



## **APPENDIX A**

### **Final Tier 1 EIS Outreach Summary Report**



# Public Outreach Summary Report for Final Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement and Preliminary Section 4(f) Evaluation

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) are conducting the environmental review process for the Interstate 11 (I-11 Corridor) between Wickenburg and Nogales. A Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement and Preliminary Section 4(f) Evaluation (Final Tier 1 EIS) was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other regulations. FHWA is the federal lead agency and ADOT is the local project sponsor under NEPA. As the federal lead agency, FHWA is responsible for compliance with NEPA and related statutes. The I-11 Tier 1 EIS evaluates the general location of the I-11 corridor in Arizona.

On July 16, 2021, ADOT, in conjunction with FHWA, released the Final Tier 1 EIS document for the I-11 Corridor. The evaluation presented in the Final Tier 1 EIS resulted in the identification of a Preferred Alternative. The public review period closed August 16, 2021.

NEPA requires agencies to consider the environmental impacts of their actions, document their analyses, and make these analyses available to agencies, tribal governments, and the public for review prior to taking action. This includes the distribution of public notices regarding the availability of environmental documents to inform those persons and agencies who may be interested or affected.

This report documents efforts by the I-11 study team to provide opportunity for public review on the Final Tier 1 EIS.

## 2 PUBLIC OUTREACH FOR FINAL TIER 1 EIS

Beginning July 16, 2021, the Final Tier 1 EIS document was available to view/download on the study website ([www.i11study.com/Arizona](http://www.i11study.com/Arizona)), and hard copies were available at repositories located throughout the study area. The public was notified via newspaper advertisements, I-11 study website updates, emailed GovDelivery notices to subscribers, a news release and social media posts. FHWA and ADOT also notified cooperating agencies, participating agencies, tribal stakeholders, and Section 106 consulting parties via e-mail and mailed hard copy letters. The following sections provide detail on those notification and outreach methods.

### 2.1 Newspaper Advertisements

Print advertisements in the following publications listed the physical locations where the public could review the Final Tier 1 EIS, along with how they could view the document online and how they could provide feedback during the 30-day public review period.

#### Northern Section of the Study Area

- *Buckeye Star* - English language ad (published July 16, 2021)
- *West Valley View* - English language ad (published July 14, 2021)





- *Wickenburg Sun* - English language ad (published July 14, 2021)
- *Wickenburg Shopper* - English language ad (published July 21, 2021)

#### **Central Section of the Study Area**

- *Ak-Chin Runner* - English language ad (published July 16, 2021)
- *Arizona Republic* - English language ad (published July 16, 2021)
- *Gila River Indian News* - English language ad (published July 16, 2021)
- *Maricopa Monitor* - English language ad (published July 16, 2021)
- *Mesa Tribune* - English language ad (published July 18, 2021)
- *San Tan Sun News* - English language ad (published July 18, 2021)
- *Tri-Valley Dispatch* – Casa Grande Edition - English language ad (published week of July 19-23, 2021)
- *Prensa Arizona* - Spanish language ad (published July 15, 2021)

#### **Southern Section of the Study Area**

- *Arizona Bilingual* – Spanish language ad (published Aug. 2, 2021)
- *Arizona Daily Star* - English language ad (published July 16, 2021)
- *Desert Times* - English language ad (published Aug. 4, 2021)
- *Green Valley News* - English language ad (published July 18, 2021)
- *La Estrella* – Spanish language ad (published July 16, 2021)
- *Marana News* – English language ad (published July 21, 2021)
- *Nogales International* - English and Spanish language ads (published July 16, 2021)
- *The Explorer* - English language ad (published July 21, 2021)
- *The Runner* – English language ad (published July 16, 2021)

Tear sheets for the newspaper advertisements are provided in Attachment 1.

## **2.2 Earned Media**

Over the course of the Final Tier 1 EIS public review period, media outlets shared information about the I-11 study and Final Tier 1 EIS through various media channels. Sample articles and



other earned media are shared at the links below. This list does not include all articles and media coverage since the Final Tier 1 EIS was published on July 16, 2021.

