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I-11 Tier 1 EIS Corridor Study

Dear I-11 Interested Stakeholder:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) are preparing a Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Interstate 11 (I-11) Corridor between Nogales and Wickenburg, Arizona. The Tier 1 EIS will assess the potential social, economic and natural environmental impacts of a No Build Alternative and a reasonable range of Build Corridor Alternatives for a proposed transportation facility within the I-11 Tier 1 EIS Corridor Study area. The Notice of Intent to prepare the I-11 Tier 1 EIS was issued in May 2016. Since then, FHWA and ADOT have conducted public and agency scoping meetings, outreach to tribes and stakeholders, and completed an alternatives development and screening process.

Para informacion sobre
esta invitacion, en
Español por favor llame
al 1-844-544-8049

An *Alternatives Selection Report* was prepared to document this process and the outcomes regarding a range of Build Corridor Alternatives that will be carried forward into the I-11 Tier 1 EIS for further study. This report was completed and posted to the project website in early December 2017. The analysis for the I-11 Tier 1 EIS is ongoing and will continue into 2018. Information regarding the I-11 Tier 1 EIS Corridor Study is provided online at www.i11study.com.

FHWA and ADOT have invited the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution (U.S. Institute) to facilitate a discussion regarding the I-11 Tier 1 EIS Corridor Study in Pima County, to augment the ongoing public input effort. The U.S. Institute will take the lead by conducting two sets of stakeholder engagement meetings (group B and group C/D, see map attached) with the objective of facilitating additional productive Pima County community conversations to inform the I-11 Tier 1 EIS Corridor decision-making process.

The U.S. Institute provides independent and impartial services to address environmental disputes or conflicts by helping parties work together, build shared understandings of issues, and find ways to address concerns and develop strong outcomes. The organization focuses on a wide range of environmental, natural resources and public lands issues involving the federal government. The U.S. Institute was established by Congress in 1998 as a program of the Udall Foundation, which is an independent, nonpartisan federal agency of the Executive Branch, see www.udall.gov.

The U.S. Institute will lead the design, facilitation, and documentation of the two sets of stakeholder engagement meetings to identify more specifics regarding individual community concerns and preferences for the purpose of informing the technical analysis and planning required for the I-11 Tier 1 EIS Corridor Study. The U.S. Institute is engaged as a neutral, third party agency that is impartial to all perspectives

and serves all stakeholders equally. Their role is to facilitate a fair discussion process in which each participant continues to have an equal opportunity to be heard, and where each voice has equal value.

The results of these group discussions will be summarized in a report prepared by the U.S. Institute, which will be provided to FHWA and ADOT for consideration in the I-11 Tier 1 EIS process. Opportunities to provide public comments directly to the project team continue to be available at any time using various methods, please see <http://i11study.com/Arizona/ContactUs.asp>. As with all public comments, the engagement meeting purpose is not to “vote” for a preference, but rather to generate information that would help FHWA and ADOT in making the decision regarding a Selected Alternative – whether it’s a Build Corridor Alternative or a No-Build Alternative.

Your organization has previously shown interest in the I-11 Tier 1 EIS Corridor Study and is invited to participate in these stakeholder engagement meetings; and if you are interested, please identify one or two nominees to attend. If you are aware of a private individual not affiliated with a specific stakeholder organization who would be interested in being nominated, you may add their name to your organizational nomination submittal.

There will be two separate meeting groups (group B and group C/D) which will dive into discussions important to the community surrounding the associated corridor options, B, C or D as shown on the attached map. Three separate meetings for each group will be scheduled sometime from February through May 2018 and will be held in or as close as possible to the communities potentially affected by the corridor options. Two groups of about 20 individuals will be identified from the list of nominees and will comprise the final list of participants. The size of each group will be limited to about 20 to allow robust levels of participation, and it is also desired that the groups represent a diverse set of organizations and viewpoints. If demand exceeds the available spots, FHWA and ADOT will confirm the final list of participants in an impartial manner to ensure diverse participation and representation of stakeholders. The nominees not selected to a group will be notified and invited to submit their feedback in written form.

