



APPENDIX A

Sample Agency Invitation Letters and Recipient Lists

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Federal Transit Administration
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U.S. Air Force, Davis Monthan Air Force Base
U.S. Air Force, Luke Air Force Base
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Forest Service
U.S. Forest Service, Coronado National Forest
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Western Area Power Administration

State

Arizona Air National Guard
Arizona Corporation Commission
Arizona Department of Corrections
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Arizona Department of Public Safety
Arizona Department of Water Resources
Arizona Game and Fish Department
Arizona State Historic Preservation Office
Arizona State Land Department
Arizona State Parks

Regional

Central Arizona Governments
Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization
Maricopa Association of Governments
Northern Arizona Council of Governments
Pima Association of Governments
SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization
Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization

County

Flood Control District of Maricopa County

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City of Goodyear
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I-11, I-19/SR 189 to US 93/SR 89
I-11 Corridor Tier 1 EIS
Public and Agency Information Meeting Invitation Letter

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The FHWA and ADOT greatly appreciate your input, and we invite you to participate in any of the following Cooperating and Participating Agency or Public Information Meetings for the Tier 1 EIS:

Cooperating and Participating Agency Meetings

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Pima Association of Governments
1 East Broadway Boulevard #401, Tucson, Arizona

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Town of Marana City Council Chambers (webinar also available, see below)
11555 West Civic Center Drive, Marana, Arizona

Wednesday, May 10, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Peart Center

350 East 6th Street, Casa Grande, Arizona

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Estrella Mountain Community College – Komatke Hall – Plaza Gallery Room

3000 North Dysart Road, Avondale, Arizona

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The regularly-scheduled Cooperating Agency meeting on May 3, 2017 will occur in Marana, Arizona as listed above as part of the scheduled Agency Meetings. A webinar will be made available for those unable to attend this meeting in person. The information is as follows:

Click Here:

<https://aecom.webex.com/aecom/j.php?MTID=me1f3e6f6ef56e19139690b7145374086>

Meeting Number/Call-In: 1 844 712 3247; Access Code: 597 439 834

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Sincerely,



Karla S. Petty
Division Administrator

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Jay Van Echo, ADOT Project Manager

Jennifer Pyne, AECOM Consultant Team Project Manager

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Interstate 11 Corridor Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement, Nogales to Wickenburg

Spring 2017

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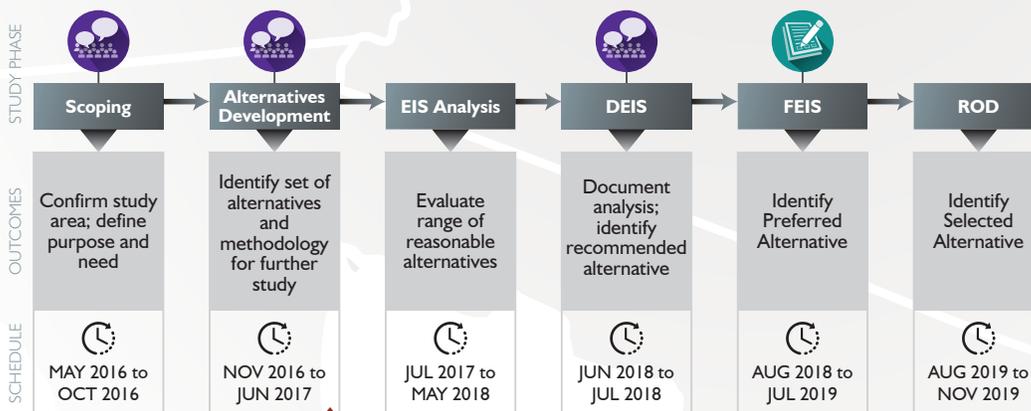
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Mail Drop 126F
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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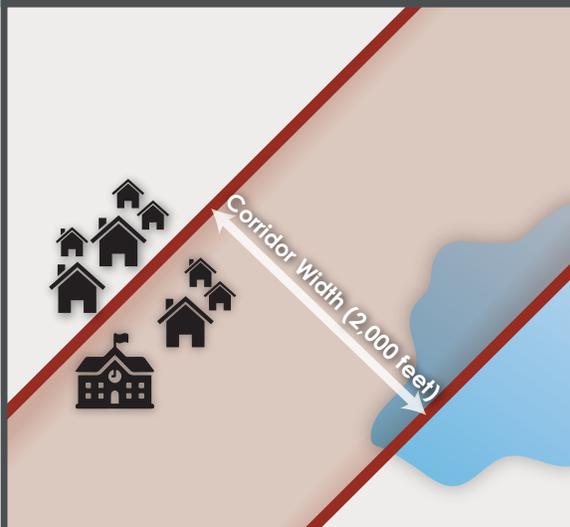