- *Signal Sun*, “I-11 Final Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement Available for Public Review,” July 19, 2021, <https://www.signalsaz.com/articles/i-11-final-tier-1-environmental-impact-statement-available-for-public-review/>
- *Wickenburg Sun*, “Interstate 11 Study Route Available for Public View,” <https://wickenburgsun.com/news/37963/interstate-11-study-route-available-for-public-view/>
- *Green Valley News*, “What’s the Interstate 11 Project, and Why Should I Care?” July 23, 2021, [https://www.gvnews.com/news/what-s-the-interstate-11-project-and-why-should-i-care/article\\_0936205a-ebea-11eb-a3f6-f77bb5a83bdf.html](https://www.gvnews.com/news/what-s-the-interstate-11-project-and-why-should-i-care/article_0936205a-ebea-11eb-a3f6-f77bb5a83bdf.html)
- *Green Valley News*, “Town Council opposes I-11 route through neighborhoods,” Aug. 8, 2021, [https://www.gvnews.com/news/town-council-opposes-i-11-route-through-neighborhoods/article\\_58858660-fad0-11eb-9e12-5f164e0cf957.html](https://www.gvnews.com/news/town-council-opposes-i-11-route-through-neighborhoods/article_58858660-fad0-11eb-9e12-5f164e0cf957.html)
- *Arizona Daily Star*, “Tim Steller's opinion: Avra Valley freeway idea just won't die,” July 7, 2021, [https://tucson.com/news/local/tim-stellers-opinion-avra-valley-freeway-idea-just-wont-die/article\\_8a55a990-eb21-11eb-9f6e-938f6b41aafe.html](https://tucson.com/news/local/tim-stellers-opinion-avra-valley-freeway-idea-just-wont-die/article_8a55a990-eb21-11eb-9f6e-938f6b41aafe.html)

## **2.3 Study Website**

The study website, [www.i11study.com/Arizona](http://www.i11study.com/Arizona), was updated on July 16, 2021, to reflect the current project status, post the Final Tier 1 EIS document and the Interactive EIS, provide an online webform for feedback, provide an interactive map and other graphics, and provide project team contact information during the review period.

## **2.4 GovDelivery Notices/News Releases**

The announcement marking the availability of the Final Tier 1 EIS was distributed by ADOT on July 16, 2021 via GovDelivery e-mail distribution and a news release. The GovDelivery notification was distributed to more than 40,000 recipients. GovDelivery distributes information to members of the public who subscribe to the I-11 contact list or news release contact list, or provided their e-mail address in previous public outreach efforts for the project. The news release was distributed to statewide media and was posted to the ADOT website and the I-11 Study website. A second GovDelivery notice was distributed on August 12, 2021, with a reminder that the public review period would close on August 16, 2021.

Social media posts on ADOT’s Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn pages provided additional notification to the public about the availability of the Final Tier 1 EIS and the 30-day public review period.

The GovDelivery email alerts and news releases can be found in Attachment 2.



## **2.5 Repositories (including Title VI)**

Hard copies of the Final Tier 1 EIS document were available to review at 21 repository locations throughout the study area, as listed below. Electronic files for the documents and all appendices were provided via USB jump drive. Each repository location was provided with an informational staff letter that provided information about what it means to be a repository and directed repository staff to refer any questions related to the study or the document to the I-11 study team. A copy of all items included in the repository distribution is included in Attachment 3.

Each repository location was provided with one copy of the Final Tier 1 EIS, consisting of two bound volumes of the main report body and a portion of Appendix E7, Section 106 Consultation Summary and Programmatic Agreement; six copies of a letter detailing procedures for the public to follow in requesting Title VI or Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations; one USB jump drive with the electronic document files, affixed to the bound volume in a pocket; and one user survey to gather information on hardcopy usage, clipped to the back cover of the bound copy.

