

## Appendix N. Public Hearing

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# Draft Public Involvement Summary

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## 1 Introduction

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The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is conducting an environmental study in Pinal County, known as the North-South Corridor Study, to identify a potential new transportation corridor. The project spans approximately 55 miles between U.S. 60 in Apache Junction and Interstate 10 in Eloy, passing through the city of Coolidge, town of Florence, and portions of unincorporated Pinal County along the way.

The North-South Corridor Study Tier 1 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), published in September 2019, evaluates the potential short- and long-term impacts associated with a range of corridor alternatives, including the No-Build (do nothing) Alternative, and recommends a Preferred Corridor Alternative. The corridor alternatives were developed based on input from the public; coordination with local, regional, state, and federal agencies and tribes; findings from previously completed studies (see the Tier 1 Draft EIS, Section 1.3.3); and the ongoing technical analysis by the study team.

Public hearings were held in October 2019 to provide information about the study, present the Preferred Corridor Alternative, and solicit comments on the Tier 1 Draft EIS. This report summarizes the public involvement efforts associated with the publication of the Tier 1 Draft EIS.

## 2 Public Review and Comment

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Beginning on September 6, 2019, the Tier 1 Draft EIS was available to view and/or download on the study website [azdot.gov/NorthSouthStudy](http://azdot.gov/NorthSouthStudy) and was available at five repository locations throughout the study area, as listed below:

- Apache Junction – Apache Junction Public Library, 1177 North Idaho Road
- Coolidge – Coolidge Public Library, 160 West Central Avenue
- Eloy – Eloy Santacruz Library, 1000 North Main Street
- Florence – Florence Community Library, 778 North Main Street
- Queen Creek – Queen Creek Library, 21802 South Ellsworth Road

Throughout the duration of the public review and comment period from September 6 through October 29, 2019, public comments could be submitted in a variety of ways:

- in person at a public hearing
- online through the study website: [azdot.gov/NorthSouthStudy](http://azdot.gov/NorthSouthStudy)
- by telephone: 1.855.712.8530 (bilingual)
- by email: <mailto:northsouth@azdot.gov>
- by mail: c/o ADOT Communications, 1655 W. Jackson Street, Mail Drop 126F, Phoenix, AZ 85007

The following section provides additional information regarding the three public hearings held during the public review and comment period.

## 3 Public Hearings

The public hearings were a significant component of the public review and comment process. ADOT held three formal public hearings to provide information about the Tier 1 Draft EIS and to gather comments on the study. The public hearing dates, times, locations, and attendance are listed in Table 1.

**Table 1.** Public hearings

Date	Time	Location	Attendance
Tuesday, October 1, 2019	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Florence High School 1000 South Main Street, Florence	75
Thursday, October 10, 2019	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Eloy City Hall 595 North C Street, Eloy	33
Tuesday, October 15, 2019	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Poston Butte High School 32375 North Gantzel Road, San Tan Valley	135

In accordance with federal requirements and per the ADOT Public Involvement Plan (2017), a community assessment was conducted using the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Four Factor Analysis to determine Environmental Justice and LEP populations within the study area. This assessment can be found in the North-South Corridor Study Public Involvement Plan. In compliance with the findings of the LEP Four Factor Analysis, notifications and hearing materials were made available in both English and Spanish. Spanish interpreters were also on site at each hearing.

### 3.1 Public Hearing Notification

#### 3.1.1 Newspaper Advertisements

The team prepared and arranged for the publication of paid print advertisements that described the study, provided information on how to provide comments, and invited the public to attend the public hearings. The advertisements—which included the dates and locations of the hearings, a listing of repository locations where the Tier 1 Draft EIS could be reviewed, and the dates of the public comment period (including the comment period closing date)—were published in the following newspapers:

- *Arizona Republic* (Zones 6, 11, and 10) – English-language ad (published September 6, 2019)
- *Gila River Indian News* – English-language ad (published September 6, 2019)
- *Prensa Arizona* – Spanish-language ad (published September 12, 2019)
- *Tri-Valley Dispatch* – English-language ad (published September 1, 2019)

Copies of print advertisements can be found in Attachment A, *Public Hearing Notification*.

#### 3.1.2 Direct Mailer

A direct mailer was sent by U.S. Mail to 18,000 addresses in the study area to inform recipients of the public hearings and to provide information about ways to comment on the study. The mailer (in English and Spanish) was mailed on September 9, 2019. A copy of the direct mailer can be found in Attachment A.

### 3.1.3 Website

The study website was updated on September 6, 2019 to include the Tier 1 Draft EIS; dates, times, and locations of the public hearings; and information about the study. All materials from the public hearings were posted on the website and are listed below:

- fact sheet
- display boards
- large-format maps
- presentation
- interactive Preferred Corridor Alternative map

Copies of the public hearing materials are included in Attachment B, *Public Hearing Informational Materials*.

### 3.1.4 GovDelivery Notice/News Release

The dates, times, and locations of the public hearings were distributed by ADOT on September 6, 2019, via a GovDelivery notice and a news release. The GovDelivery notification was distributed to more than 30,000 subscribers. The news release was distributed to statewide media and posted to the ADOT North-South Corridor Study website. A copy of the GovDelivery notice and the news release can be found in Attachment A. A follow-up news release and GovDelivery notice were distributed on October 22, 2019 to remind people that they had one week left to comment on the Draft Tier 1 EIS by the Oct. 29, 2019 deadline.

Several media organizations promoted the comment period and the public hearings using the information on the news releases or through requested interviews.

## 3.2 Public Hearing Format

All three public hearings were conducted following the same format, beginning with registration at the door where attendees were asked to sign in (this was optional and not required for attendance). Sign-in table staff offered attendees copies of the fact sheet and provided instructions if they wished to provide verbal comments at the public hearing. Staff members were available to register attendees interested in providing verbal comments in front of a study team panel and attendee audience.

The public hearings were held in an open house style, with two rooms (or areas, as dictated by the venue) designated as follows:

- Area 1: open house
- Area 2: public statements

In the open house area, attendees were encouraged to view display boards, an interactive web map, and large-format maps. Hard copies of the Tier 1 Draft EIS were available to review, and study team members were available to answer questions one-on-one. Tables were set up with laptops, iPads, and comment forms so that attendees could submit written comments on a comment form or online.

In the public statements area, speakers who had registered or checked in could speak for up to three minutes in front of a listening panel consisting of ADOT staff. All public statements were recorded by a court reporter. An audience area was also available, and attendees were welcome to listen to others speak.

### 3.2.1 Public Hearing Materials

A variety of materials were made available to the public at the public hearings. These materials are provided in Attachment B and include:

- comment form (English and Spanish)
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964/civil rights information and self-identification cards
- fact sheet
- presentation
- Map of ADOT's environmental studies
- Display Boards

Display boards at the public hearings covered the following topics:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• how to comment</li><li>• guidelines for giving public statements</li><li>• study overview</li><li>• study process</li><li>• purpose and need</li><li>• developing the corridor alternatives</li><li>• No-Build Alternative</li><li>• Tier 1 vs. Tier 2 process</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preferred Corridor Alternative</li><li>• cultural resources</li><li>• biological resources</li><li>• right-of-way process</li><li>• next steps</li><li>• ADOT environmental studies</li><li>• study milestones</li></ul> |
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A copy of the display boards can be found in Attachment B.

### 3.2.2 Large-Format Maps and Interactive Web Map

Tables displaying large-format maps of the proposed alternatives were set up and staffed with study team members to help guide discussion and allow attendees to ask questions. The interactive web map was available on laptops at the comment station and allowed attendees to locate specific properties or geographic features relative to the Preferred Corridor Alternative, including zoom in/zoom out capability and a measurement tool that provided distances between points on the map in feet or miles. Copies of the large-format maps can be found in Attachment B, and the interactive web map is available on the North-South Corridor Study website at [azdot.gov/NorthSouthStudy](http://azdot.gov/NorthSouthStudy).

### 3.2.3 Fact Sheet

A fact sheet was created to provide information about the Tier 1 Draft EIS, to describe how the public hearings were organized and convey the ground rules for verbal comments, and to communicate the other public input opportunities available during the comment period. The fact sheet (in English and Spanish) was given to attendees and was posted on the study website throughout the comment period. The fact sheet included:

- study background/EIS overview
- how to comment
- overview/ground rules of the public hearing

- guidelines for giving public statements
- frequently asked questions
- map of the Preferred Corridor Alternative within the study corridor

A copy of the fact sheet is included in Attachment B.

### 3.3 Public Comment Review

All comments received were reviewed for the specific issues or recommendations raised by the commenter. A total of 404 comments were received by October 29, 2019, the last day of the comment period, through the following methods:

- No comments were received through the study information line: 855.712.8530 (bilingual)
- 218 comments were received through the study email: [northsouth@azdot.gov](mailto:northsouth@azdot.gov)
- 154 comments were submitted through the study website: [azdot.gov/NorthSouthStudy](http://azdot.gov/NorthSouthStudy)
- 9 comment forms were submitted at the public hearings and through U.S. Mail c/o ADOT Communications, 1655 W. Jackson Street, Mail Drop 126F, Phoenix, AZ 85007
- 23 public statements were made at the public hearings recorded by a court reporter: In the public statements area of the public hearings, commenters were allotted three minutes to provide verbal comments to a court reporter.

The Tier 1 Final EIS documents and provides responses to all comments received during the Tier 1 Draft EIS public review and comment period. The Tier 1 Final EIS is expected to be complete and available for public review in 2020.

## 4 Next Steps

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The public review and comment period for the Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) took place from September 6, 2019 through October 29, 2019. All comments and formal responses to comments will be included in the Final Tier 1 EIS. The Final Tier 1 EIS will take into consideration all of the comments received from the public, agencies, Tribes and stakeholders. The Final Tier 1 EIS will identify a Selected Corridor Alternative, which can be a No Build or Build Corridor Alternative. Following a public review period, the ADOT and FHWA will publish a Record of Decision that identifies the Selected Corridor Alternative and describes the basis for the decision. If the Selected Corridor Alternative is a Build Corridor Alternative, it may endorse or modify the Preferred Corridor Alternative. If ADOT selects a Build Corridor Alternative, the Record of Decision will include strategies to minimize environmental impacts.

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## Attachment A. Public Hearing Notification

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# Provide Your Input! NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR STUDY DRAFT TIER 1 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPEN HOUSE

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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The corridor alternatives studied include an Eastern Alternative with options, a Western Alternative with options, and a combination of both to avoid, mitigate, and minimize environmental impacts. While other alternatives were evaluated in the earlier stages of this study, they were eliminated from further study.

## REVIEW THE DRAFT TIER 1 EIS DOCUMENT

The Tier 1 Draft EIS will be published by ADOT and available for public comment September 6 through October 29. The Draft Tier 1 EIS recommends Alternative 7, with the E1b and E3b Options, as the Preferred Corridor Alternative.