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Tier 1 EIS

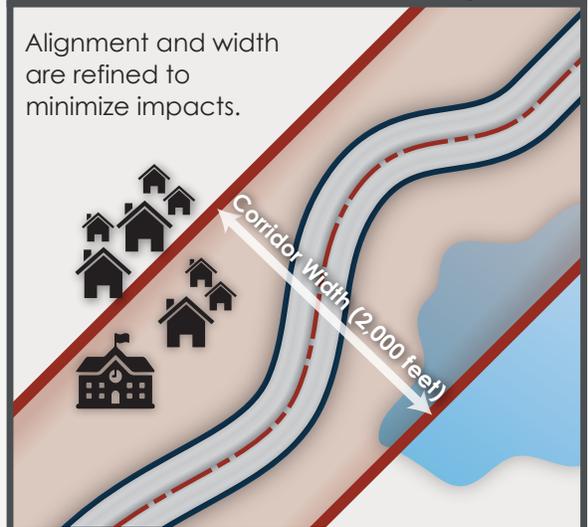


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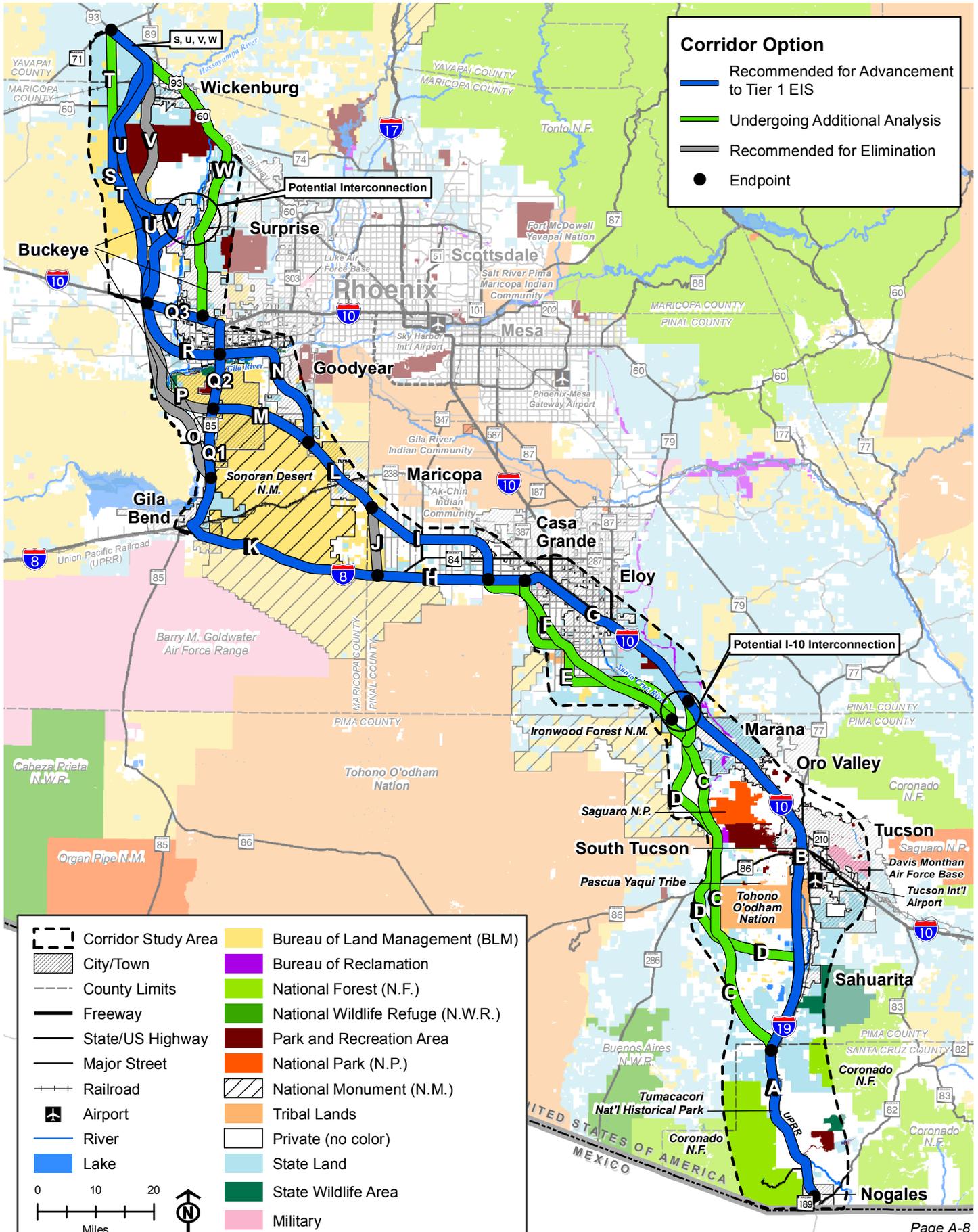
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When asked to consider what I-11 should be or accommodate, the highest ranking response was:

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Question 3

Top three human environmental factors to consider:

1. Land use



2. Neighborhoods, diverse communities, and residences



3. Public parks and recreation



Question 4

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

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- Enhance access to the high capacity transportation network to support economic vitality.



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



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Hopi Tribe
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Pueblo of Zuni
Quechan Tribe
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Continuing Section 106 Consultation
Public Information Meeting Invitation

Mr. Matthew Behrend, Cultural Resources Section Manager
Arizona State Land Department
1616 West Adams Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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Enclosures

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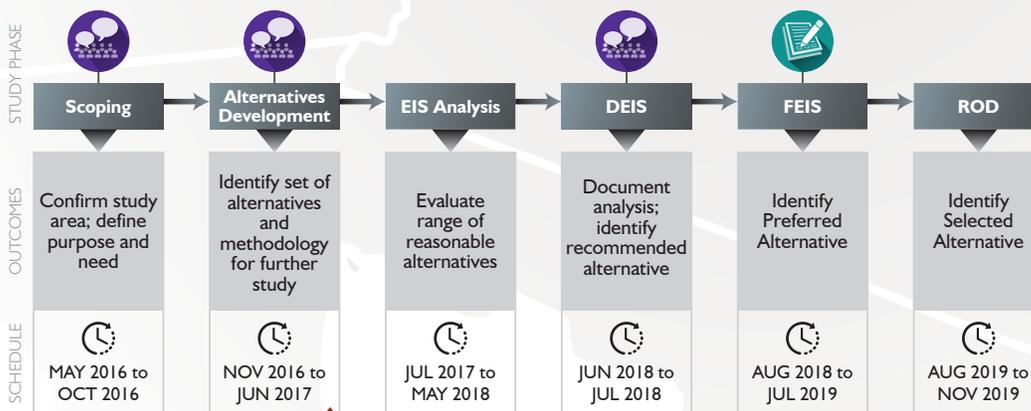
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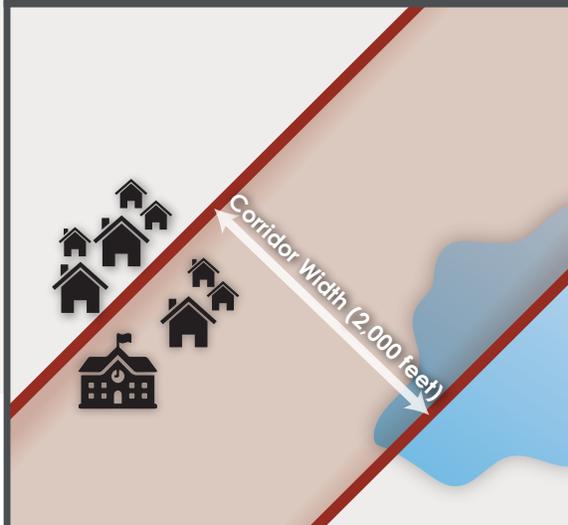


