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Anonymous	Anonymous		Hey, I just have a small phone, not a Smart phone and I have no way of finding out how I-11 is going. Is there anyway I can find out what is going on? My phone number is 360.784.1800. It's been going on two years, and I was wondering if they have started or broken any ground for going from Casa Grande to Buckeye. Anyway, thank you.	Voicemail		2635
Anonymous	Lynette		Date: Fri, Oct 8, 2021 at 3:11 PM Please!!!! Build it!!!! 😊	email		2637
Brennan	Elizabeth		To whom it may concern, The highway through the west side of Tucson should NOT be built. The environmental impact is too damaging to the Natural History Museum and Saguaro National Park. Thanks, Elizabeth Brennan 5364 W. Flying M St Tucson, AZ 85713 Sent from my iPad	email		2622
Bynum	Paul		Date: Thu, Sep 23, 2021 at 8:53 PM Subject: I am against I-11 in the Tucson area. Paul Bynum Sent from my iPhone	email		2631
Coleman	Dorenda	Arizona Army National Guard	Date: Tue, Sep 21, 2021 at 10:29 AM Subject: Corridor 11 Study Would it be possible to get GIS layers for the Corridor 11 study? I would really only need the area near Pinal Air Park. The National Guard has an installation near there and this corridor might impact us. Respectfully, Dorenda Coleman Land Manager Arizona Army National Guard (AZARNG) 5636 East McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85008 (w) (602) 629-4261   (c) (602) 540-6606 Colemand@emo.azdema.gov Dorenda.j.Coleman.nfg@mail.mil Stay safe, Stay strong, Stay healthy, and Stay connected!	email		2630
Dacosta	David		10/4/2021 10:44:50 AM Hello, I have a lot in Pinal County, Arizona that is placed near the planned route for the I-11 corridor visible on the study. As such I would like to know how much space the planned highway will take up on either side of the 'line' drawn on the study map so as to determine whether it will overlap with my lot or not. Thank you for your time. David Dacosta david.dacosta@mygeorgian.ca	email		2634
Eisenberg, Ph.D	Amy		URGENT: FEDERALLY PROTECT THE SONORAN DESERT TORTOISE - GOPHERUS MORAFKAI PROTECT THEIR HABITAT Amy Eisenberg, Ph.D. The University of Arizona Center for World Indigenous Studies Associate Scholar 11848 North Labyrinth Drive Tucson, Arizona 85737 USA 774-777-0173 520-848-6158 dramyeis@yahoo.com <a href="https://universityofarizona.academia.edu/AmyEisenbergPhD">https://universityofarizona.academia.edu/AmyEisenbergPhD</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/amy.eisenberg.716">https://www.facebook.com/amy.eisenberg.716</a> <a href="http://www.pbase.com/jamato8">www.pbase.com/jamato8</a>	email		2616
Guy	LAReel		It might be too late for comments. I see 8/16 was the last day but just in case. I personally like the western route through Avra Valley in the Tucson region. I think it makes the most sense. But since so many people seem to be against it for various reasons....maybe if you choose the eastern/ I-10 path you could build a center elevated route for the trucks, similar to what they do in California for carpool lanes. Elevate the route just after the I-19 and I-10 interchange (so trucks on westbound I-10 could also utilize this elevated platform) and keep it elevated through downtown Tucson with no on/off ramps...and then have it merge back onto the preferred I-11 route in Marana where that proposed I-10 connector was supposed to be. Something like this picture attached. I dont know if it would be more expensive or less...but at least you'd get the environmentalists off your back for going through Avra Valley. And you wouldn't have to expand I-10 taking businesses and properties. Simply put posts down the center of the existing freeway.	email	Guy_2615	2615
Hailey	Micheal		I am in support of the comments submitted by the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection and other signatories on the I-11 FEIS on August 16, 2021. Please remove the Preferred Alternative West Option from further NEPA analysis at the Tier 2 stage.	email		2610
Hall	Robin Ann		I strongly oppose the construction of I-11. It would be devastating to the Arizona environment. Robin Ann Hall 4851 E. HAMPTON St. Tucson, AZ	email		2611