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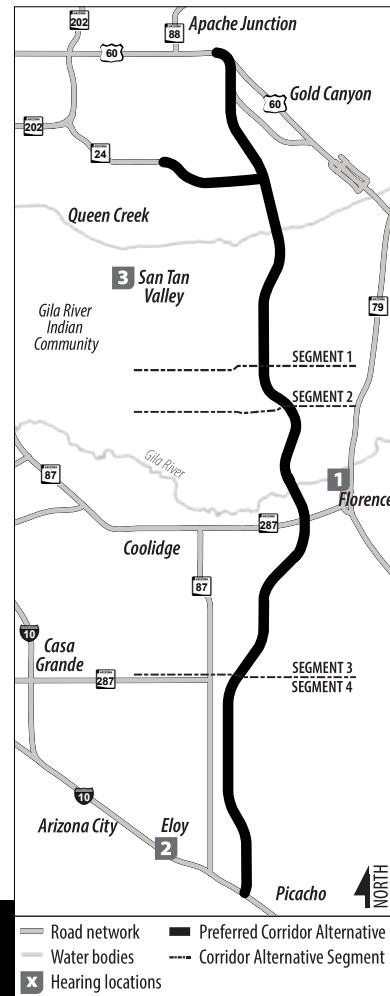
## REPOSITORY LOCATIONS

- **Eloy Santa Cruz Library**  
1000 N. Main Street, Eloy, AZ 85131 | 520.466.3814
- **Coolidge Public Library**  
160 W. Central Avenue, Coolidge, AZ 85128 | 520.723.6030
- **Florence Community Library**, 778 N. Main Street, Florence, AZ 85132 | 520.868.7500
- **Apache Junction Public Library**  
1177 N. Idaho Road, Apache Junction, AZ 85119 | 480.474.8558
- **Queen Creek Library**  
21802 S. Ellsworth Road, Queen Creek, AZ 85142 | 602.652.3000

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<b>3</b>	<b>Poston Butte High School</b> Tuesday, October 15, 2019 32375 N. Gantzel Rd. San Tan Valley, AZ 85143	



## FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT TIER 1 EIS

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### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

1.855.712.8530 | [northsouth@azdot.gov](mailto:northsouth@azdot.gov) | [www.azdot.gov/northsouthstudy](http://www.azdot.gov/northsouthstudy)  
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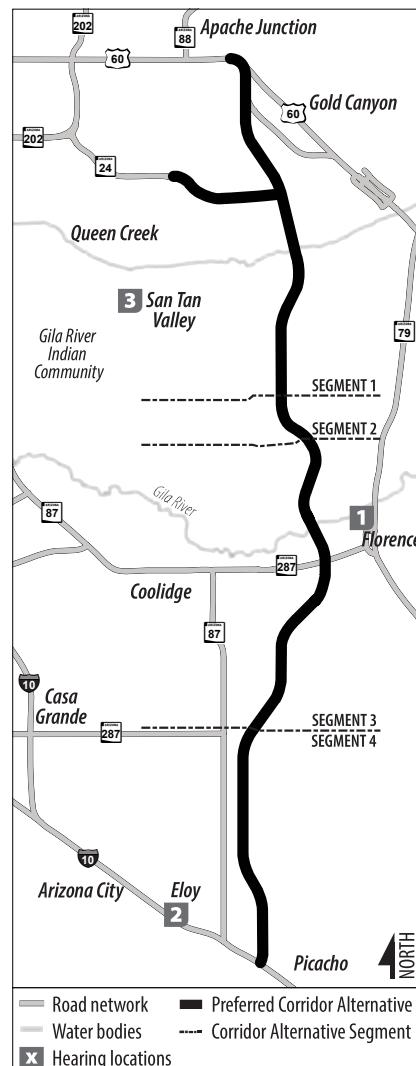
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# ¡Queremos conocer su opinión!

AUDIENCIAS PÚBLICAS Y SESIONES ABIERTAS DE LA  
DECLARACIÓN DE IMPACTO AMBIENTAL DE NIVEL 1 DE LA  
VERSIÓN PRELIMINAR DEL ESTUDIO DEL CORREDOR NORTE-SUR

## DESCRIPCIÓN DEL PROYECTO

El Departamento de Transporte de Arizona (ADOT) está realizando un estudio ambiental en el Condado de Pinal, conocido como Declaración de impacto ambiental (EIS) de nivel 1 del estudio del corredor norte-sur. El proceso de revisión ambiental de nivel 1 considera un rango de alternativas de corredores y la alternativa de no construcción (hacer nada). El corredor propuesto abarca aproximadamente 55 millas entre U.S. 60 Apache Junction y la Interestatal 10 en Eloy, pasando a través de la ciudad de Coolidge, Town of Florence y partes del Condado de Pinal no incorporadas por el camino.

Las alternativas de corredores evaluadas incluyen una alternativa en el este con opciones, una alternativa en el oeste con opciones y una combinación de ambas, para evitar, mitigar y minimizar el impacto ambiental. Si bien se evalúan otras alternativas en las primeras etapas de este estudio, se eliminarán de los estudios adicionales.

## REVISIÓN DE LA VERSIÓN PRELIMINAR DEL DOCUMENTO DE EIS DE NIVEL 1

La versión preliminar de la EIS de nivel 1 será publicada por ADOT y estará disponible para que el público realice comentarios desde el **6 de septiembre de 2019 hasta el 29 de octubre de 2019**.

La versión preliminar de la EIS de nivel 1 recomienda la alternativa 7, con las opciones de E1b y E3b, como la alternativa de corredor preferida.

La versión preliminar de la EIS de nivel 1 se puede revisar en los siguientes centros de archivo o en el sitio web del estudio en [azdot.gov/northsouthstudy](http://azdot.gov/northsouthstudy).

## CENTROS DE ARCHIVOS

- **Biblioteca de Eloy Santa Cruz**  
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- **Biblioteca pública de Apache Junction**  
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## AUDIENCIAS PÚBLICAS Y SESIONES ABIERTAS

Habrá tres audiencias públicas y sesiones abiertas donde se presentará información sobre la versión preliminar de la EIS de nivel 1 y la alternativa de corredor preferida, y se aceptarán comentarios formales del público. Los asistentes podrán presentar comentarios verbalmente (con un límite de tres minutos) a un taquígrafo judicial frente a un panel del equipo del estudio, por escrito en un formulario de comentarios o en línea en [azdot.gov/northsouthstudy](http://azdot.gov/northsouthstudy). Todos los asistentes registrados para hablar frente al panel de la audiencia y el taquígrafo judicial antes del cierre de la reunión tendrán la oportunidad de hacerlo. Los miembros del equipo del estudio responderán las preguntas relacionadas con el proyecto durante la parte de sesión abierta de la reunión. En todas las audiencias públicas se proporcionará la misma información y se brindará la oportunidad de realizar comentarios.

## AGENDA

5:30–6:00 PM	Sesión abierta
6:00–6:30 PM	Presentación
6:30–7:30 PM	Audiencia pública y Sesión abierta

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## PARA OBTENER MÁS INFORMACIÓN Y REALIZAR COMENTARIOS SOBRE LA VERSIÓN PRELIMINAR DE LA EIS DE NIVEL 1

Envíe sus comentarios sobre la EIS de nivel 1 del estudio del corredor norte-sur durante el período de análisis y comentarios públicos: **del 6 de septiembre de 2019 hasta el 29 de octubre de 2019**. Todos los comentarios recibidos durante el período de comentarios públicos se documentarán y responderán en la versión final de la EIS de nivel 1. Todos los métodos de comentarios se consideran igualmente válidos.

### Envíe sus comentarios:

- En una audiencia pública
- En línea: [www.azdot.gov/northsouthstudy](http://www.azdot.gov/northsouthstudy)
- Por teléfono: 855.712.8530
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# Provide Your Input! NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR STUDY DRAFT TIER 1 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPEN HOUSE

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is conducting an environmental study in Pinal County, known as the North–South Corridor Study Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Tier 1 environmental review process considers a range of corridor alternatives and the No-Build (do nothing) Alternative. The proposed corridor spans approximately 55 miles between U.S. 60 in Apache Junction and Interstate 10 in Eloy, passing through the city of Coolidge, town of Florence, and portions of unincorporated Pinal County along the way.

The corridor alternatives studied include an Eastern Alternative with options, a Western Alternative with options, and a combination of both to avoid, mitigate, and minimize environmental impacts. While other alternatives were evaluated in the earlier stages of this study, they were eliminated from further study.

## REVIEW THE DRAFT TIER 1 EIS DOCUMENT

The Tier 1 Draft EIS will be published by ADOT and available for public comment September 6, 2019 through October 29, 2019. The Draft Tier 1 EIS recommends Alternative 7, with the E1b and E3b Options, as the Preferred Corridor Alternative.

The Draft Tier 1 EIS can be reviewed at the following repository locations or on the study website at [azdot.gov/northsouthstudy](http://azdot.gov/northsouthstudy).

## REPOSITORY LOCATIONS

- **Eloy Santa Cruz Library**  
1000 N. Main Street, Eloy, AZ 85131 | 520.466.3814
- **Coolidge Public Library**  
160 W. Central Avenue, Coolidge, AZ 85128 | 520.723.6030
- **Florence Community Library**, 778 N. Main Street, Florence, AZ 85132 | 520.868.7500
- **Apache Junction Public Library**  
1177 N. Idaho Road, Apache Junction, AZ 85119 | 480.474.8558
- **Queen Creek Library**  
21802 S. Ellsworth Road, Queen Creek, AZ 85142 | 602.652.3000

## FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT TIER 1 EIS

Submit your comments on the North–South Corridor Study Tier 1 EIS during the public review and comment period: **September 6 through October 29**. All comments received during the public comment period will be documented and responded to in the Final Tier 1 EIS. All comment methods are considered equal.

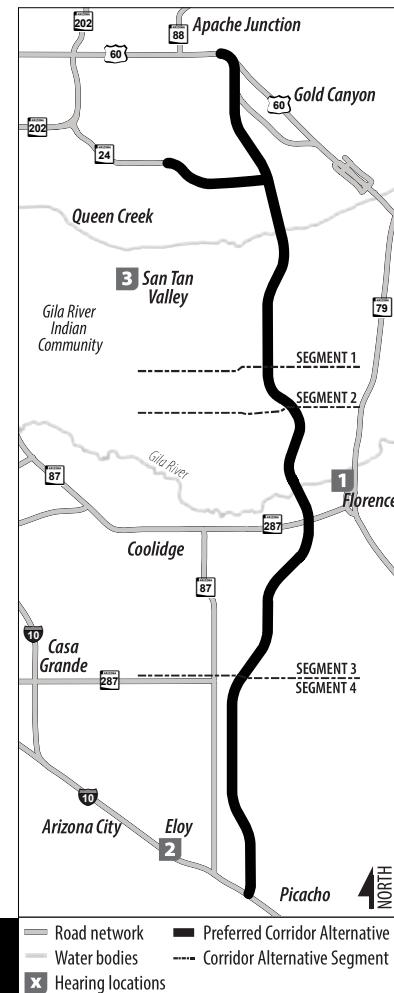
## PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPEN HOUSES

Three public hearings and open houses will present information on the Draft Tier 1 EIS, Preferred Corridor Alternative and accept formal public comments. Attendees will be able to verbally submit comments (limited to three minutes) to a court reporter in front of a study team panel or in writing on a comment form or online at [azdot.gov/northsouthstudy](http://azdot.gov/northsouthstudy). All attendees signed up to speak in front of the hearing panel and court reporter before the close of the meeting will have the opportunity to do so. Project related questions will be answered by study team members during the open house portion of the meeting. The same information and opportunity for comment will be available at each public hearing.