### **2.5.1 General Public**

- Wickenburg – Wickenburg Town Hall, 155 North Tegner Street, Suite A
- Wickenburg – Wickenburg Public Library, 164 East Apache Street
- Surprise – Northwest Regional Library, 16089 North Bullard Avenue
- Buckeye – Buckeye Public Library/Downtown Branch, 310 North 6th Street
- Buckeye – Buckeye City Hall, 530 East Monroe Avenue
- Phoenix – Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 North Central Avenue
- Goodyear – Goodyear Library, 14455 West Van Buren Street, C-101
- Rainbow Valley – Buckeye Valley Fire District/Station 326, 19937 West Arlington Road
- Hidden Valley/Maricopa – Thunderbird Fire Station, 12356 North Ralston Road
- Maricopa – Maricopa Public Library (Pinal County Library District), 18160 North Maya Angelou Drive
- Casa Grande – Main Library, 449 North Drylake Street
- Gila Bend – Gila Bend Library, 777 North Logan Avenue
- Eloy – Eloy Santa Cruz Library, 1000 North Main Street
- Marana – Picture Rocks Fire District/Station 121, 7341 North Sandario Road
- Marana – Town of Marana Municipal Complex, 11555 West Civic Center Drive



- Tucson – Flowing Wells Library, 1730 West Wetmore Road
- Tucson – Joel D. Valdez Main Library, 101 North Stone Avenue
- Tucson – Richard Elías-Mission Public Library, 3770 South Mission Road
- Sahuarita – Sahuarita Town Offices, 375 West Sahuarita Center Way
- Green Valley – Joyner-Green Valley Library, 601 North La Cañada Drive
- Nogales – Nogales-Rochlin Library, 518 North Grand Avenue

Additionally, the public could order and purchase a printed hard copy of all or part of the Final Tier 1 EIS at the following locations:

- Wickenburg – Wickenburg Kwikprint, 177 West Wickenburg Way, Suite B | 928.684.7229
- Buckeye – The Limit Printing Solutions, Inc., 108 North 4th Street | 623.374.4303
- Phoenix – AlphaGraphics, 2120 East Camelback Road | 602.263.0122
- Phoenix – Graphic Ideals, 4631 East Thomas Road | 602.318.4084
- Maricopa – Impressive Imaging, 44480 West Honeycutt Road, Suite 102 | 520.568.3098
- Casa Grande – International Minute Press, 973 East Cottonwood Lane, Suite 105 | 520.208.2516
- Marana – FedEx, 8150 North Cortaro Road | 520.572.8345
- Tucson – FedEx, 2607 East Speedway Boulevard | 520.795.7796
- Green Valley – UPS Store, 190 West Continental Road, Suite 216 | 520.625.9311

## **2.5.2 Tribal**

The Final Tier 1 EIS was made available for review in the following locations for tribal members:

- Ak-Chin Indian Community Library
- Pascua Yaqui Tribe Administration Building
- Tohono O’odham Nation Planning & Economic Development Department

Based on coordination with the tribes in advance of the publications of the Final Tier 1 EIS, these locations were not included in the newspaper advertisements’ list of repositories.



### 3 AGENCY OUTREACH

A letter notifying Cooperating and Participating Agencies, tribes, and Section 106 consulting parties of the Final Tier 1 EIS document availability for review and correspondence details was sent via email on July 15, 2021. A distribution list and a copy of the letter can be found in Attachment 4.

Hard copies of the Final Tier 1 EIS were provided to Cooperating Agencies and Tribal stakeholders upon request. Table 1 lists agency coordination activities and Tribal engagement that occurred after the release of the Final Tier 1 EIS in July 2021.