We hope you will accept this invitation to submit your nomination to participate. **Please reply by January 2nd, 2018** and use the attached instructions and form to communicate your nomination. If you have further questions about this opportunity, please contact Aryan Lirange, FHWA Senior Urban Engineer at 602-382-8973 or aryan.lirange@dot.gov, or Jay Van Echo, ADOT Project Manager at 520-388-4224 or JVanEcho@azdot.gov. Please be sure to include whether your nominations would require accommodations with regard to language interpretation, ADA accessibility, or any other needs. If your nominee(s) is confirmed, the U.S. Institute will communicate with each representative directly regarding their availability and further participation.

Sincerely,

Karla S. Petty
Division Administrator

ecc:
ALirange
JVan Echo

I-11 Tier 1 EIS Corridor Study Stakeholder Engagement Meetings

Nomination Form

Please return via email, mail, or Fax to:

By email:

Use subject Line:
I-11 Stakeholder Engagement

Address To:
aryan.lirange@dot.gov
jvanecho@azdot.gov

By regular mail:

I-11 Stakeholder Engagement
c/o FHWA
4000 N Central Ave #1500
Phoenix, Arizona, 85012

By FAX:

602-382-8998

Stakeholder Organization: _____

Nomination #1

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

eMail Address: _____

Desired Meeting Group: B _____
(mark with an X) or
 C/D _____

If your desired group is full,
would you be willing to Y / N
participate in the other group?

Special Meeting Location Accommodations Needed?

Nomination #2

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

eMail Address: _____

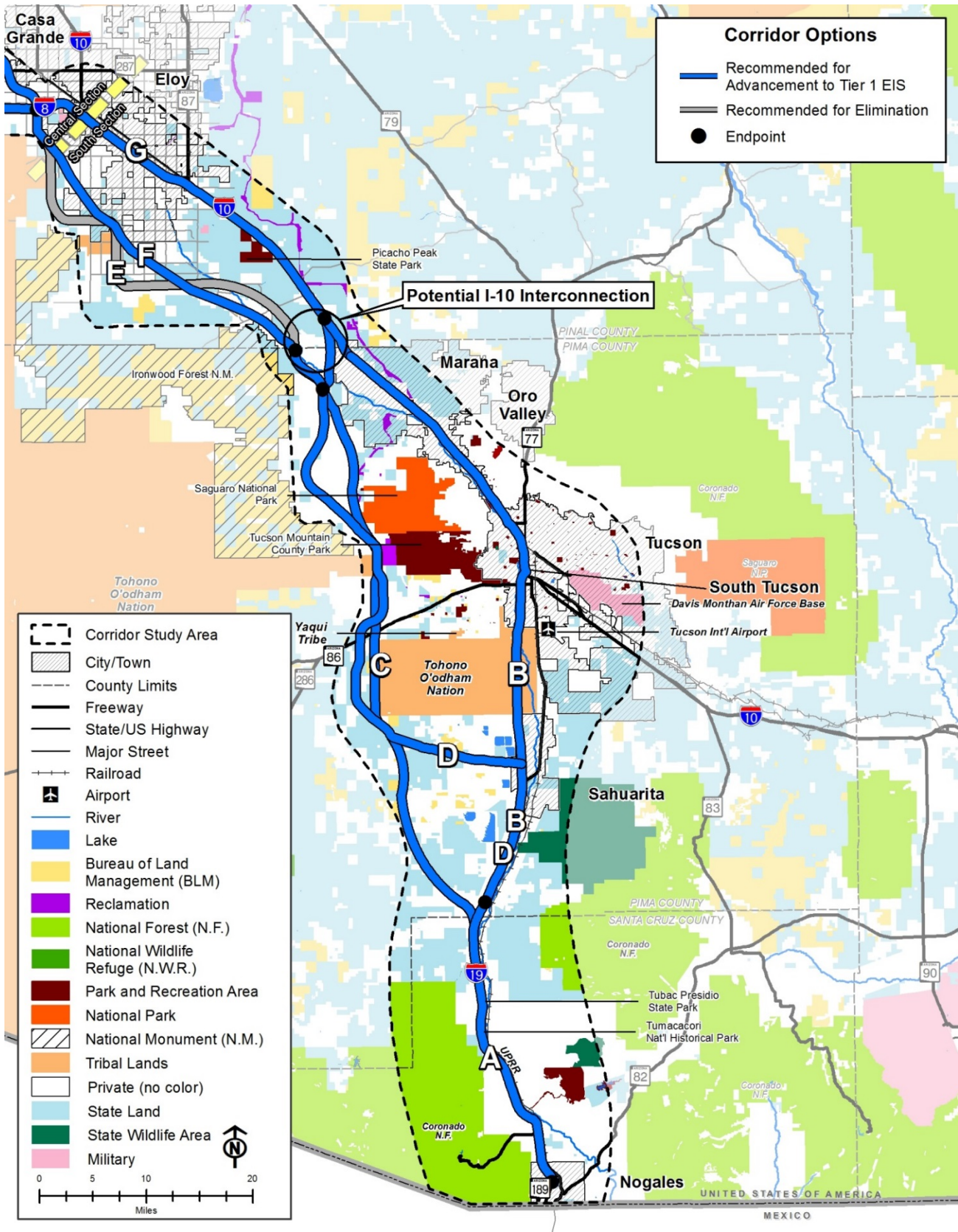
Desired Meeting Group: B _____
(mark with an X) or
 C/D _____