### AGENDA

5:30–6:00 PM	Open House
6:00–6:30 PM	Presentation
6:30–7:30 PM	Public Hearing & Open House

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Tuesday, October 1, 2019  
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Eloy, AZ 85131
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Road network      Preferred Corridor Alternative  
Water bodies      Corridor Alternative Segment  
Hearing locations

### Submit your comments:

- At a public hearing
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# SAVE THE DATES!

NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR STUDY

Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)  
Public Hearings and Open Houses

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is conducting an environmental study in Pinal County, known as the North-South Corridor Study, to identify a potential new transportation corridor that would span approximately 55 miles between U.S. 60 in Apache Junction and Interstate 10 in Eloy. The Draft Tier 1 EIS, which is scheduled to be available for public review and comment from August 27, 2019 through October 11, 2019, evaluates a range of Corridor Alternatives, including the No-Build (do-nothing) Alternative, and recommends a Preferred Corridor Alternative.

ADOT will host three open-house format public hearings to present information on the Draft Tier 1 EIS and Preferred Corridor Alternative and accept public comments. The same information and opportunity for comment will be available at each public hearing.

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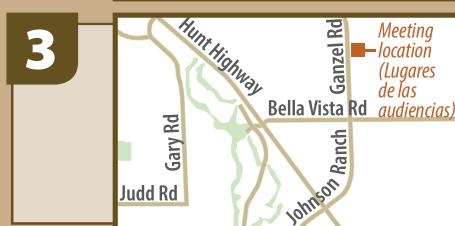
ESTUDIO DEL CORREDOR NORTE-SUR

Declaración de impacto ambiental (EIS) de nivel 1  
Audiencias públicas y sesiones abiertas

El Departamento de Transporte de Arizona (ADOT) está realizando un estudio ambiental en el Condado de Pinal, conocido como Estudio del corredor norte-sur, para identificar un nuevo corredor de transporte potencial que abarcaría aproximadamente 55 millas entre U.S. 60 en Apache Junction y la Interestatal 10 en Eloy. La versión preliminar de la EIS de nivel 1, que estará disponible para que el público la revise y comente desde el 27 de agosto de 2019 hasta el 11 de octubre de 2019, evalúa un rango de alternativas de corredores, incluida la alternativa de no construcción (la opción de no hacer nada), y recomienda una alternativa de corredor preferida.

ADOT organizará tres audiencias públicas y sesiones abiertas donde se presentará información sobre la versión preliminar de la EIS de nivel 1 y la alternativa de corredor preferida, y se aceptarán comentarios del público. En todas las audiencias públicas se proporcionará la misma información y se brindará la oportunidad de realizar comentario.

## STUDY MAP & HEARING LOCATIONS



## AGENDA

5:30–6:00 PM

## AGENDA

Open House (Sesión abierta)

6:00–6:30 PM

Presentation (Presentación)

6:30–7:30 PM

Public Hearing & Open House

(Audiencia pública y sesión abierta)

## MAPA DEL ESTUDIO Y LUGARES DE LAS AUDIENCIAS

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COMMENTS DUE OCTOBER 11

Can't make it to a hearing? You can submit your questions and comments throughout the comment period in any of the following ways. All comments by Oct. 11, 2019 will be included in the study record.

Online: [www.azdot.gov/northsouthstudy](http://www.azdot.gov/northsouthstudy)  
Email: [northsouth@azdot.gov](mailto:northsouth@azdot.gov)  
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ENViar COMENTARIOS ANTES DEL 11 DE OCTUBRE

No puede llegar a una audiencia? Puede enviar sus preguntas y comentarios durante todo el periodo de comentarios y se incluirán en la revisión del estudio. Los comentarios enviados antes del 11 igualmente validos. Los comentarios se consideran abajo. Todos los métodos de las maneras detalladas más comentarios de calidad de la revisión se consideran válidos. Los comentarios enviados antes del 11 de octubre de 2019 se incluirán en el registro del estudio.

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(Para obtener más información o una lista de los centros de servicios donde se puede acceder a la versión preliminar de la EIS, comuníquese con el equipo del estudio en)

(La Draft EIS will be also be available online at [azdot.gov/northsouthstudy](http://azdot.gov/northsouthstudy))

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## Draft North-South Corridor Environmental Impact Statement available for review

Formal comment period begins; three public hearings set for October

September 7, 2019

PHOENIX – The Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement for the 55-mile North-South Corridor, stretching from US 60 in Apache Junction to Interstate 10 in Eloy in Pinal County, is now available for review and comment.

Following several years of study, technical analysis and input from communities and stakeholders, moving to this phase is a milestone for the proposed corridor.

The purpose of the North-South freeway is enhancing the area's transportation network to accommodate the current and future population, improving access to businesses and other centers of activity, improving regional mobility, providing an alternative to and reducing congestion on Interstate 10, improving north-to-south connectivity, and integrating the region's transportation network.

Members of the public are encouraged to review the draft environmental document and provide input through Oct. 29, 2019. The Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement is available at [azdot.gov/northsouthstudy](http://azdot.gov/northsouthstudy), and the website lists locations throughout the study area where copies of the Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement are available for review.

Prepared by the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement describes the study process, completed in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. It proposes a Preferred Corridor Alternative, including a parallel analysis of a No-Build Alternative. If constructed, the freeway would connect with State Route 24 in Queen Creek.

The Preferred Corridor Alternative is 1,500 feet wide and includes an area where construction of a North-South freeway could be further analyzed. If a corridor is selected at the end of the Tier 1 study, further Tier 2 studies and evaluations must take place before construction could be considered. The corridor would be narrowed to a highway alignment, which is about 400 feet wide.

An alignment determining where the North-South freeway could be built would be decided during a future phase of design and environmental studies. There currently are no plans or funding available to initiate these Tier 2 studies.

The same information, as well as opportunities for the public to comment, will be available at each of these public hearings:

Tuesday, Oct. 1

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Florence High School

1000 S. Main St.

Florence

Thursday, Oct. 10

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Eloy City Hall

595 N. C St.

Eloy

Tuesday, Oct. 15

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Poston Butte High School

32375 N. Gantzel Road

San Tan Valley

In addition to providing verbal or written comments at a public hearing, members of the public can submit comments using the following methods:

- Online: [azdot.gov/northsouthstudy](http://azdot.gov/northsouthstudy)
- Email: [northsouth@azdot.gov](mailto:northsouth@azdot.gov)
- Bilingual Phone: 1.855.712.8530
- Mail: North-South Tier 1 EIS Study Team, c/o ADOT Communications, 1655 W. Jackson St., Mail Drop 126F, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Printed copies of the Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement are available for review at the following locations:

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Once the public comment period is complete for the Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement, the North-South Corridor study team will continue to evaluate the Preferred Corridor Alternative based on the comments received and the ongoing technical analysis. The combined Final Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement and the Record of Decision will present either a Selected Corridor Alternative or the No-Build Option. The Tier 1 environmental study is expected to be complete in 2020.

For more information about the North-South Corridor Study and the Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement, please visit [azdot.gov/northsouthstudy](http://azdot.gov/northsouthstudy).

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## Attachment B. Public Hearing Informational Materials

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# North-South Corridor Study Public Hearing Comment Form

Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement

October 1, 2019 | 5:30-7:30 P.M. | Florence High School | 1000 S. Main St., Florence, AZ 85132

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Submit comments by:  **1.855.712.8530** |  **northsouth@azdot.gov** |  **azdot.gov/NorthSouthStudy**

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# Formulario de Comentarios de la Audiencia Pública del Estudio del Corredor Norte-Sur

Proyecto de la declaración de impacto ambiental de nivel 1

1 de octubre de 2019 | 5:30-7:30 P.M. | Florence High School | 1000 S. Main St., Florence, AZ 85132

Gracias por participar en el proceso de comentarios públicos sobre el proyecto de la declaración de impacto ambiental (EIS) de nivel 1 del estudio del corredor norte-sur. El Departamento de Transporte de Arizona (ADOT) alienta a todas las partes interesadas a enviar sus comentarios sobre cualquier aspecto del proyecto de EIS de nivel 1. ADOT tendrá en cuenta todos los comentarios al preparar la versión final de EIS de nivel 1, que incluirá las respuestas a todos los comentarios recibidos durante el periodo de comentarios sobre el proyecto de EIS de nivel 1 e identificarán una alternativa seleccionada (una alternativa a favor de la construcción o la alternativa en contra de la construcción).

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# North-South Corridor Study Public Hearing Comment Form

Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement

October 10, 2019 | 5:30-7:30 P.M. | Eloy City Hall | 595 C Street, Eloy, AZ 85131

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## Proyecto de la declaración de impacto ambiental de nivel 1

10 de octubre de 2019 | 5:30-7:30 P.M. | Eloy City Hall | 595 C Street, Eloy, AZ 85131

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# North-South Corridor Study Public Hearing Comment Form

Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement

October 15, 2019 | 5:30-7:30 P.M. | Poston Butte High School | 32375 N. Gantzel Rd. St., San Tan Valley, AZ 85143

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## Proyecto de la declaración de impacto ambiental de nivel 1

15 de octubre de 2019 | 5:30-7:30 P.M. | Poston Butte High School | 32375 N. Gantzel Rd. St., San Tan Valley, AZ 85143

Gracias por participar en el proceso de comentarios públicos sobre el proyecto de la declaración de impacto ambiental (EIS) de nivel 1 del estudio del corredor norte-sur. El Departamento de Transporte de Arizona (ADOT) alienta a todas las partes interesadas a enviar sus comentarios sobre cualquier aspecto del proyecto de EIS de nivel 1. ADOT tendrá en cuenta todos los comentarios al preparar la versión final de EIS de nivel 1, que incluirá las respuestas a todos los comentarios recibidos durante el periodo de comentarios sobre el proyecto de EIS de nivel 1 e identificarán una alternativa seleccionada (una alternativa a favor de la construcción o la alternativa en contra de la construcción).

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# HOW TO COMMENT

All comment methods are considered equal.

The Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) public comment period ends on October 29, 2019.

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# STUDY OVERVIEW

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is conducting the environmental study for a new north–south transportation corridor in Pinal County, Arizona.



A Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other regulations.