**Table 1. Agency Coordination and Tribal Engagement**

Date	Tribal and/or Agency Engagement Activity	Purpose and Outcomes
Monthly, July – November 2021	Cooperating Agency Meetings and/or E-mail Updates	Convene FHWA, ADOT, and cooperating agencies to discuss study status, coordinate on related studies and projects or pertinent issues, and review draft study materials
July 15, 2021	Meeting with the Four Southern Tribes	Overview of the Final Tier 1 EIS public review period and Preferred Alternative.
August 6, 2021	Letter response to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe	Letter responding to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe's request for government-to-government consultation
August 13, 2021	Meeting with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe	Government-to-government consultation

### 4 FINAL TIER 1 EIS PUBLIC REVIEW METHODS

Several methods were available to agency stakeholders and members of the public to submit correspondence on the Final Tier 1 EIS, including mail, telephone, and online through the following methods:

- Bilingual Project Information Line: 1.844.544.8049
- Study Email: [I11Study@azdot.gov](mailto:I11Study@azdot.gov)
- Study Website: [www.i11study.com/Arizona](http://www.i11study.com/Arizona)
- U.S. Mail: I-11 Tier 1 EIS Study Team, c/o ADOT Communications, 1655 W. Jackson St. Mail Drop 126F, Phoenix, AZ 85007

A thematic summary of correspondence received following the release of the Final Tier 1 EIS is provided in Section 7 of the Record of Decision.



## **ATTACHMENT 1 Newspaper Tear Sheets**





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# Mostrando liderazgo educativo

Alberto Esparza Si Se Puede Foundation en Prensa Arizona Live

Redacción

Un invitado muy especial estará con nosotros en la edición de Prensa Arizona Live del 15 de julio, se trata de Alberto Esparza fundador y presidente de la Fundación Si Se Puede.

Alberto empezó con la Fundación Si Se Puede en 1993. Es nativo de Arizona y pudo ver como un adulto joven la alta tasa de deserción de los estudiantes de minorías. Como él también luchó para continuar su educación y obtener un título universitario; se hizo evidente que su enfoque estaba en el área de los servicios sociales.

Durante los últimos veinticinco años, Alberto ha guiado a la fundación para convertirse en un constructor de puentes y líder en la provisión de programas comunitarios que mejoran la calidad de vida y fortalecen las comunidades, familias y jóvenes en Phoenix y el Este del



Alberto Esparza fundador y presidente de la Fundación Si Se Puede.

Valle. Alberto es muy visible en las comunidades de bajos ingresos dentro de Chandler, escuchando las necesidades de los residentes y brindando programas que empoderan a los niños y las familias para enriquecer sus vidas al participar en programas como STEM/Robotics, Scholars Program y otros programas ofrecidos por Si Se Puede.

Bajo el liderazgo de Alberto durante 25 años, aproximadamente 20,000 jóvenes y residentes de la comunidad pasaron por

las puertas de la Fundación Si Se Puede y se han ido con una experiencia que les cambió la vida. Alberto se enorgullece de servir a las poblaciones desatendidas y espera expandir los Programas STEM / Robótica y Académicos a otras comunidades en Arizona.

El carisma y el ingenio de Alberto ha abierto las puertas a oportunidades ilimitadas para alentar a las comunidades a ser más activas en brindar a los niños las herramientas necesarias para tener éxito.

## El taller del ¡Fua! La importancia del agua



Azianna Díaz, 9 años

Soy Azianna Díaz, gracias Prensa Arizona por darme la oportunidad de escribir por segunda ocasión para tan importante medio de comunicación en el estado. Hola a todos los lectores.

Hoy aprenderemos sobre la utilidad ahorro, y estado del agua.

¿Qué es el agua? El agua es una sustancia líquida sin sabor, olor ni color que se encuentra en la naturaleza y es útil para todos los seres vivos.

¿Dónde encontramos el agua? El agua la encontramos en ríos, lagos, arroyos, y mares.

El agua dulce se usa para la agricultura en un 70% un 15% en la industria y el otro 15% es para uso doméstico.

¿Sabías que 3 cuartas partes de nuestro planeta son de agua? Por eso a nuestro planeta donde vivimos se le llama planeta azul y por eso debemos cuidarla y mantenerla muy limpia y eso incluye mantener libre de desechos y basura nuestros ríos y mares.

El agua siempre se está moviendo cada día que el sol sale y calienta nuestro planeta, inicia un maravilloso viaje para cada gotita que se encuentra en nuestro planeta en forma de vapor que no vemos cuando sube a la atmósfera y cuando se enfría forma las nubes: a esta parte se le llama condensación.

