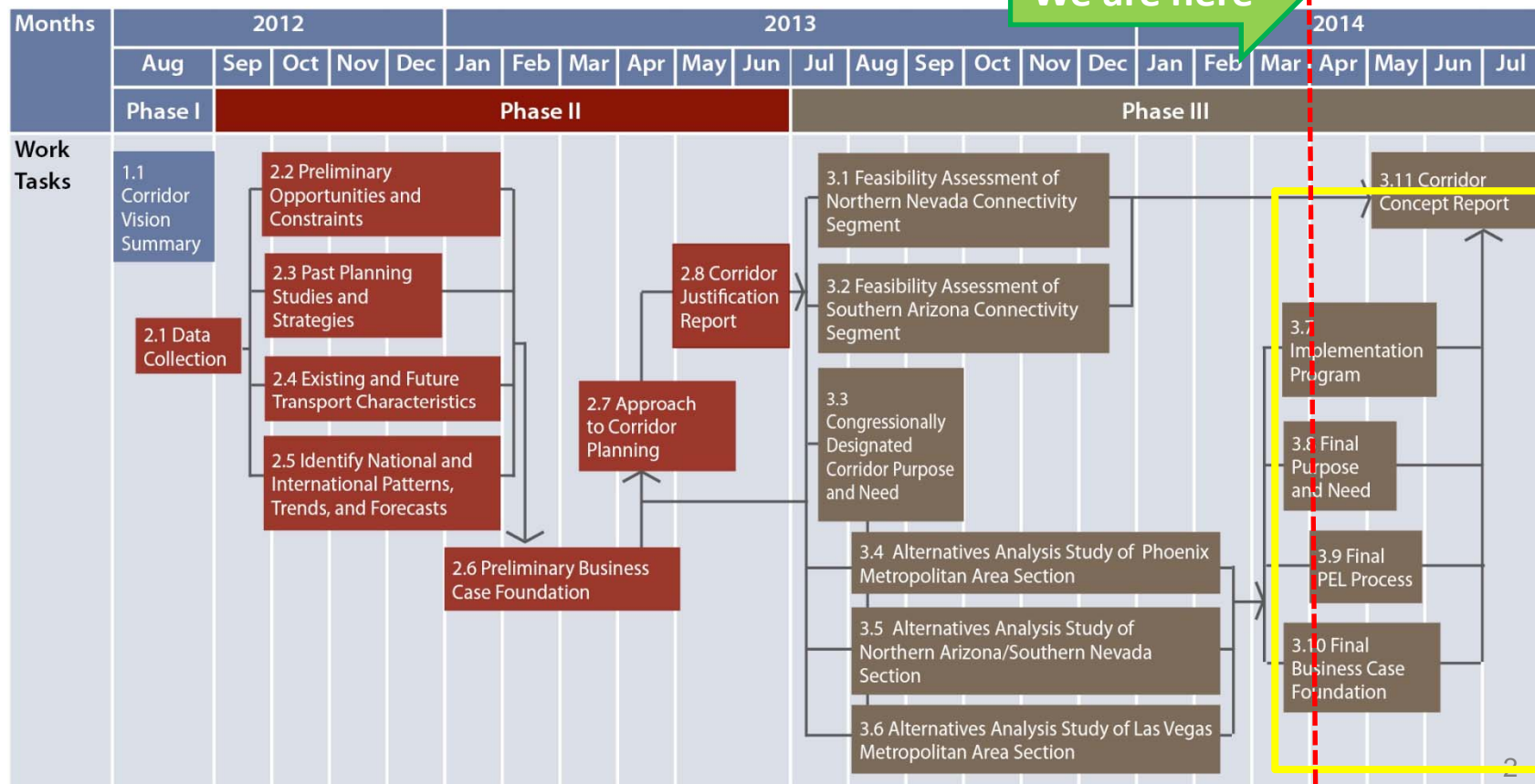
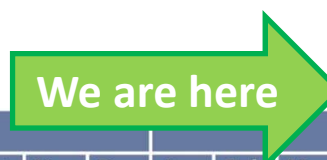
Director - ADOT Multimodal Planning

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014



# Where are we now?

- Corridor Feasibility Complete – Stakeholder Concurrence Meeting; March 19<sup>th</sup>
- **Implementation Program**
- **Final Business Case**





# Corridor Feasibility Recommendations

- Alternatives analysis process results
  - *Southern Arizona: Alternative C*
  - *Phoenix:*
    - *One Alternative; I-10 to Wickenburg*
    - *Two Alternatives; South of I-10 to Casa Grande*
  - *Northern Arizona: Alternative Q (US 93)*
- Multi-use evaluation
  - Rail Consideration
  - Alternative Energy







# TIGER Grant Application – April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014

- Applied for \$35M in TIGER Grant Planning Funds for the Environmental Studies needed to move concept forward.
- ADOT / NDOT Partnership Application



**TIGER VI GRANT APPLICATION**  
APRIL 28, 2014



BRIAN SANDOVAL  
Governor

STATE OF NEVADA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
1263 S. Stewart Street  
Carson City, Nevada 89712

RUDY MALFABON, P.E., Director

April 21, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: 2014 TIGER PLANNING APPLICATION – INTERSTATE 11 (I-11) NEPA

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) is pleased to partner with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) on the multistate TIGER 2014 planning grant application for the Interstate 11 (I-11) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) project.