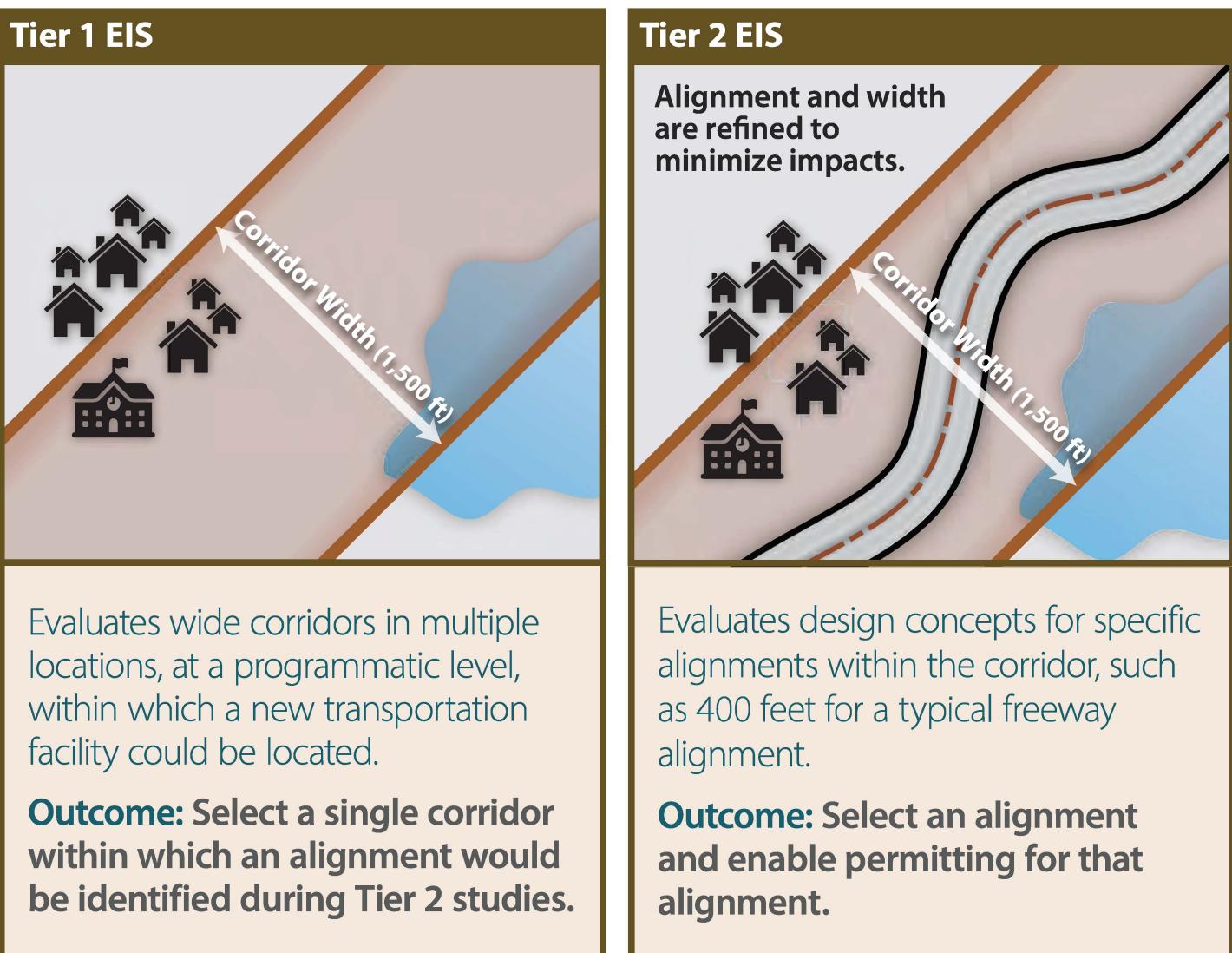
## STUDY AREA

- The Study Area is approximately **50 miles long** between Apache Junction and Eloy, and traverses central Pinal County.
- If a Corridor Alternative is selected, future Tier 2 studies would identify the specific location of the North–South alignment within the corridor.
- If constructed, the future North–South Corridor would generally be **400 feet wide**, which could include **travel lanes, shoulders, and median**.

# STUDY PROCESS

The publication of the Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is the culmination of:

- Extensive public outreach.
- Environmental analysis.
- Consultation with federal, state and local governments, tribal governments, planning organizations and agencies.



# PURPOSE & NEED

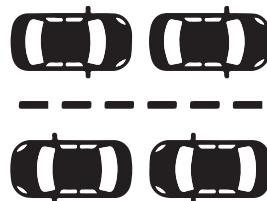
## Improve access to future activity centers

The proposed corridor would benefit the study area's new activity and population centers and undeveloped lands identified for development that are in various stages of local or regional planning processes.



## Improve regional mobility

The proposed corridor would provide additional roadway capacity ahead of full development build-out to avoid congestion associated with anticipated growth.



## Improve north-to-south connectivity

The proposed corridor would connect eastern portions of the Phoenix metropolitan area with Pinal County and destinations to the south, including Tucson.



## Integrate the region's transportation network

The proposed corridor would provide a critical link, currently missing, in the transportation network to provide regional connectivity.



## Population and Employment Growth

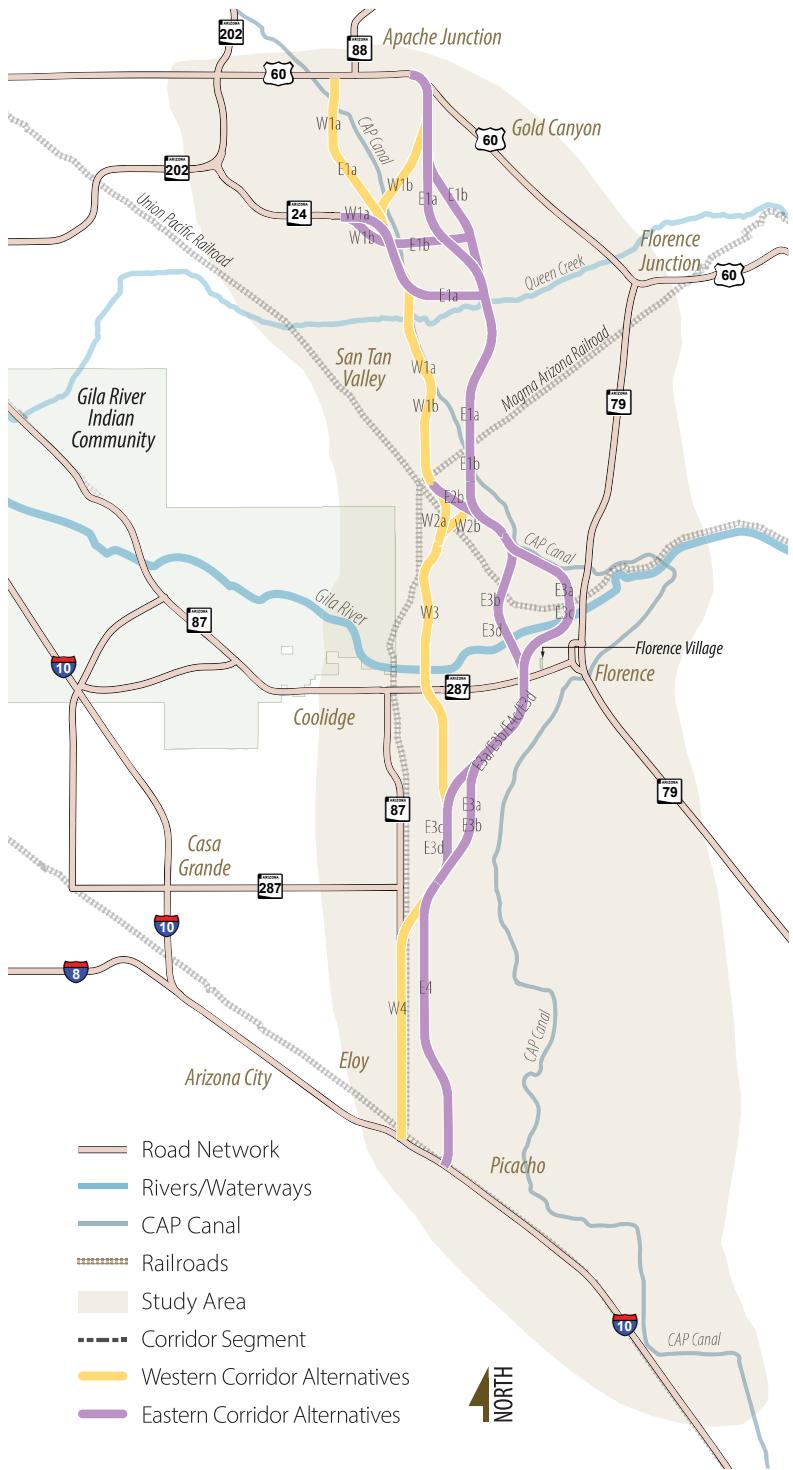
Consistent with state, regional, and municipal planning initiatives, the proposed corridor would accommodate anticipated growth in the study area and across the larger region.

## Provide an alternative to avoid congestion on I-10

The proposed corridor would provide a continuous alternative to I-10 to reduce traffic delays at full development build-out.



# DEVELOPMENT OF CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVES



The range of corridor options to meet the purpose and need for the North–South Corridor are based on:

- public input
- local, regional, state, and federal agencies and tribal coordination
- findings from previous studies
- avoidance or minimization of environmental impacts

# NO-BUILD ALTERNATIVE

The **No-Build Alternative** is used as a baseline, or a benchmark, to compare against the **Build Corridor Alternatives**. It is used

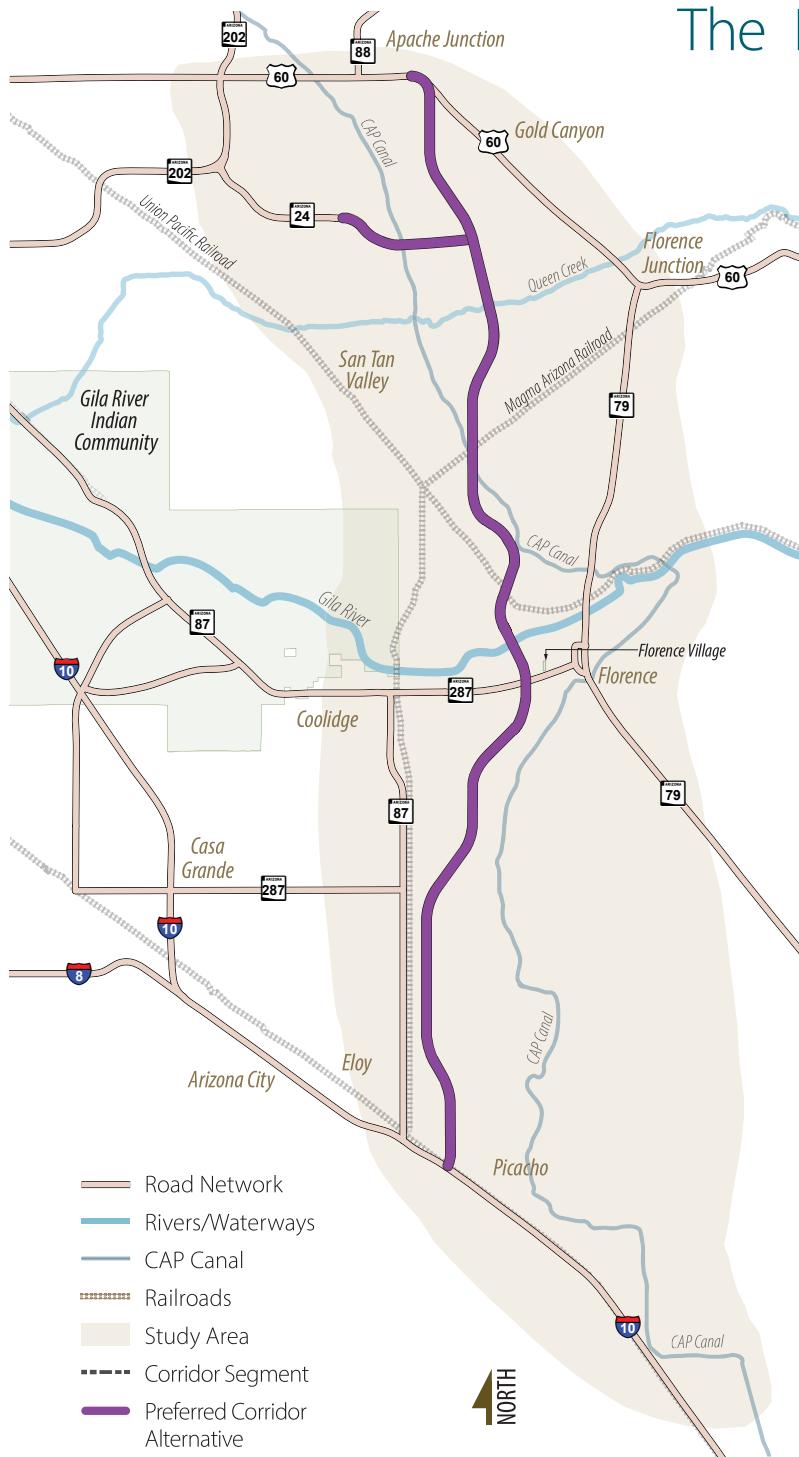
to understand the condition of the Study Area in the future with no proposed North–South Corridor freeway, and to understand how a Build Corridor Alternative could influence the Study Area—for better or worse.