Una vez que el agua se ha condensado y convertido en nube, continúa su largo viaje y con la ayuda del viento, las nubes pueden viajar a muchos lugares; las nubes en realidad están formadas de millones de pequeñas gotitas y cuando estas nubes van creciendo se llenan de mucho agua.

El agua regresa a la tierra entonces en forma de lluvia o nieve y gracias a este ciclo, tenemos ríos y lagos; también hay agua que se filtra en la tierra y forma corrientes de agua subterránea y toda el agua sigue viajando hasta llegar al mar.

Seamos todos guardianes de nuestro planeta y cuidemos el agua.

Se despide Azianna Díaz, reportera del Taller del Fua

# El Consulado Mexicano, en acción

Jorge Mendoza Yescas, Cónsul General de México en Phoenix, en Prensa Arizona Live

Redacción

Para platicar sobre las últimas novedades en los servicios del Consulado General de México en Phoenix, estará en la edición de Prensa Arizona Live del jueves 15 de julio a Jorge Mendoza Yescas.

Cabe recordar que el Senado mexicano aprobó el nombramiento de Jorge Mendoza Yescas como Cónsul de México en Phoenix en el año 2019.

Yescas es miembro del Servicio Exterior Mexicano (SEM) desde 2013. Estudió la licenciatura en derecho por la Universidad de Sonora y tiene grado de maestría en Administración Pública por la Universidad Sul Ross de Texas.

Dentro de su experiencia consular, se ha desempeñado como Cónsul de documentación y asuntos jurídicos en el Consulado General de México en Vancouver, Cónsul de Protección en el Consulado de México en Tucson y Jefe del área de Administración y Recursos Humanos en el Consulado de México en Presidio, Texas.



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El Departamento de Transporte de Arizona en coordinación con la Administración Federal de Carreteras, anuncia el 16 de Julio de 2021 como la fecha de publicación de la Etapa 1 Final de la Declaración de Impacto Ambiental y la Sección Preliminar 4 (f) Evaluación (Etapa Final 1 EIS por sus siglas en inglés), iniciando el período de 30 días para la revisión del público.

La porción Final 1 del proceso EIS conducida de acuerdo con la Ley Nacional de Reglamentos sobre el Medio Ambiente, identifica un Corredor Alternativo Preferido para el propuesto corredor 1-11 entre Nogales y Wickenburg.

### REVISE EL DOCUMENTO FINAL DE LA PORCION EIS 1

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# Club Teams thrive during spring and summer 2021

Story by R. Peters, photos submitted

Playing a club team sport is a very dedicated venture.

With the pandemic, many were unable to play club sports in 2020, but 2021 has been a different story. We are featuring three Ak-Chin athletes who have been playing club sports for some time, all have been very dedicated and have devoted parents who support their love of the game.

Eliza Santiago will be a senior for Maricopa high school. She is the daughter of Albertino and Leticia Santiago.

Eliza played club volleyball with Maricopa Power 16. She has been playing club volleyball for many years, as a setter and outside hitter.

I started playing volleyball with copper sky in summer of 2016, I was 13 years old. The one thing I liked about volleyball when I first started was that it was an indoor sport, I didn't have to go outside to play in the AZ heat."

Eliza travelled to Las Vegas with her team to participate in the Jam On It Tournament at West Gate Resort and Casino, April 17-18.

Eliza shared about her season. "Most memorable moment from this year was going to Las Vegas to play in the Jam on it tournament and getting second place in the silver division. We also got 3rd place playing in APL tournament. Both tournaments were with Maricopa Power."

Eliza is playing summer volleyball at Maricopa high school and Aspire, to get ready for the 2021-2022 season. She has learned a lot and has had

fun along the way, "playing volleyball, it's fun once you learn the rotation, the calls and getting better each year with serving, setting and also getting to meet new people and also winning."