The Arizona and Nevada Departments of Transportation have been working together for the past two-years on the I-11 and Intermountain West Corridor Study. The study includes detailed corridor planning of a possible interstate link between Phoenix and Las Vegas, and high-level visioning for potentially extending the corridor north to Canada and south to Mexico.

A recommendation of the I-11 Study is for the continued evaluation of the corridor and alternatives through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. A NEPA evaluation of the corridor will assist in identifying the potential impacts that the corridor and alternatives may have on the region and the areas directly impacted. The NDOT is supportive of this effort to evaluate the full affects that the enhanced corridor would bring to the region, including the result of the corridor on traffic into Nevada.

This critical link to Phoenix and south to Mexico will enhance trade within the region, fostering greater economic development which is vital to the continued diversification of the region's economy, as recognized by Congress in the designation of future I-11 in the recent transportation authorization bill (MAP-21). However, the NEPA process will take years to complete for the corridor, and the lack of local funding to initiate this process equates with uncertainty in improving the north-south connectivity for the region.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

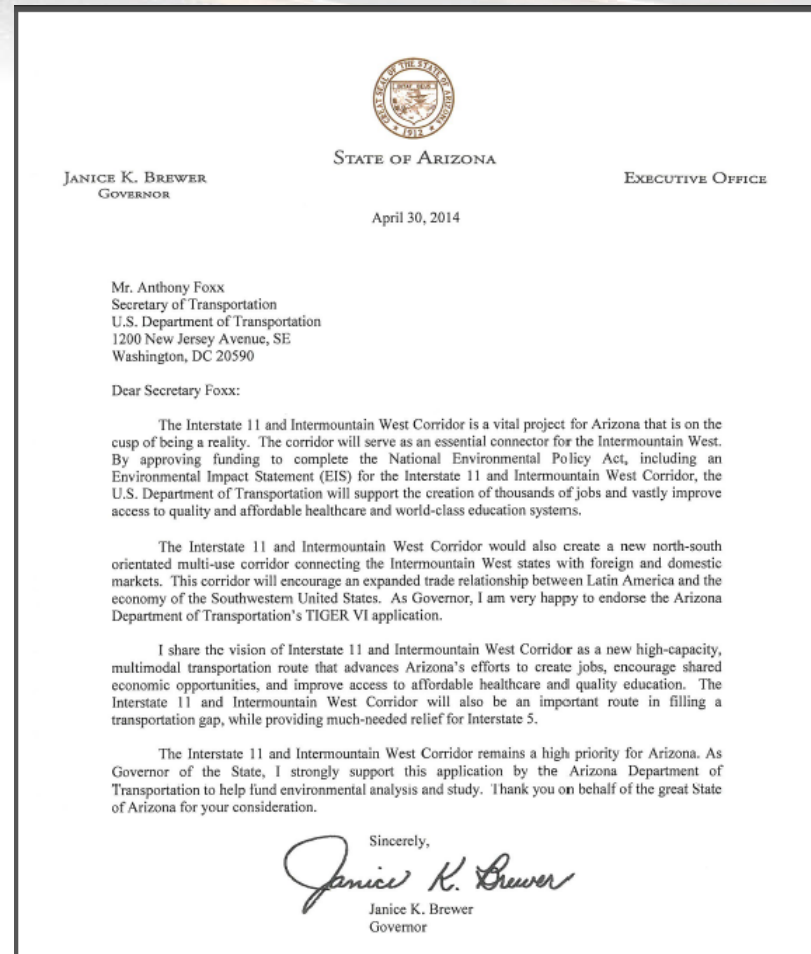
Sincerely,

Rudy Malfabon, P.E.  
Director



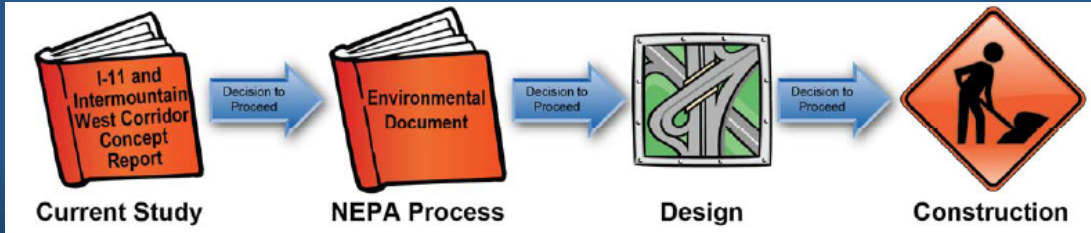
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- Letters of Support
  - Governor Brewer
  - 6 Congressional Members
  - 11 Supporting Partners
    - Arizona Commerce Authority
    - Association of General Contractors
    - Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce
    - I-11 Coalition
    - Pima Association of Governments
    - RTC of Southern Nevada
    - Sonoran Institute
    - Tucson Metro Chamber of Commerce
    - Tucson Regional Economic Opportunities
    - Western Arizona Council of Governments
    - Westmarc





# Next Steps



- **I-11 and Intermountain West Corridor Study – July 2014**
  - Final Business Case and Implementation Plan
  - Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Document
  - Corridor Concept Report
- **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Analysis**
  - Estimated at \$60 Million; Nogales to Nevada State Line





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