The **No-Build Alternative** represents the existing transportation system, along with committed improvement projects that are programmed for funding.

Based on the findings of the Draft Tier 1 EIS, the **No-Build Alternative is not the recommended solution.**



# PREFERRED CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVE



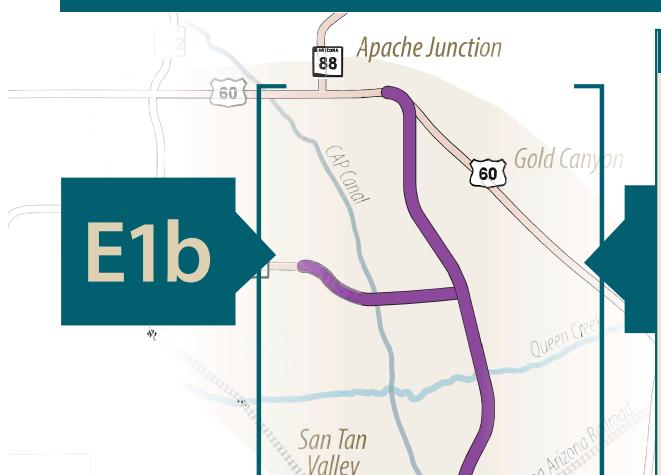
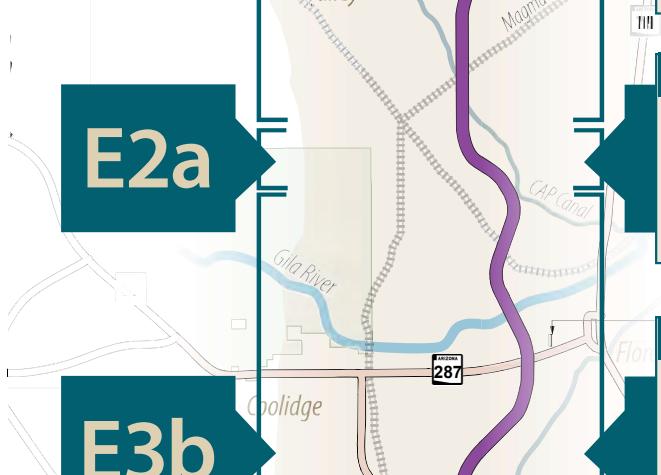
## The Preferred Corridor Alternative:

- Minimizes the potential for adverse impacts to sensitive environmental resources.
- **Best serves areas of planned growth**, including Apache Junction, Town of Florence, Coolidge, and Eloy.
- Serves existing and emerging economic activity centers within the Study Area, **providing critical connections** between employment hubs and the broader population.
- Would provide a **continuous north-south transportation facility**.
- Would **reduce congestion** throughout the Study Area over the No-Build Alternative in 2040.
- Provides an **alternate to I-10** to help alleviate congestion and help prevent bottlenecks during emergencies.

# PREFERRED CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVE RATIONALE

## SEGMENT ID / LOCATION

## RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

	<b>SEGMENT 1</b>
	<b>SEGMENT 2</b>
	<b>SEGMENT 3</b>
	<b>SEGMENT 4</b>

# CULTURAL RESOURCES (SECTION 106)



The impacts of a project on historic and archaeological resources are regulated under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. ADOT evaluated how the proposed North–South Corridor project could impact cultural resources.

- ADOT considered the potential for impacts on the identified cultural resources in developing corridor alternatives and identifying the Preferred Corridor Alternative.
- In consultation with agencies, Tribes and other interested parties, ADOT drafted a Programmatic Agreement (PA) to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act.
- The draft PA will be revised, as necessary, in response to comments on the Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and executed in conjunction with the Final Tier 1 (EIS), before the Record of Decision (ROD) is issued.

The PA stipulates procedures to complete the inventory and evaluation of cultural resources and assess effects on properties listed in or eligible for the National Register for each Tier 2 project.

# BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

FHWA and ADOT evaluated the extent to which the construction and operation of the proposed North–South Corridor would affect biological resources. Federal, state and local regulations relevant to biological resources were reviewed and baseline data was collected on:

- Plant and animal biotic communities
- Protected species
- Designated or proposed critical habitats
- Wildlife movement corridors

The results of the biological resources analysis were considered when identifying the Preferred Corridor Alternative.

Mitigation strategies to avoid or minimize potential impacts to biological resources are included in the Preferred Corridor Alternative.



The analysis was conducted in coordination with cooperating agencies, including Arizona Game and Fish Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, National Park Service, Environmental Protection Agency, and others.

# RIGHT-OF-WAY PROCESS

## Right-of-Way property acquisition in the Study Process

- If a Build Corridor Alternative is selected, future Tier 2 studies would identify an approximately 400-foot-wide alignment within the 1,500-foot-wide corridor.

Tier 1 EIS	Tier 2 EIS
 <p>Corridor Width (1,500 ft)</p> <p>Evaluates wide corridors in multiple locations, at a program level, within which a new transportation facility could be located.</p> <p><b>Outcome:</b> Select a single corridor within which an alignment would be identified during Tier 2 studies.</p>	 <p>Alignment and width are refined to minimize impacts.</p> <p>Corridor Width (1,500 ft)</p> <p>Evaluates design concepts for specific alignments within the corridor, such as 400 feet for a typical freeway alignment.</p> <p><b>Outcome:</b> Select an alignment and enable permitting for that alignment.</p>

- If future Tier 2 studies determine that property acquisition is necessary, ADOT will notify and work with property owners, following the rules set forth in the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

- Future Tier 2 studies are currently unfunded and there is no timeline for a potential property acquisition process.

ADOT follows the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 which requires that property owners (residential and business) receive fair market value for their property and relocation benefits, and that displaced persons receive fair and equitable treatment and do not suffer disproportionate injuries because of programs designed for overall public benefit.

# NEXT STEPS

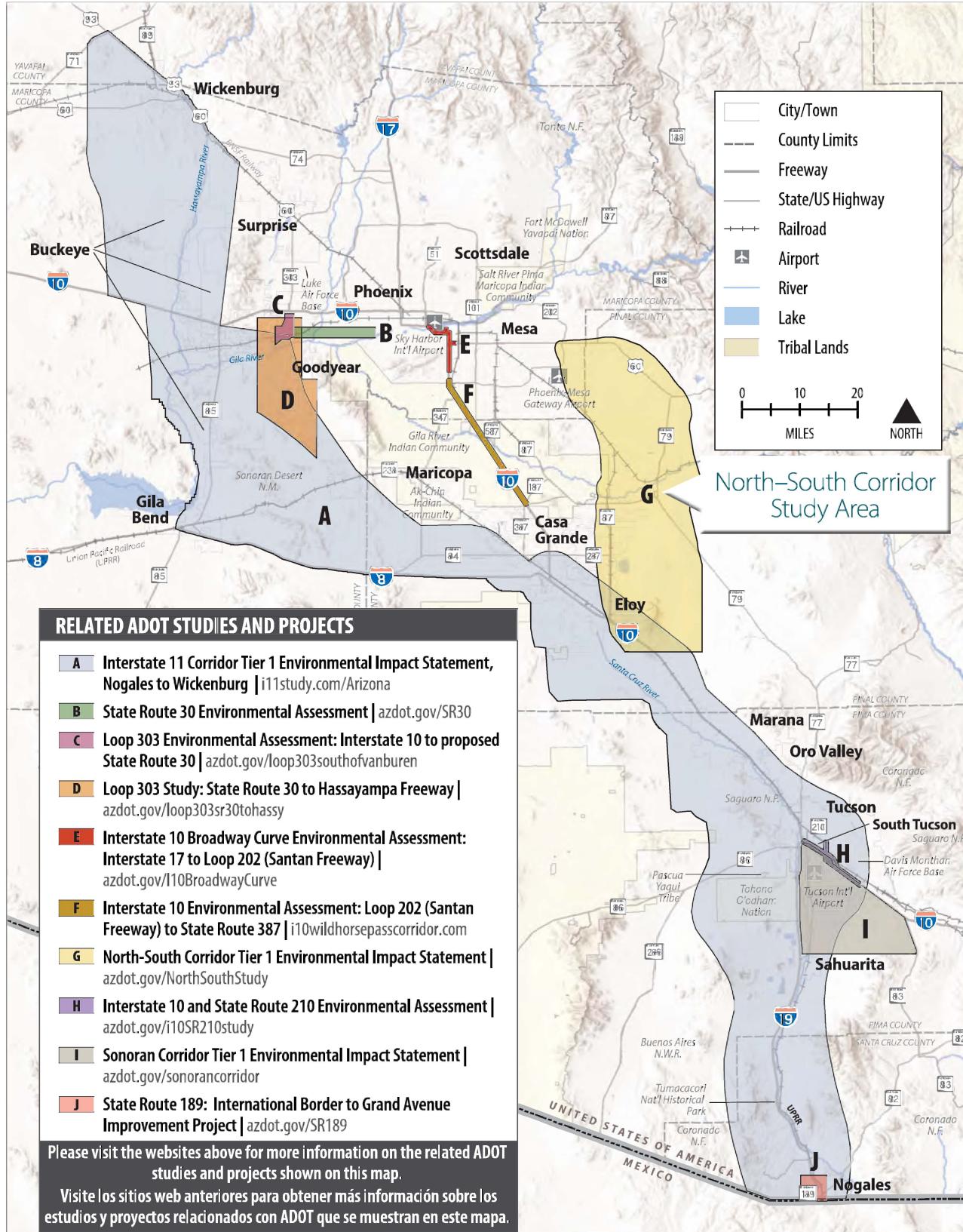
## Public Review Period on Draft Tier 1 EIS

- The public review and comment period for the Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is September 6, 2019 through October 29, 2019.
- All comments and formal responses to comments will be included in the Final Tier 1 EIS and Record of Decision.