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Hannagan	Tom		Gentlemen - Ignoring the Ironwood Forest National Monument is a mistake that destroys the integrity of the EIS. The 4(f) based exclusion was inappropriately based on a ridiculously narrow interpretation of the proclamation. You know it and so does everyone else. So, just eliminate the western corridor from any further consideration. Thank you. Tom Hannagan Marana, AZ	email		2608
Hanson	Jonathan		I'm utterly opposed to this project, which would destroy the sanctity and habitat of Avra Valley. An interstate highway has no place there. Regards, Jonathan Hanson	email		2607
Hearon	Sue		I-11 should not only be combined with I-10 and I-19 instead of running it through Avra Valley and Picture Rocks but also with I-8 instead of through Hidden Valley near Maricopa. Please extension to the comments deadline so that everyone can make their voice heard. Thank you	email		2614
Hester	Sheryl		Please keep the integrity of the desert and protect all the wildlife in the corridor by not building I-11. Make the most of what we already have, find new less harmful solutions. Sheryl Hester Oro Valley	email		2624
Hymel	Stephen		Azdot: It's ridiculously more expensive, more destructive, more time consuming to create another pathway to reach the Picacho Peak area when I-19 and I-10 can be improved and enhanced instead!! So many along the I-19 and I-10 corridor are convinced of the same approach. WHY NOT??? Stephen Hymel Tucson, AZ Sent from my iPhone	email		2623
Knapp	David		We desperately need more roads to handle our growing population. I support the I11 project. I also think it is important not to have more and more traffic on our already overloaded existing roads. That just leads to more noise and accidents. I would much rather have the number of roads and freeways grow in number with our population.	email		2625
Knapp	David		Date: Thu, Sep 30, 2021 at 6:17 AM Subject: Interstate bypass for I-11 study I support the interstate bypass west of the Tucson mountains. Growth needs to happen so that we don't get choked with too much traffic on existing roads. We need more roads. Pretending that existing roads can just be upgraded forever to handle more and more traffic without building additional roads is wishful foolish thinking. Sincerely, David	email		2632
Krauja	Nicholas		Date: Tue, Oct 12, 2021 at 2:48 PM Subject: I-11 Study Having reviewed the online materials for the I-11 Corridor options in Pima County, I am of the opinion that the WEST OPTION is the most logical and should be adopted. We cannot keep widening I-1) through Tucson. Sincerely, Nicholas C Krauja 6132 E 18th ST Tucson, AZ	email		2636
McManus	Roger		Hi this is Roger McManus. I'm calling regarding our submission of comments for the I-11 FEIS. Comments were submitted by the Friends of the Sonoran Desert and I just wanted to confirm that they were received. If you could call me back at (202)-285-6989 email is redwardmcmanus@gmail.com. Thank you.	Voicemail		2618
Moss	Marijane		To whom it doesn't seem to concern: I am sitting in green and rainy Pennsylvania where it looks like " life as we know it " (as in last 500 yrs or so) will continue indefinitely. Hard to believe that the Amish teams of draft horses will not always toss cut hay for tomorrow's baling, but I KNOW BETTER. And so do you! Unless we ALL do what is necessary to protect our shallow layer of dirt, our water resources, the planetary biodiversity, Human life will falter, fail and disappear along with most of the rest. While your magnificent desert landscape and biosphere is quite different from my green dumpling hills and easily- flooded, streams, the root of our shared eco-dilemmas is the same. Conservative means to protect what is, to be the good stewards of the estate. This REAL estate you propose to cut, denude, ruin for what is and has been there for centuries is not a RIGHT, it is a RESPONSIBILITY of the highest order. The immediate human " but I wanna..." must increasingly forgo short- term profit for the few and MUST include respect for all levels of planetary resources. Do NOT proceed with an unnecessary " shortcut which costs a fragile landscape its survival.	email		2602
Nelson	Mary		I am in support of the comments submitted by the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection and other signatories on the I-11 FEIS on August 16, 2021. Please remove the Preferred Alternative West Option from further NEPA analysis at the Tier 2 stage.	email		2606
Pizarro	Jose		Date: Mon, Sep 20, 2021 at 12:02 PM Subject: Best idea ever built I-11 Lest traffic in the city less emissions for all the truckers less fuel consumption Sent from my iPhone	email		2629
Ramchandra	Sanjeev		Here's my submission again (see attachment) for an alternative I-11 corridor that does not go to Nogales but heads to Rocky Point instead. -S.R.	email	Ramchandra_2619	2619
Reed	Nadine		I am in support of the comments submitted by the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection and other signatories on the I-11 FEIS on August 16, 2021. Please remove the Preferred Alternative West Option from further NEPA analysis at the Tier 2 stage. Sincerely, Nadine	email		2601
Ringus	Helen		I am in support of the comments submitted by the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection and other signatories on the I-11 FEIS on August 16, 2021. Please remove the Preferred Alternative West Option from further NEPA analysis at the Tier 2 stage.	email		2620
Savage	Neal		Please count me among the many Tucson residents who believe the proposed route is bad for residents, animals, our water supply and all other environmental harm.	email		2603

