

I-11 Purpose and Need

The Purpose

The overall purpose of the I-11 Corridor is to:

Wickenburg

- Provide a high priority, high capacity, access-controlled, **transportation corridor**;
- Support **improved regional mobility** for people, goods, and homeland security;
- **Connect** major metropolitan areas and markets in the Intermountain West with Mexico and Canada; and
- Enhance access to the high capacity transportation network to support **economic vitality**.

Nogales

The Purpose and Need is a fundamental part of the NEPA process and provides the basis for identifying, evaluating, and screening corridor alternatives; it will be one of the key components in determining and selecting a Preferred Corridor Alternative for I-11.

The Need

The problems, issues, and opportunities that support the need for a proposed transportation facility are:

Population and employment growth



Congestion and travel time **reliability**



System **linkages** and **regional interstate mobility**



Access to economic activity centers



Homeland **security** and national **defense**