## Final Tier 1 EIS and Record of Decision

- The Final Tier 1 EIS/Record of Decision (ROD) will be a combined document that consists of an FEIS and ROD.
- The Final Tier 1 EIS/ROD will take into consideration all of the comments received from the public, agencies, Tribes and stakeholders.
- The Final Tier 1 EIS/ROD will identify a Selected Corridor Alternative, which can be a No Build or Build Corridor Alternative.
- The Record of Decision identifies the Selected Corridor Alternative and describes the basis for the decision.
- If the Selected Corridor Alternative is a Build Corridor Alternative, it may endorse or modify the Preferred Corridor Alternative.
- If ADOT selects a Build Corridor Alternative, the Record of Decision will include strategies to minimize environmental impacts.

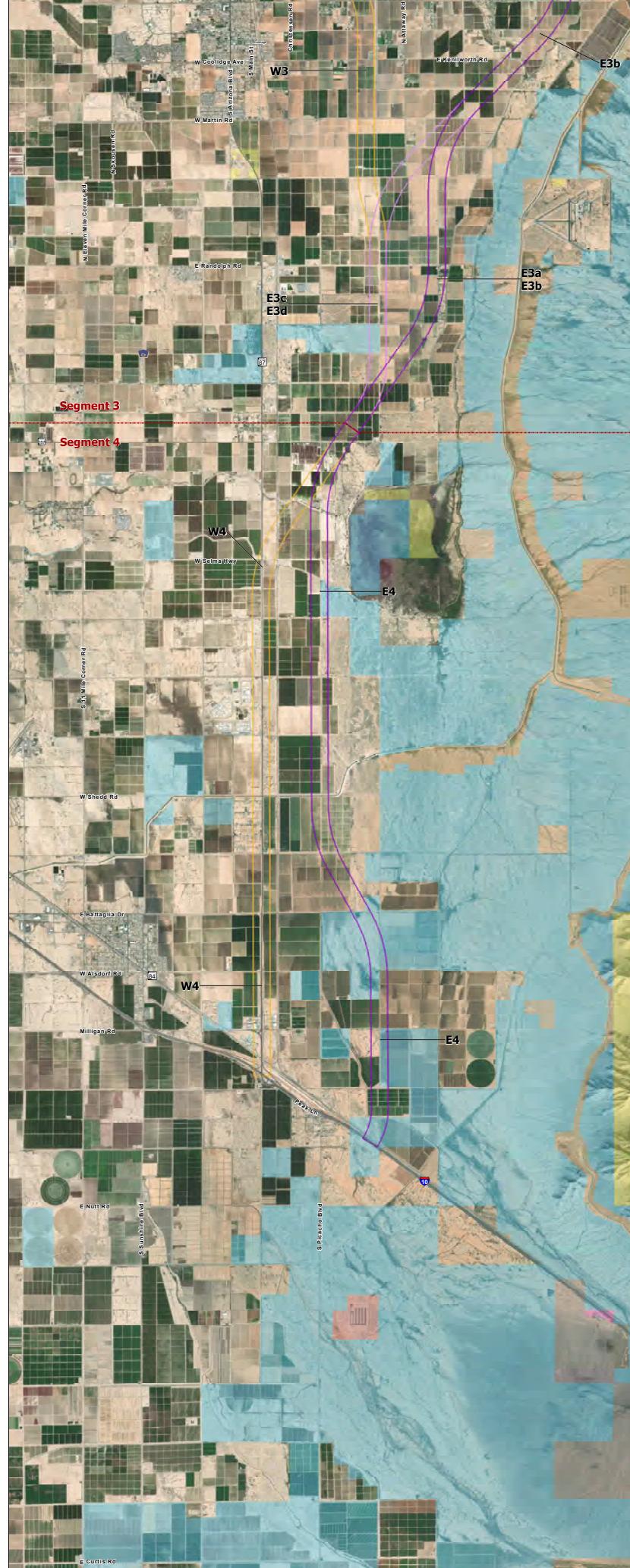
# RELATED ADOT STUDIES AND PROJECTS



# PROJECT MILESTONES

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Sept. 20, 2010 <b>Notice of Intent published</b> Notice of Intent to complete a project-level environmental impact statement (EIS) is published in the Federal Register  Public and agency scoping introduces the project and solicits comments, concerns and ideas from a broad range of stakeholders (see Chapter 5 of the Draft EIS, Section 5.1.2, for more information).	Nov. 2014 <b>Alternatives Selection Report published</b> The Alternatives Selection Report published on the project website  Public meetings held in November 2014  Project-level alternative alignments are developed for evaluation and presentation in the Alternatives Selection Report.	Oct. 3, 2016 <b>Revised Notice of Intent published</b> Revised Notice of Intent changes from the project-level EIS to a Draft Tier 1 EIS, which is published in the Federal Register  Proposed North-South Corridor study is transitioned to a tiered environmental process due to lack of funding for design and construction. <i>A tiered process can be completed over time, while still pursuing funding for further studies and construction.</i>	Nov. 2017 <b>Corridor Alternatives</b> Alternatives for consideration in the Draft Tier 1 EIS are presented for public comment  Web-based and other public outreach efforts to explain the change in approach, and present the alternatives being evaluated in the Draft Tier 1 EIS.	Sept. 6, 2019 <b>Draft Tier 1 EIS</b> Draft Tier 1 EIS is published and comment period begins  ADOT hosts three public hearings in Florence (October 1), Eloy (October 10), and San Tan Valley (October 15)	

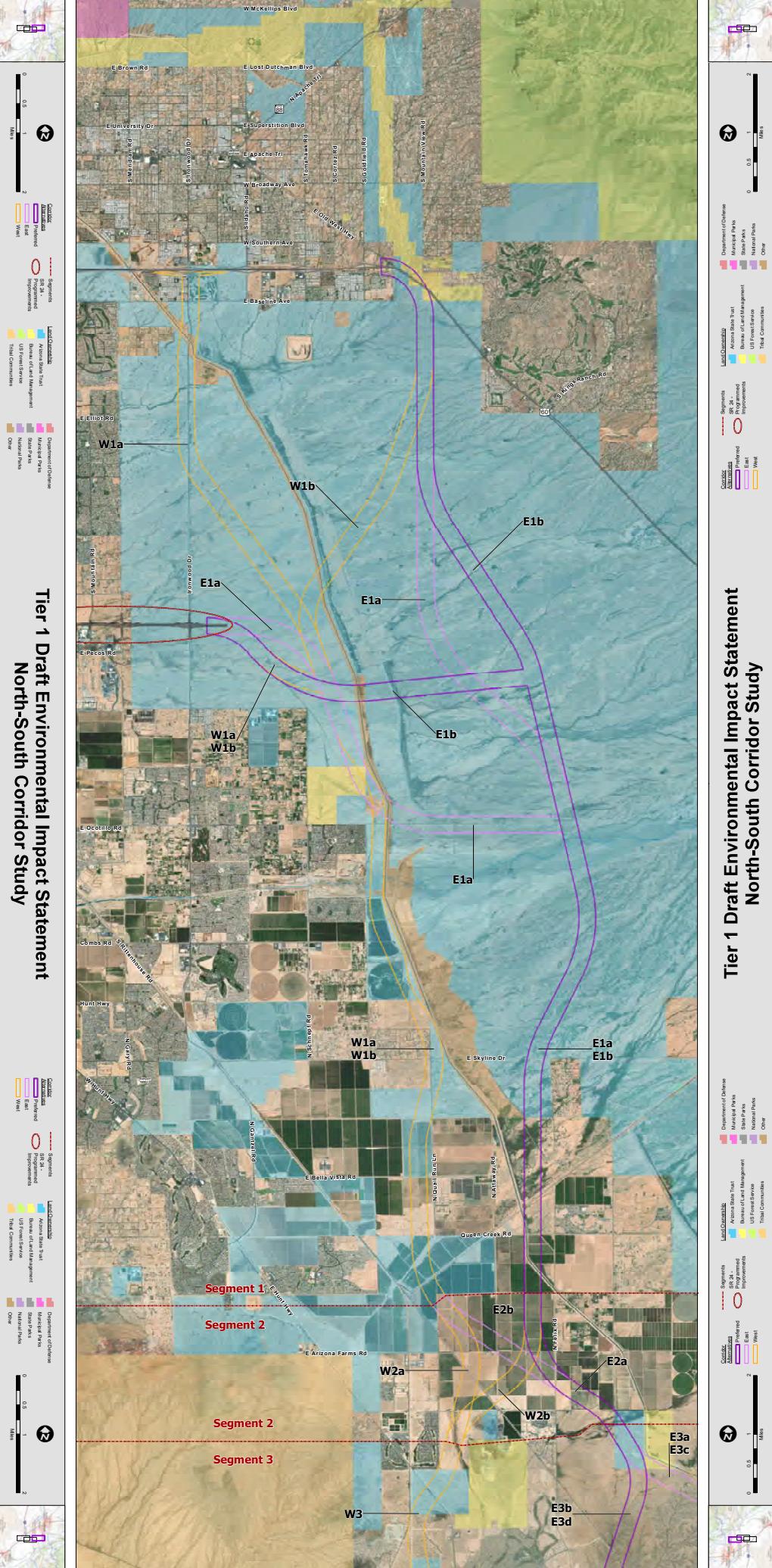
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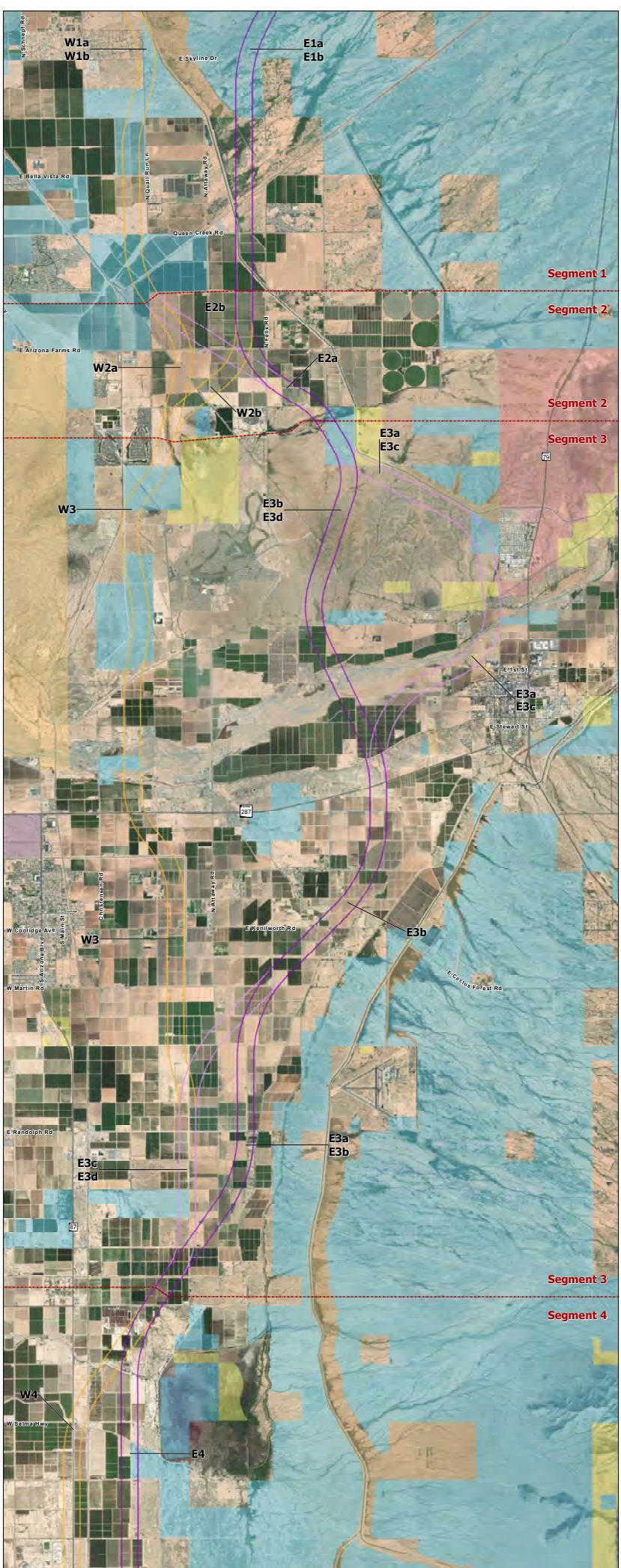
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## PUBLIC REVIEW

The Draft Tier 1 EIS is available for public comment from September 6, 2019 through October 29, 2019. During the comment period, three public hearings and open houses will be held to provide information on the Draft Tier 1 EIS, the Preferred Corridor Alternative and to accept formal public comments. Printed copies of the Draft Tier 1 EIS are available to review at the locations listed below and the document is available for download from the study website at [www.azdot.gov/NorthSouthStudy](http://www.azdot.gov/NorthSouthStudy).