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			You may contact me by email, phone, text and letter. Thank you			
Syndicate	Silicon Valley		The interstate 11 will go through old-growth saguaro forest. Please stop or reroute through an area that can protect the natural treasures of Arizona.	email		2605
Takigawa	C.		Please do not destroy the wilderness to build I-11. C. "Sydney" Takigawa	email		2609
Vanover	Sean		Date: Fri, Oct 1, 2021 at 8:35 PM Subject: I-11 corridor No, this is not needed. Stop destroying land for in needed projects.	email		2633
Villezcas	Jesus		Date: Thu, Oct 21, 2021 at 8:13 AM Subject: i11study comments Hello, My name is Jesus Villezcas and I have lived in Tucson, Arizona for over 10 years and I think it is great for the state to have another Interstate in the state. They are a great way to commute and are faster and safer than state highways. I have seen the studies and it may be a better idea to widen AZ 86 from Tucson to Why and from Why to Buckeye and consider that i11, I believe Arizona residents would appreciate that more. The current i11 looks a lot like i10 and is very close to the interstate just running on the Westside of Tucson Mountains. It may look good right now but not in the long run for the state. Thank you, Jesus Villezcas	email	Villezcas_2638	2638
Voirin	Chase Robert		I am in support of the comments submitted by the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection and other signatories on the I-11 FEIS on August 16, 2021. Please remove the Preferred Alternative West Option from further NEPA analysis at the Tier 2 stage.	email		2613
Williams	Jill		To Whom it May Concern, I have been a resident of Tucson, Arizona since 2011 and am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed interstate 11 corridor. This interstate is proposed to go through incredibly delicate habitats that are, destroying old saguaros and disrupting important wildlife pathways. Moreover, the route will additionally affect many people who will lose their homes or find themselves living next to a high trafficked interstate. I am urging you to extend the public comment period by at least a month in order to provide ample opportunity for those affected by this project to have their voices heard. Sincerely, Jill Williams 836 E. 7th St Tucson, AZ 85719	email		2604





