



Final Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement and Preliminary Section 4(f) Evaluation

Appendix H, Comments on Draft Tier I EIS and Responses

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The comment period on the Draft Tier 1 EIS began on April 5, 2019, and closed on July 8, 2019. During that time period, 12,445 comments were submitted through various media, including the ADOT project website, e-mails, telephone hotline, letters, and oral and written testimony. This appendix contains comments received and provides responses to those comments.

Additional comments were received between July 9, 2019 and June 4, 2021. Cooperating Agencies were also provided the opportunity to review and comment on the Administrative Final Tier 1 EIS. These comments and responses to them are provided in Appendix H8.

Standard responses were prepared to provide broad responses to the most frequently raised issues and to supplement unique comment responses. Standard response codes referenced in in comment responses correspond to the codes underlined in bold within Appendix H1.

Appendix H1: Standard Responses

Appendix H2: Cooperating Agency Comments on Draft Tier 1 EIS and Responses

FEDERAL

- US Department of the Interior (DOI)
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- US Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)
- National Park Service (NPS)
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
- US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)
- US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- US Forest Service (USFS)

STATE

- Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD)

Appendix H3: Participating Agency Comments on Draft Tier 1 EIS and Responses

STATE

- Arizona Department of Corrections
- Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)
- Arizona State Historic Preservation Office
- Arizona State Land Department (ASLD)

REGIONAL

- Central Arizona Governments
- Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG)
- Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (SCMPO)

COUNTY

- President, Maricopa Flood Control District
- Flood Control District of Maricopa County



Maricopa County Department of Transportation
Pima County
Pima County Board of Supervisors
Pinal County Board of Supervisors
Yavapai County

LOCAL

City of Buckeye
City of Casa Grande
City of Eloy
City of Goodyear
City of Maricopa
City of Nogales
City of Surprise
City of Tucson
Town of Marana
Town of Sahuarita
Town of Wickenburg

UTILITY

San Carlos Irrigation District
UNS Energy Corporation/Tucson Electric Power

TRIBAL

Colorado River Indian Tribes (not a Participating Agency)
Pascua Yaqui Tribe

Appendix H4: Public Advocacy Organization Comments on Draft Tier 1 EIS and Responses

Appendix H5: Public Comments on Draft Tier 1 EIS and Responses

Appendix H6: Form Letter Comments on Draft Tier 1 EIS and Responses

Appendix H7: Comments Received after Comment Deadline

Appendix H8: Cooperating Agency Comments on Administrative Final Tier I EIS