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After the comment period has concluded for the Draft Tier 1 EIS, the study team will review the comments received, conduct additional analyses as needed, and revise the Draft Tier 1 EIS to address the comments. A Final EIS will be prepared and issued in combination with a Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD will represent ADOT's final decision on the project. Transcripts of the public hearings and comments gathered on the Draft Tier 1 EIS will be included in the combined Final EIS/ROD, along with responses to the comments received.



## PUBLIC HEARINGS/OPEN HOUSES

### 1 Tuesday, October 1, 2019 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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### 2 Thursday, October 10, 2019 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Eloy City Hall**  
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Suite 104  
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### 3 Tuesday, October 15, 2019 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Poston Butte High School**  
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## NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR STUDY

### Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

### PUBLIC HEARINGS/OPEN HOUSES

On behalf of the Arizona Department of Transportation and the North-South Corridor Study team, thank you for taking time to attend this hearing.

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The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are, or have been, carried out by ADOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated 04/16/2019, and executed by FHWA and ADOT.

Las consultas, la revisión ambiental y otras acciones requeridas según las leyes ambientales federales correspondientes para este proyecto se están llevando a cabo, o se han llevado a cabo, por ADOT de acuerdo con 23 U.S.C 327 y un Memorándum de Acuerdo con fecha del 16 de abril de 2019, y se han realizado por FHWA y ADOT.

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## GROUND RULES

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**Register** – All speakers are required to register at the Speaker Registration table.

**Order of Speakers** – Speakers will be called forward based on the order in which they sign up.

**Time Limit for Verbal Comments** – In order to allow as many to be heard as possible and provide equal opportunity, each speaker will be allotted a maximum of 3 minutes. Yielding time to another person will not be allowed.

**Submit Written Comments** – An individual or group representative who speaks may also submit more detailed written comments for the hearing record. All comments—regardless of how submitted—will have equal weight.

**Hearing Schedule** – All speakers registered by the scheduled close of this hearing will have the opportunity to speak. Registration will not be allowed past the closing time of this hearing.

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## DRAFT TIER 1 EIS

The Corridor study area is bounded on the north by U.S. Route 60 (US 60) and extends south for approximately 50 miles to Interstate 10 (I-10). An extension of State Route (SR) 24 from its currently designed terminus at Ironwood Drive to the Corridor is part of this study. The Corridor's northern terminus is near Apache Junction on US 60, and the southern terminus is at I-10 between Eloy and Marana. Coolidge and Florence are in the central part of the study area.

Significant population and employment growth is projected in the study area. To address the transportation needs in the area, a continuous, access-controlled north-to-south transportation corridor that would:

- enhance the transportation network to accommodate existing and future populations
- improve access to future activity centers
- improve regional mobility
- provide an alternative to avoid congestion on I-10
- improve north-to-south connectivity
- integrate the region's transportation network

Other desired outcomes in addition to the transportation benefits include:

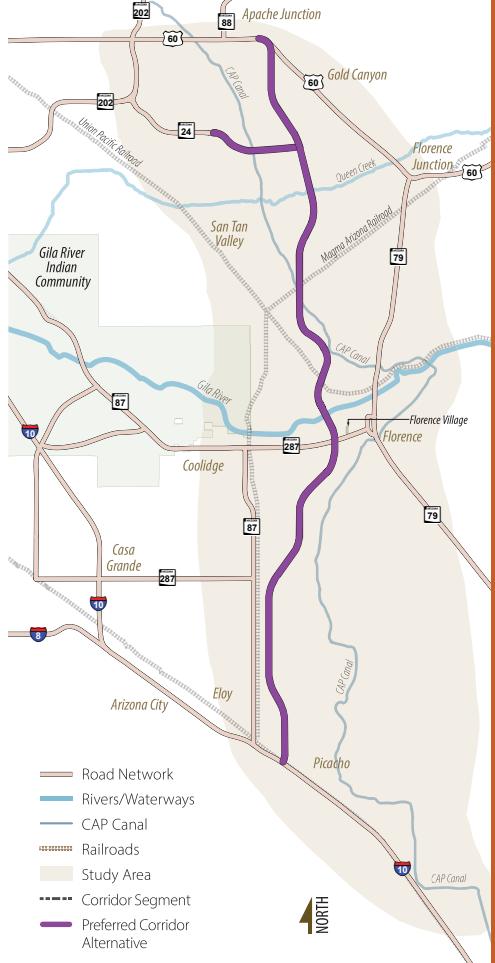
- protecting and enhancing the natural environment along the corridor
- supporting local and regional land use plans and preservation goals
- supporting equitable economic opportunities
- complementing other planned transportation improvements along new and established corridors in the study area

The Tier 1 EIS environmental review process considers a range of Corridor Alternatives, including the No-Build (do nothing) Alternative.

The Corridor Alternatives studied consist of an Eastern Alternative with options, a Western Alternative with options, and a combination of both to avoid, mitigate, and minimize environmental impacts. While other alternatives were evaluated in the earlier stages of this project, they were eliminated from further study.

The No-Build Alternative would not construct a north-to-south freeway (no new freeway would be proposed). It is important to note that the No-Build Alternative would also produce environmental impacts, resulting from doing nothing to address the study's purpose and need for building a major new transportation corridor in the study area.

**Alternative 7, with the E1b and E3b Options (please see the map to the right), has been identified as the Preferred Corridor Alternative. The identification of the Preferred Corridor Alternative was based on how well it met the purpose and need while reducing the potential for adverse impacts.**



## REVISIÓN PÚBLICA

La versión preliminar de la EIS de nivel 1 está disponible para comentarios públicos desde el 6 de septiembre de 2019 hasta el 29 de octubre de 2019. La versión preliminar de la EIS de nivel 1 está disponible para comentarios públicos desde el 6 de septiembre de 2019 hasta el 29 de octubre de 2019. Durante el período de comentarios, se celebrarán tres audiencias públicas y sesiones abiertas donde se presentará información sobre la versión preliminar de la EIS de nivel 1 y la alternativa de corredor preferida, y se aceptarán comentarios formales del público. En los lugares que se mencionan a continuación se pueden revisar copias impresas de la versión preliminar de la EIS de nivel 1. El documento se puede descargar del sitio web del estudio: [www.azdot.gov/NorthSouthStudy](http://www.azdot.gov/NorthSouthStudy).

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Después de finalizar el período de comentarios de la versión preliminar de la EIS de nivel 1, el equipo del estudio analizará los comentarios recibidos, realizará análisis adicionales según sea necesario y revisará la versión preliminar de la EIS de nivel 1 para abordar los comentarios. Se preparará y se emitirá una versión final de la EIS junto con un registro de decisión (ROD). El ROD representará la decisión final del ADOT sobre el proyecto. En la versión final de la EIS/ROD combinada, se incluirán las transcripciones de las audiencias públicas y los comentarios recopilados en la versión preliminar de la EIS de nivel 1, junto con las respuestas a los comentarios recibidos.

### AUDIENCIAS PÚBLICAS Y SESIONES ABIERTAS

**1 Martes, 1 de octubre de 2019 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

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**2 Jueves, 10 de octubre de 2019 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

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**3 Martes, 15 de octubre de 2019 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

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Se pueden enviar preguntas y comentarios durante el período de comentarios de cualquiera de las siguientes maneras. Todos los métodos para enviar comentarios se consideran igualmente válidos.

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Las preguntas y comentarios se pueden presentar durante el período de comentarios, que finaliza el 29 de octubre de 2019.

## ESTUDIO DEL CORREDOR NORTE-SUR

Versión preliminar de la declaración de impacto ambiental (EIS) de nivel 1

### AUDIENCIAS PÚBLICAS/ SESIONES ABIERTAS

En nombre del Departamento de Transporte de Arizona y el equipo del estudio del corredor norte-sur, le agrademos por tomarse el tiempo para asistir a esta audiencia.

El Departamento de Transporte de Arizona (ADOT) está realizando un estudio ambiental en el condado de Pinal, conocido como estudio del corredor norte-sur (NSCS), para identificar un posible nuevo corredor de transporte. El proyecto abarca aproximadamente 50 millas entre la US 60 en Apache Junction y la Interestatal 10 (I-10) en Eloy, pasando a través de la ciudad de Coolidge, el pueblo de Florence y partes del condado de Pinal no incorporadas por el camino.

La versión preliminar de la declaración de impacto ambiental (EIS) de nivel 1 del NSCS evalúa los impactos potenciales a corto y largo plazo asociados con una gama de alternativas de corredor, incluidas la alternativa de no construcción (hacer nada), y recomienda una alternativa preferida de corredor. Se desarrollaron estas alternativas de corredor según los aportes del público, la coordinación con agencias locales, regionales, estatales y federales y tribus, y los hallazgos de estudios previamente completados (Sección 1.3.3 de la versión preliminar de la EIS).

El propósito de esta audiencia pública es proporcionarle información sobre el estudio, presentar la alternativa de corredor preferida y solicitar comentarios sobre la versión preliminar de la declaración de impacto ambiental (EIS) de nivel 1. Estamos emocionados por alcanzar esta meta importante y presentar esta versión preliminar de la EIS de nivel 1 para que haga sus aportes.

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## REGLAS BÁSICAS

El respeto mutuo, la cortesía y la paciencia son los principios rectores de la audiencia. Le pedimos que siga las reglas básicas enumeradas a continuación para que todos se sientan bienvenidos, a gusto y tengan la oportunidad de hablar.

### Lugar de la reunión

No se permiten carteles, pancartas o materiales impresos por cuenta propia dentro del lugar de celebración de la reunión.

### Área de la sesión abierta

Absténgase de interrumpir las conversaciones entre los miembros del equipo del estudio y los asistentes a la reunión.