## Alternative Interstate 11 Corridor From Wickenburg to Mexico Border

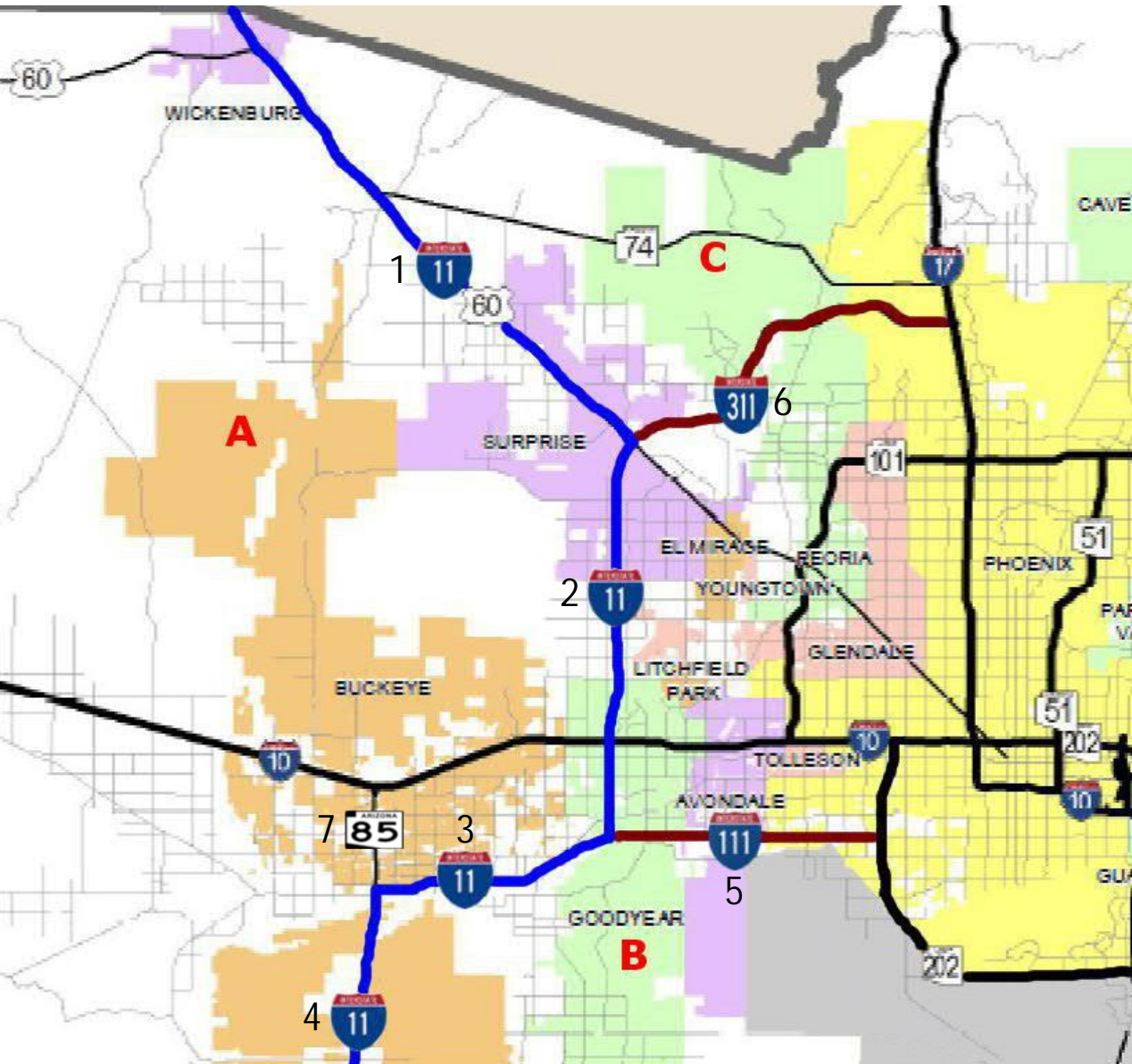


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## Summary / Overview of Proposed I-11 Corridor

- I-11 still replaces the existing US 93 corridor but a new corridor south of Wickenburg is proposed.
- I-11 corridor uses existing highway contours with no urban sprawl and no new desert destruction.
- I-11 provides quicker and safer travel to Lukeville border crossing and subsequently to Rocky Point.
- I-11 between I-10 and I-8 becomes a southern bypass around Phoenix for I-10 through traffic.
- I-11 is an alternate to I-19 for some truck traffic and reduces congestion from Nogales to Tucson.
- I-11 generates additional sales tax revenues from vacationers for state and local governments in AZ.



Phoenix West Valley I-11 Corridor (see map)

- 1) I-11 shares US 60 from Wickenburg to L303.
- 2) I-11 replaces Loop 303 from US 60 to SR 30.
- 3) I-11 replaces SR 30 from Loop 303 to SR 85.
- 4) I-11 replaces SR 85 from SR 30 to Gila Bend.
- 5) I-111 replaces SR 30 from Loop 303 to L202.
- 6) I-311 replaces Loop 303 from US 60 to I-17.
- 7) SR 85 freeway segment links I-10 and I-11.