If your desired group is full,
would you be willing to Y / N
participate in the other group?

Special Meeting Location Accommodations Needed?

Corridor Options Recommended for Further Study in the Tier 1 EIS

(Published in the Alternatives Selection Report, published December 2017, included in Figure 6-1, page 30).



Original 63 organizations that received the invitation letter on Dec. 12, 2017

Altar Valley Conservation Alliance
Amphitheater USD
Archaeology Southwest
Arizona Farm Bureau
Arizona Land and Water Trust
Arizona Youth Partnership
Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum
Asarco
Avra Valley Coalition
Avra Valley Fire District
Avra Water Co-Op
Barrio Anita (Ward 1)
Barrio Hollywood (Ward 1)
Barrio Santa Rosa (Ward 5)
Brewer Caldwell Property Management
Cadden Community Management
CalPortland Cement
Caterpillar
Catholic Community Services
Citizens for Picture Rocks
Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection
Community Food Bank of Marana
Continental Ranch Community Association
Defenders of Wildlife
Dove Mountain Homeowners Association
Downtown Tucson Partnership
Drachman Institute
El Presidio (Ward 1)
El Rio Acres (Ward 1)
Elks Lodge
Flowing Wells (Ward 3)
Flowing Wells USD
Ford Motor Company
Friends of Ironwood Forest
Friends of Saguaro National Park
Gladden Farms Community Association
Inland Kenworth
Interfaith Community Services
Marana Chamber of Commerce
Marana Heritage Conservancy
Marana Unified School District
Menlo Park (Ward 1)
Metropolitan Pima Alliance
National Parks Conservation Association
Northwest Fire District
Old Tucson Studios
Peach Properties
Picture Rocks Community Center
Redemptorist Renewal Center
Santa Rita Park (Ward 5)
Sierra Club - Rincon Group, Grand Canyon Chapter
Sonoran Institute
Southern Arizona Lodging & Resort Association
The Dude Rancher's Association
Trico Electric COOP
Tucson Estates Property Owners Association
Tucson Hispanic Chamber
Tucson Metro Chamber
Tucson Premium Outlets
Tucson Urban League
Tucson USD
Veterans of Foreign Wars - Post 5990
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