Myles Peters, who plays 3rd base and pitcher for his 13U AZ Snipers club baseball team played in the Triple Crown SlumpBuster Tournament in Omaha, Nebraska during the college World Series. Dubbed the "World's Largest Youth Baseball Tournament", it has brings families together to make memories and celebrate the great game of baseball.

"Myles' played teams from Omaha, Kansas and California. They went 0-4 but played against great competition across country." Shared Myles' mom Martina Peters. There were 68 teams for 13U bracket.

Myles enjoyed the opportunity to attend a college World Series game. He and a few of his teammates were showcased on the Jumbotron twice. He also liked attending the festival night where all teams gathered to trade pins, do obstacle courses and watch fireworks and burning of bats.

Myles is the son of Brandon and Martina Peters.

Emily Peters, Myles' big sister, plays left-field and 2nd base for her 16U softball club DNC Bandits.

Last week they went to the Colorado Sparklers Tournament in Denver, CO., along with 144 teams in the 16U Sparkler Open Division. "Emily's team went 4-4 in Colorado and were given



Eliza and coach Morgan Peters at Jam On It tourney.



Eliza Santiago (#5) Maricopa Power 16 club volleyball.



Myles Peters (top row, far right) with his 13U AZ Snipers.



Myles cranks one outfield.



Emily holds her bunt stance.



Emily Peters (top row, far right) and her 16U DNC Bandits club softball team.

3rd place in their bracket." Martina shared.

There were over 500 college coaches at the tournament, providing a great opportunity for players to showcase their talent and start their recruitment process. Emily also attended an elite college camp day that BYU softball

hosted, providing more opportunity to hone her skills and work with college coaches.

Emily just enjoys playing softball. She has played club for many years, and worked very hard to play varsity her freshman year at Maricopa high school. She appreciates

the opportunity to travel with her team. She also would like to thank all her family members for coming to see her play in Colorado, all grandparents and uncles.

Emily and her 16U DNC Bandits, are playing in the Triple Crown World Series in San Diego this weekend.



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within Community Lands (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda; LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Willard Antone III; Naomi Bebo; Ian Shavitz  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

7. Gila River Indian Community Department of Tribal Programs and Administration Audit Reporting Package ending September 30, 2021 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation to accept)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller, Chris Tyhurst, Wesley Benally, Elizabeth Bohnee, Mike Jacobs  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

8. Gila River Health Care & The Caring House FY20 External Audit Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation to accept; HSSC concurs

Presenters: Chris Tyhurst, Colaine Curtis, Pauline Tang, Board of Directors, Judith Roth, Max Haake, Dr. Anthony Santiago

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE  
9. Letter of Resignation (ESC accepts the letter of resignation and forwards to Council to declare the vacancy and to fill the vacancy at the next Council meeting)

Presenter: James De La Rosa  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION, DECLARE THE VACANCY AND APPOINT AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

10. Governor's 6th Annual Education Summit Report (ESC motioned to forward to Council under New Business as FYI)

Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Chas Damo, Sienna Whittington, Jeffery Thornburg, Anthony Gray, Jennifer Hinton  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

11. FYI - Loan Product - COVID Mortgage Catchup Loan (EDSC forwards to Council as FYI)

Presenter: Teresa Mandelin  
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA MINUTES  
1. June 4, 2021 (Special)  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE  
2. June 18, 2021 (Special)  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE  
3. June 25, 2021 (Special)  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
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ADJOURNMENT  
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Anika Evans

LOCAL STUDENT EVELYN J ENOS RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR

Desert Vista High School student recognized for superior academic achievement by The National Society of High School Scholars

ATLANTA, GA-June 28, 2021 - The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) today announced student Evelyn J Enos from Sacaton, AZ., has been selected to become a member of the esteemed organization. The Society recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship and community commitment. The announcement was made by NSHSS Co-founder and President James W. Lewis.

"On behalf of NSHSS and our co-founder Claes Nobel, a member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes, I am honored to recognize the hard work, passion and commitment that Evelyn has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," said Lewis. "Evelyn is now a member of a unique community of scholars - a community that represents our very best hope for the future."