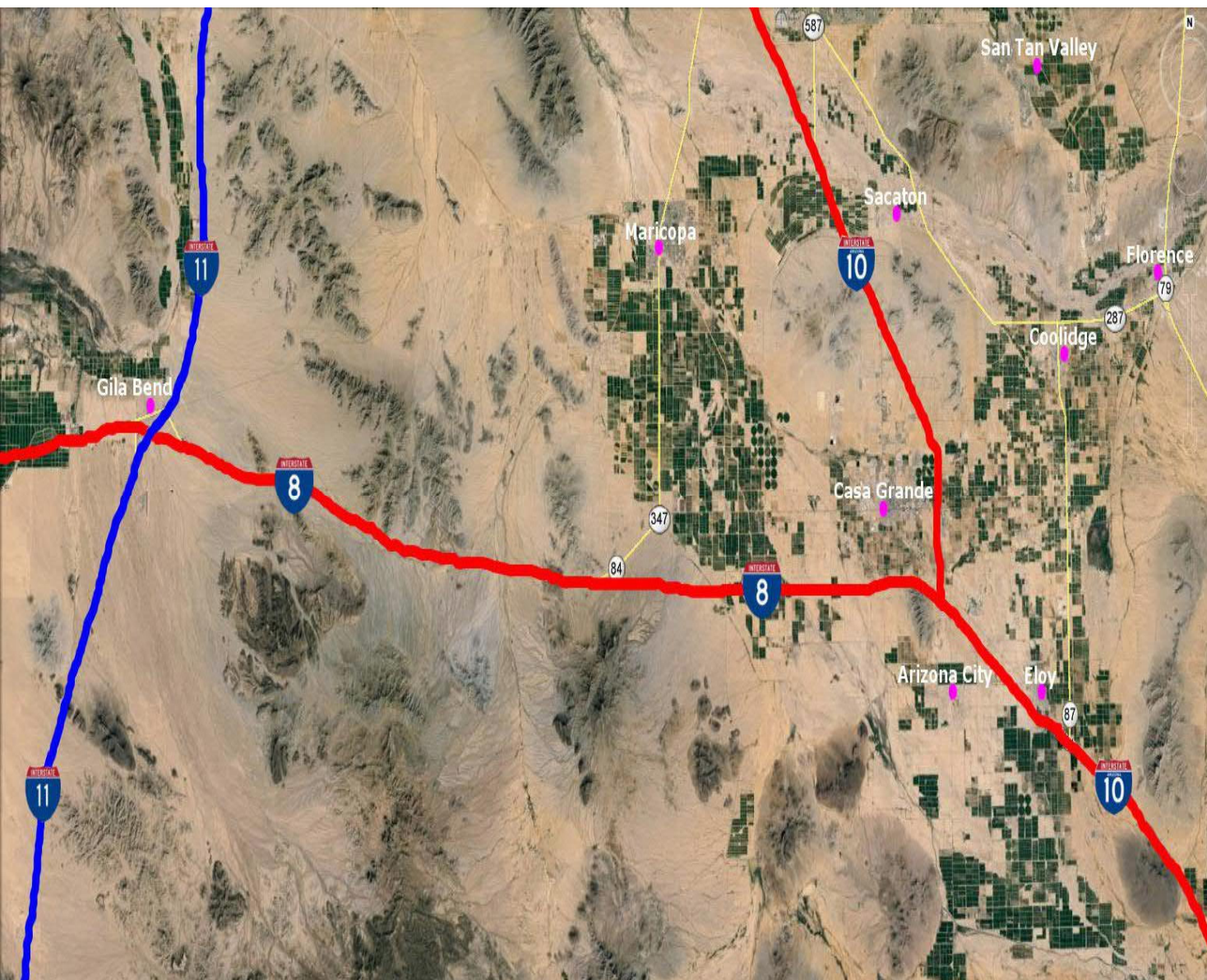
- A) DO NOT put I-11 west of White Tank Mtns.
- B) DO NOT extend Loop 303 south of SR 30.
- C) DO NOT convert SR 74 into a freeway.

