

### I-11 & Intermountain West Corridor Study

# Intermountain West Corridor - Update





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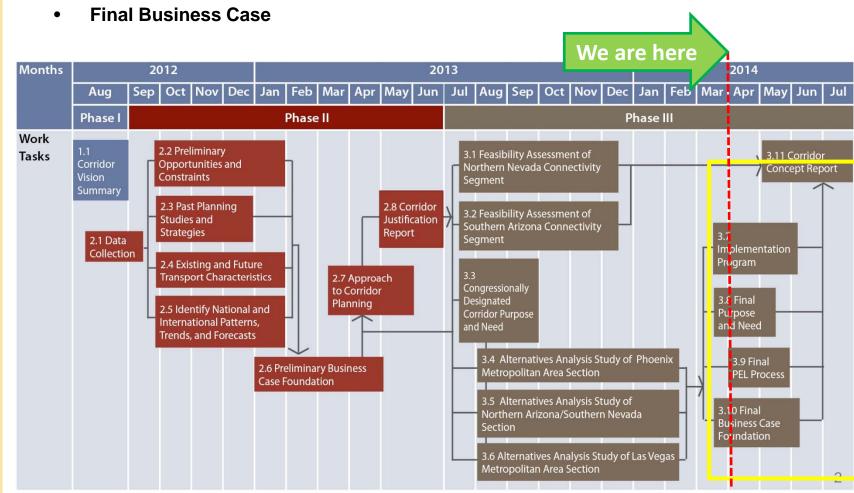


Scott Omer
Director - ADOT Multimodal Planning

# INTERMOUNTAIN WEST CORRIDOR STUDY

# Where are we now?

- Corridor Feasibility Complete Stakeholder Concurrence Meeting; March 19th
- Implementation Program

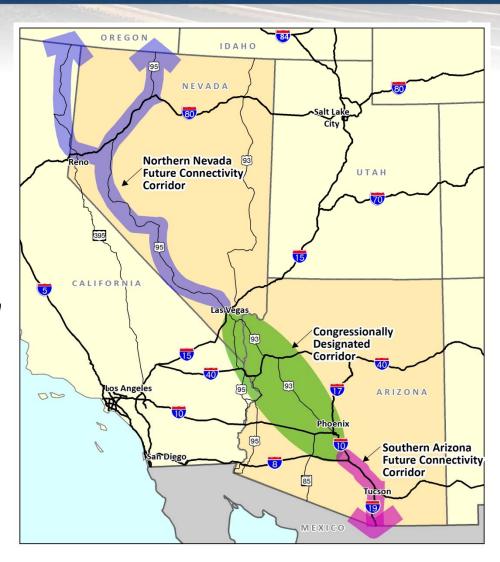


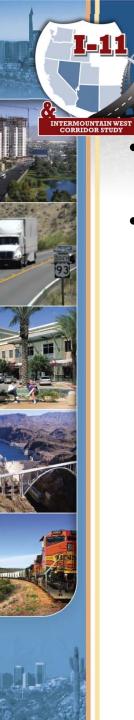


- Alternatives analysis process results
  - Southern Arizona:Alternative C
  - Phoenix:

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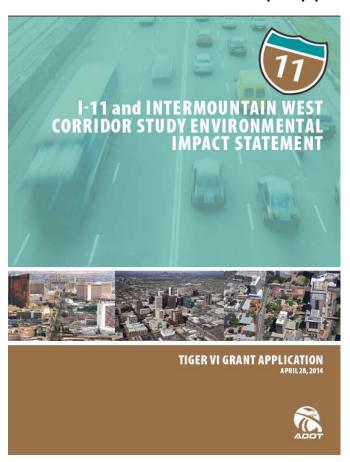
- One Alternative; I-10 to Wickenburg
- Two Alternatives; South of I-10 to Casa Grande
- Northern Arizona:Alternative Q (US 93)
- Multi-use evaluation
  - Rail Consideration
  - Alternative Energy





# TIGER Grant Application - April 28th, 2014

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





# STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 1263 S. Stewart Street

Carson City, Nevada 89712

April 21, 2014

RUDY MALFABON, P.E., Director

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 (1-11) 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.

Rudy Malfabon, P.E. Director



# TIGER Grant Application - April 28th, 2014

- 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



STATE OF ARIZONA

Janice K. Brewer

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

April 30, 2014

Mr. Anthony Foxx Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Interstate 11 and Intermountain West Corridor is a vital project for Arizona that is on the cusp of being a reality. The corridor will serve as an essential connector for the Intermountain West. By approving funding to complete the National Environmental Policy Act, including an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Interstate 11 and Intermountain West Corridor, the U.S. Department of Transportation will support the creation of thousands of jobs and vastly improve access to quality and affordable healthcare and world-class education systems.

The Interstate 11 and Intermountain West Corridor would also create a new north-south orientated multi-use corridor connecting the Intermountain West states with foreign and domestic markets. This corridor will encourage an expanded trade relationship between Latin America and the economy of the Southwestern United States. As Governor, I am very happy to endorse the Arizona Department of Transportation's TIGER VI application.

I share the vision of Interstate 11 and Intermountain West Corridor as a new high-capacity, multimodal transportation route that advances Arizona's efforts to create jobs, encourage shared economic opportunities, and improve access to affordable healthcare and quality education. The Interstate 11 and Intermountain West Corridor will also be an important route in filling a transportation gap, while providing much-needed relief for Interstate 5.

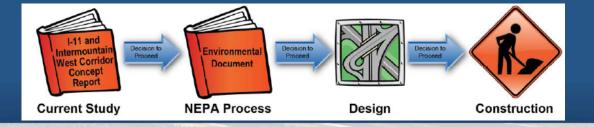
The Interstate 11 and Intermountain West Corridor remains a high priority for Arizona. As Governor of the State, 1 strongly support this application by the Arizona Department of Transportation to help fund environmental analysis and study. Thank you on behalf of the great State of Arizona for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Janice K. Brewer Governor



# Next Steps





- 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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