### Área de declaración pública

Manténgase callado y silencio los teléfonos celulares mientras se encuentre entre la audiencia. No interrumpa a los oradores. Salga del área si quiere conversar sobre otra cosa. Límite los comentarios a los 3 minutos asignados para darles la misma oportunidad y tiempo a los asistentes a fin de que todos puedan hablar y ser escuchados.

## PAUTAS PARA DAR DECLARACIONES PÚBLICAS

**Inscripción** – Todos los oradores deben inscribirse en la mesa de inscripción de oradores.

**Orden de los oradores** – Se llamará a los oradores para que pasen a hablar en el orden en que se inscribieron.

**Límite de tiempo para los comentarios verbales** – Con el fin de permitirle a la mayor cantidad posible de personas que sean escuchadas y darles la misma oportunidad, a cada orador se le asignará un máximo de 3 minutos. No se permitirá ceder tiempo a otra persona.

**Envío de comentarios escritos** – Un representante individual o grupal que hable también puede enviar comentarios escritos más detallados para el registro de la audiencia. Todos los comentarios, independientemente de su forma de presentación, tendrán la misma importancia.

**Cronograma de la audiencia** – Todos los oradores inscritos al cierre programado de esta audiencia tendrán la oportunidad de hablar. No se permitirá la inscripción después del horario de cierre de esta audiencia.

**No se permitirán las protestas en la audiencia pública.**

## VERSIÓN PRELIMINAR DE LA EIS DE NIVEL 1

El área de estudio del corredor está unida en el norte por la Ruta 60 de EE. UU. (US 60) y se extiende al sur por aproximadamente 50 millas hasta la Interestatal 10 (I-10). Una extensión de la Ruta Estatal (SR) 24 desde su terminal actualmente diseñada en Ironwood Drive hasta el corredor forma parte de este estudio. La terminal norte del corredor está cerca de Apache Junction en la US 60 y, la terminal sur está en la I-10 entre Eloy y Marana. Coolidge y Florence están en la parte central del área de estudio.

Se proyecta un crecimiento significativo de la población y el empleo en el área de estudio. Para abordar las necesidades de transporte en el área, se necesita un corredor de transporte de norte a sur continuo y con acceso controlado que pueda:

- fortalecer la red de transporte para que se adapte a las poblaciones existentes y futuras;
  - mejorar el acceso a centros de actividades futuros;
  - mejorar la movilidad regional;
  - proporcionar una alternativa para evitar la congestión en la I-10;
  - mejorar la conectividad norte a sur; e
  - integrar la red de transporte de la región
- Entre otros resultados deseados, además de los beneficios en el transporte, se incluyen los siguientes:
- proteger y mejorar el ambiente natural a lo largo del corredor;
  - apoyar los planes y objetivos de preservación locales y regionales del uso de la tierra;
  - apoyar las oportunidades económicas equitativas; y
  - complementar otras mejoras de transporte planificadas a lo largo de corredores nuevos establecidos en el área de estudio

El proceso de revisión ambiental de la EIS de nivel 1 considera un rango de alternativas de corredores, incluida la alternativa de no construcción (hacer nada).

Las alternativas evaluadas constan de una alternativa en el este con opciones, una alternativa en el oeste con opciones y una combinación de ambas para evitar, mitigar y minimizar el impacto ambiental. Si bien se evaluaron otras alternativas en las primeras etapas de este proyecto, estas fueron eliminadas de los estudios adicionales.

La alternativa de no construcción implicaría no construir una autopista de norte a sur (se propondría no construir una nueva autopista). Es importante destacar que la alternativa de no construcción también generaría un impacto ambiental que surge de no hacer nada para abordar el propósito del estudio y la necesidad de construir un nuevo corredor de transporte principal en el área de estudio.

**La alternativa 7, con las opciones E1b y E3b (consulte el mapa de la derecha), se ha identificado como la alternativa de corredor preferida. La identificación de la alternativa de corredor preferida se basó en su eficacia para cumplir con el objetivo y satisfacer la necesidad, y al mismo tiempo, reducir el potencial de ocasionar impactos adversos.**



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5:30-7:30 PM

Florence – Tuesday, October 1, 2019 | Eloy – Thursday, October 10, 2019 | San Tan Valley – Tuesday, October 15, 2019

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**Estamos presentando información  
en inglés. Para ayuda en español,  
por favor hable con Alicia Jacobs.**

**Gracias.**

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6:00-6:30 PM Presentation

6:30-7:30 PM Public Statements

# GUIDELINES FOR GIVING PUBLIC STATEMENTS

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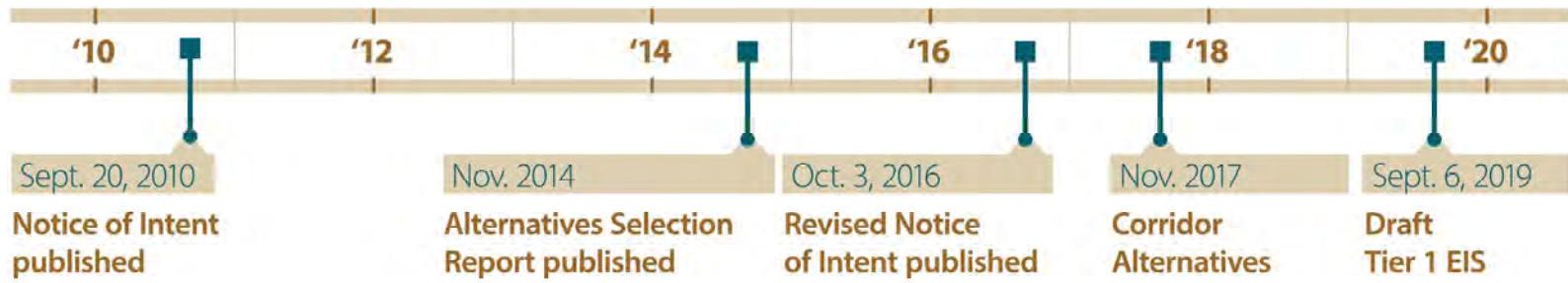
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## PROJECT MILESTONES



# STUDY OVERVIEW

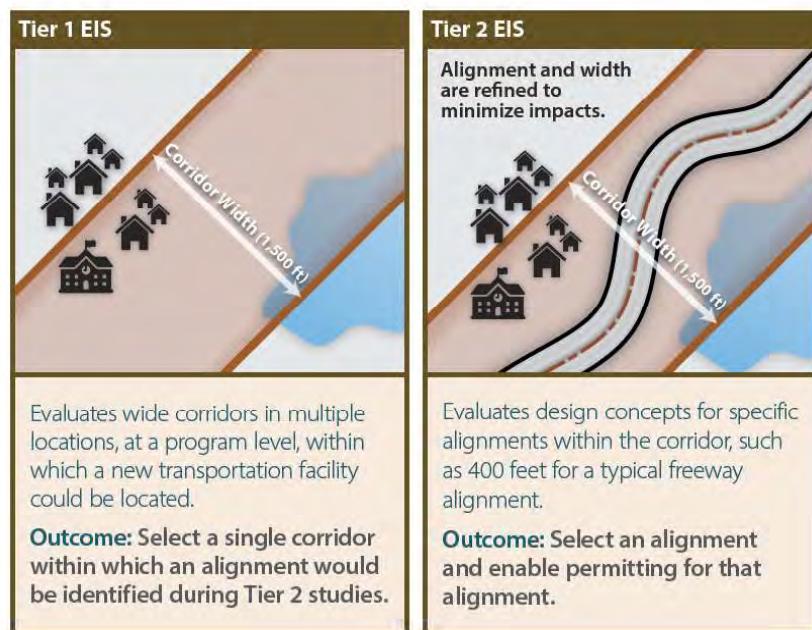
The Study Area is approximately 50 miles long between Apache Junction and Eloy, and traverses central Pinal County.



# STUDY PROCESS

The publication of the Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is the culmination of:

- Extensive public outreach
- Technical analysis
- Consultation with federal, state and local governments, tribal governments, planning organizations and utility companies



# PURPOSE AND NEED

- Improve access to future activity centers
- Improve regional mobility
- Improve north-to-south connectivity
- Integrate the region's transportation network
- Address population and employment growth
- Provide an alternative to avoid congestion on I-10

## DEVELOPMENT OF CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVES

The range of corridor options to meet the purpose and need for the North–South Corridor are based on:

- Public input
- Local, regional, state, and federal agencies and tribal coordination
- Findings from previous studies
- Avoidance or minimization of environmental impacts



# NO-BUILD ALTERNATIVE

- The **No-Build Alternative** is used as a baseline, or a benchmark, to compare against the **Build Corridor Alternatives**.
- It is used to understand the condition of the Study Area in the future with no proposed North– South Corridor freeway, and to understand how a Build Corridor Alternative could influence the Study Area—for better or worse.
- The **No-Build Alternative** represents the existing transportation system, along with committed improvement projects that are programmed for funding.

# PREFERRED CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVE

- Minimizes potential adverse impacts to sensitive environmental resources.
- Best serves areas of planned growth
- Provides critical connections
- Provides continuous north-south transportation facility
- Reduces congestion
- Provides an alternate to I-10



# PREFERRED CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVE RATIONALE

SEGMENT ID / LOCATION	RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION
E1b	<p><b>SEGMENT 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Less disruptive to existing development and roadway network than Ironwood Drive connection.</li> <li>✓ Consistent with the Pinal County Comprehensive Plan and planning for Superstition Vista.</li> <li>✓ Avoids impacts to Rittenhouse Army Heliport.</li> <li>✓ Lower risk of impacts to Section 4(f) properties (parks, recreation areas, and cultural resources).</li> </ul>
E2a	<p><b>SEGMENT 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Connecting the better performing alternatives in Segment 1 and 3 guided the selection of the E2a Alternative.</li> </ul>
E3b	<p><b>SEGMENT 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Less potential impacts to Gila River and associated drainage features.</li> <li>✓ Generally compatible with local land use planning.</li> </ul>
E4	<p><b>SEGMENT 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Lower risk of residential and business displacements.</li> <li>✓ Lower risk of impacts on minority and/or low-income populations and historic properties.</li> </ul>



# CULTURAL RESOURCES

The impacts of a project on historic and archaeological resources are regulated under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. ADOT evaluated how the proposed North-South Corridor project could impact cultural resources.

# BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

FHWA and ADOT evaluated the extent to which the construction and operation of the proposed North–South corridor would affect biological resources. Federal, state and local regulations relevant to biological resources were reviewed and baseline data was collected on:

- Plant and animal biotic communities
- Protected species and designated or proposed critical habitats
- Wildlife movement corridors

The results of the biological resources analysis were considered when identifying the Preferred Action Corridor Alternative.

Mitigation strategies to avoid or minimize potential impacts to biological resources are included in the Preferred Action Corridor Alternative.

# NEXT STEPS

## Public Review

The public review and comment period for the Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is September 6, 2019 through October 29, 2019.

## Final Tier 1 EIS & Record of Decision

A Final Tier 1 EIS will be prepared and issued in combination with a Record of Decision (ROD).

# HOW TO COMMENT

**Email:**

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**Letters and comment forms:**

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Mail Drop 126F  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

**Verbal Public Statements** in front of a panel of study team members recorded by a court reporter during this public hearing.

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# THANK YOU!

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