The above reallocations plus the transportation sales tax results in Maricopa County paying for the I-11 freeway from Wickenburg to Gila Bend.

This new I-11 corridor provides better utilization of sparsely populated highways while saving the environment from construction of new corridors.

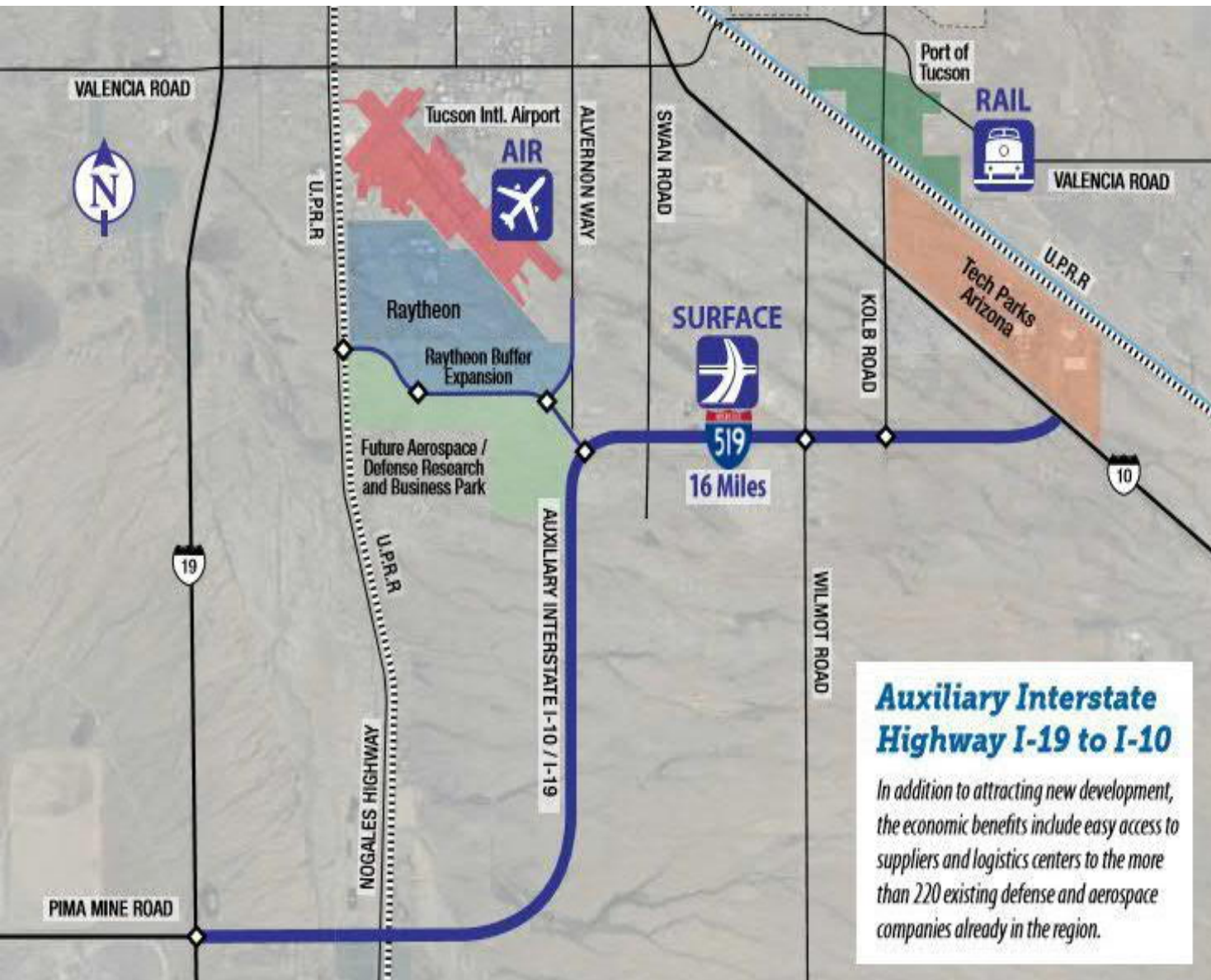
West Valley cities embrace the I-11 brand as its regional identity and for the auxiliary freeways.