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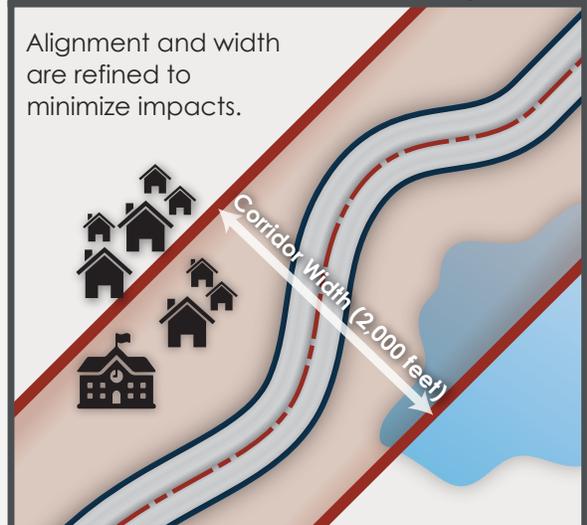


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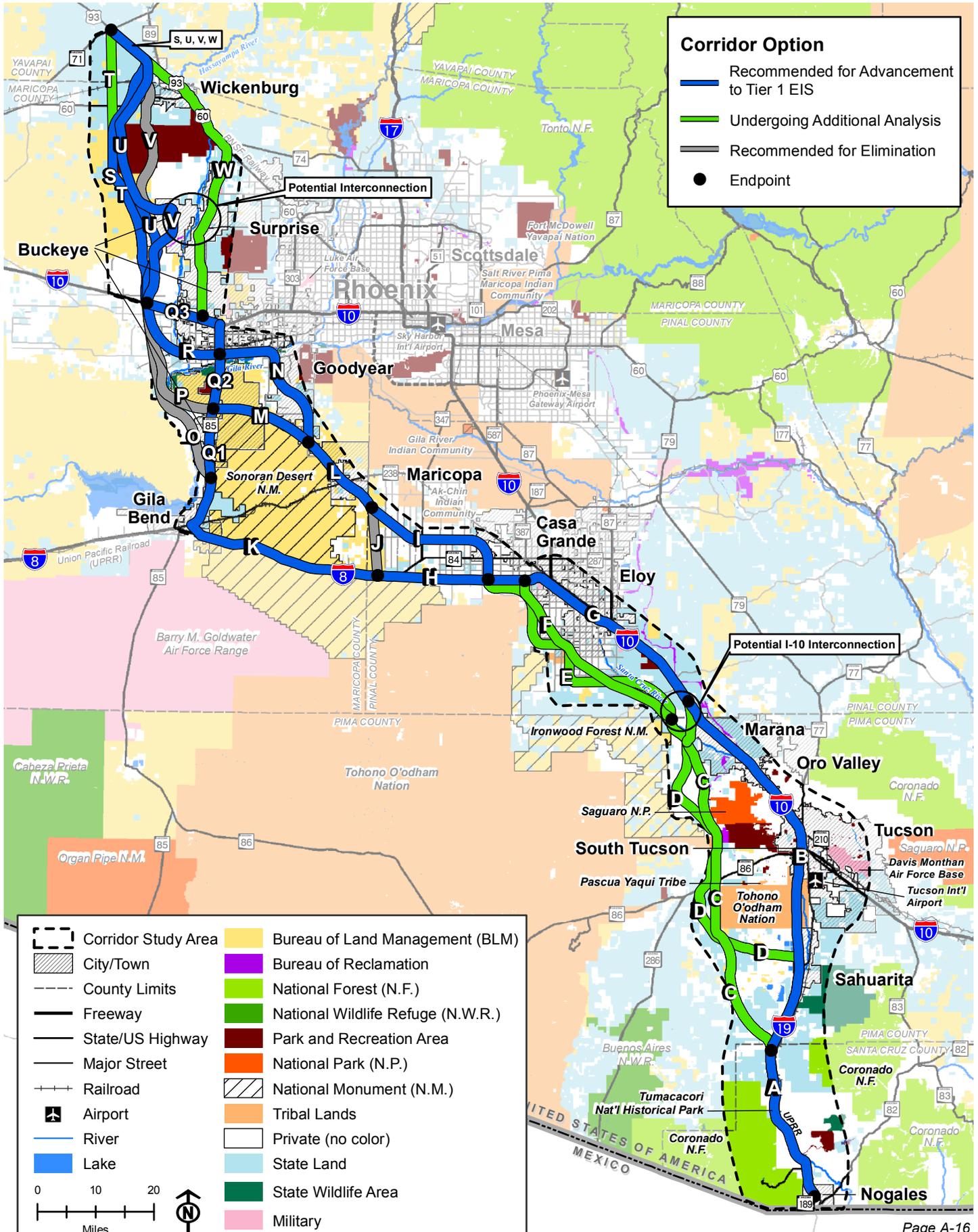
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