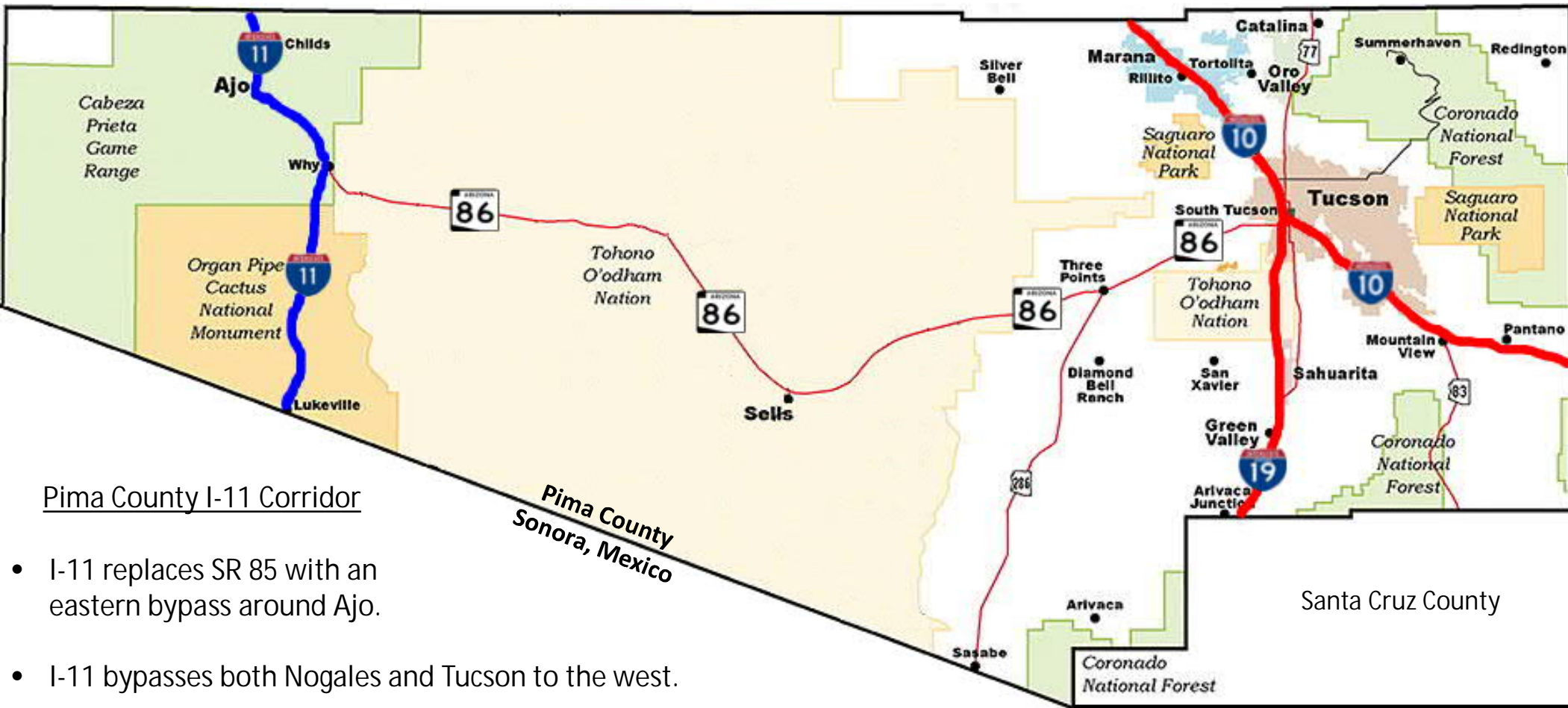
## Central Arizona I-11 Corridor

- I-11 replaces SR 85 and connects directly with I-8 near Gila Bend.
- Gila Bend serves as a gateway between I-11 and Pinal County with I-8 being the main linkage.
- I-10 west traffic to Los Angeles and Las Vegas can take I-8 and I-11 to bypass the Phoenix area.
- I-11 is an alternative to I-19 for travel between Hermosillo and Phoenix, Las Vegas, Los Angeles.
- I-11 does not enter Pinal County but a new North-South highway is still planned for Pinal County.



## Tucson Metropolitan Region

- No western bypass between I-19 and I-10 through the Avra Valley.
- I-10 widened in Tucson west of I-19 and also widened from 4 to 6 lanes in Gila River Reservation.
- I-19 widened from 4 to 6 lanes between Tucson and Nogales.
- An auxiliary freeway connecting I-19 to I-10 provides faster travel between Nogales & New Mexico. (See map on the left for details).
- Tucson embraces the I-19 brand for its auxiliary interstate label.



Pima County I-11 Corridor

- I-11 replaces SR 85 with an eastern bypass around Ajo.
- I-11 bypasses both Nogales and Tucson to the west.
- Pima County and Tohono O'odham Nation jointly finance the widening of SR 86 into a four-lane, divided highway with a northern bypass around Sells.
- Lukeville border station is expanded to accommodate increased vehicle traffic.



## South of the Border Connectivity

(Refer to map for colored arrows)

- **Arrow:** Common travel corridor from Guaymas and Mexico City.
- **Arrow:** Nogales is the dominant border crossing and offers direct access to Tucson & Pinal County.
- **Arrow:** A path to western border crossings for access to Gila Bend, Yuma, and Southern California.
- **Arrow:** Sonoyta is a secondary crossing from Hermosillo to reach Phoenix and Las Vegas. It also is a suitable alternative to Mexicali to reach Los Angeles. Sonoyta is the gateway from AZ to Rocky Point.
- **Arrow:** Yuma traffic crosses at San Luis; San Diego traffic may otherwise enter Baja California.

## Las Vegas Tourists

- Visitors from around the world travel to Las Vegas as a vacation and entertainment destination. However, Las Vegas is missing an ocean and a beach; there is no substitute for an oceanic beach.
- Many Vegas tourists take day trips to the Grand Canyon; another day trip can occur to the beach. Rocky Point, informally known as *Arizona's Beach* can be shared with Vegas as *Las Vegas' Beach*.
- Rocky Point is further away but it has less congestion, cheaper prices, and warmer waters versus Southern CA and it bundles well within a Vegas vacation; SoCal is viewed as a separate vacation.
- A caravan of rental cars, chartered buses, and personal vehicles traveling between Las Vegas and Rocky Point provides sales tax opportunities such as eating at a restaurant or shopping at a mall.
- The accumulation of sales tax revenue can be significant for local, county, and state governments. Adding a side trip to nearby AZ locations within a Rocky Point day trip provides multiplier effects.

Las Vegas beach goers can travel to Rocky Point instead of Southern California.  
Cruise ship passengers can depart from Rocky Point instead of Long Beach, CA.



It's raining dollars in the Arizona Desert from out-of-state visitors and tourists.

## Arizona Tourism

- Arizona has many natural wonders, including Sedona and the Grand Canyon that tourists visit in a day trip. Likewise, these tourists can make another day trip to visit Rocky Point.
- An extra vacation day (or a repeat vacation) to Rocky Point creates multiplier effects to the AZ economy resulting in longer hotel stays and greater spending at stores, restaurants, etc.
- However, these economic benefits are not fully realized unless roadway improvements are made. Interstate 11 reduces travel time, increases safety, and serves as a direct connector.
- Increasing tourism to Sonora (including Rocky Point) strengthens the symbiotic relationship between Arizona and Sonora and through reciprocity, Sonora increases its trade to Arizona.
- I-11 between Mexico and Gila Bend carries some freight traffic and offers congestion relief from I-19 & I-10 while I-11 in the West Valley has access to manufacturing and distribution.