"We are proud to provide lifetime membership to young scholars to support their growth and development," stated Lewis. "We help students like Evelyn build on their academic success by connecting them with learning experiences and resources to help prepare them for college and meaningful careers."

NSHSS members automatically become lifetime members at the time of their initial membership. Each step along the way - from high school to

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Formed in 2002 by James W. Lewis and Claes Nobel, member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes, the National Society of High School Scholars recognizes academic excellence at the high school level and helps to advance the goals and aspirations of high-achieving students through unique learning experiences, scholarships, internships, international study, and peer networks. Currently there are more than 1,700,000 members in over 170 countries. To help us further efforts that provide students with continued opportunity, please acknowledge NSHSS in any press release mentions by providing a resource link to www.nshss.org. For more information about NSHSS visit www.nshss.org.

Gila Crossing Community School 4665 W. Pecos Rd. Laveen, AZ 85339

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**Bus Driver Applicants must:**  
Possess a High School Diploma or the equivalency Certificate  
Possess current CDL and a Student Transportation Certification.  
Pass a regular physical, visual, and hearing examination.

Must be alert, careful, and possess the ability to maintain emotional calm in periods of emergency. Be First Aid/ CPR Certified.

Possess a valid Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card (IVP Card)

Must possess a valid food handler's card when necessary

**Bus Monitor Applicants Must:**  
Possess a High School Diploma

or the equivalency Certificate  
Demonstrate working knowledge of monitoring children

Be First Aid/CPR Certified  
Possess a valid Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card (IVP Card)

**Cultural Assistant Applicants Must:**

Possess a High School Diploma or the equivalency Certificate

Be First Aid/CPR Certified

Possess a valid Arizona Driver's License

Possess a valid Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card (IVP Cat) Knowledge of Language and Gila River Indian Community is preferred

**Agricultural Assistant:**  
Possess a High School Diploma or the equivalency Certificate Be First Aid/ CPR Certified

Possess a Valid Arizona Driver's

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\*\* All applicants must have the Ability to successfully pass a pre employment drug test and extensive FBI background check.

**Contact: Karen McQueen, Human Resources (520) 550-4834 Ext. 246 or (602) 738-0505**



**Submitted by**  
Rolinda Perez & Family

**Amira L Perez**  
Arizona Virtual Academy  
Continuing to 9th grade at AVA.  
Amira has gone from 4th grade to 8th grade with AVA 9K-12). She loves

it so much, that she wants to continue through high school. I'm so proud of her. I've been her learning coach along side her for years. And I too, am going back to school. - Rolinda Perez.

Court Notices

**In the Matter of:** J.A.  
**Docket Number:** JC-2020-0205-JC

**Parent(s):** DESTINY DAVIS; ARNOLDO RICARDO MANUEL; RICK MANUEL

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**Answer/Response Hearing:** -  
**father DATE:** September 9, 2021  
**TIME:** 11:00 AM

**Answer/Response Hearing:** -  
**mother DATE:** August 3, 2021  
**TIME:** 10:00 AM

**LOCATION:**  
AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI  
721 West Seed Farm Road  
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**In the Matter of:** A. Minors  
**Docket Number:** JC-2020-0047-JC, JC-2020-0048-JC

**Parent:** LARISSA AMAVISCA AND MELVIN NATANI

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**Answer/Response Hearing:** -  
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**In the Matter of:** D.H.  
**Docket Number:** JC-2020-0093-JC

**Parents:** CYNDELL JACKSON  
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**In the Matter of:** L.B.  
**Docket Number:** JC-2019-0142-JC

**Parent(s):** ANTHONY THOMAS  
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**Answer/Response Hearing:** -  
**DATE:** October 14, 2021  
**TIME:** 11:00 AM

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**JC-2019--0142 DATE:** September 9, 2021  
**TIME:** 11:30 AM

**LOCATION:**  
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**In the Matter of:** Nish  
**Docket Number:** JC-2020-0001-JC, JC-2020-0002-JC, JC-2020-0003-JC

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3 Del 16 al 22 de julio del 2021

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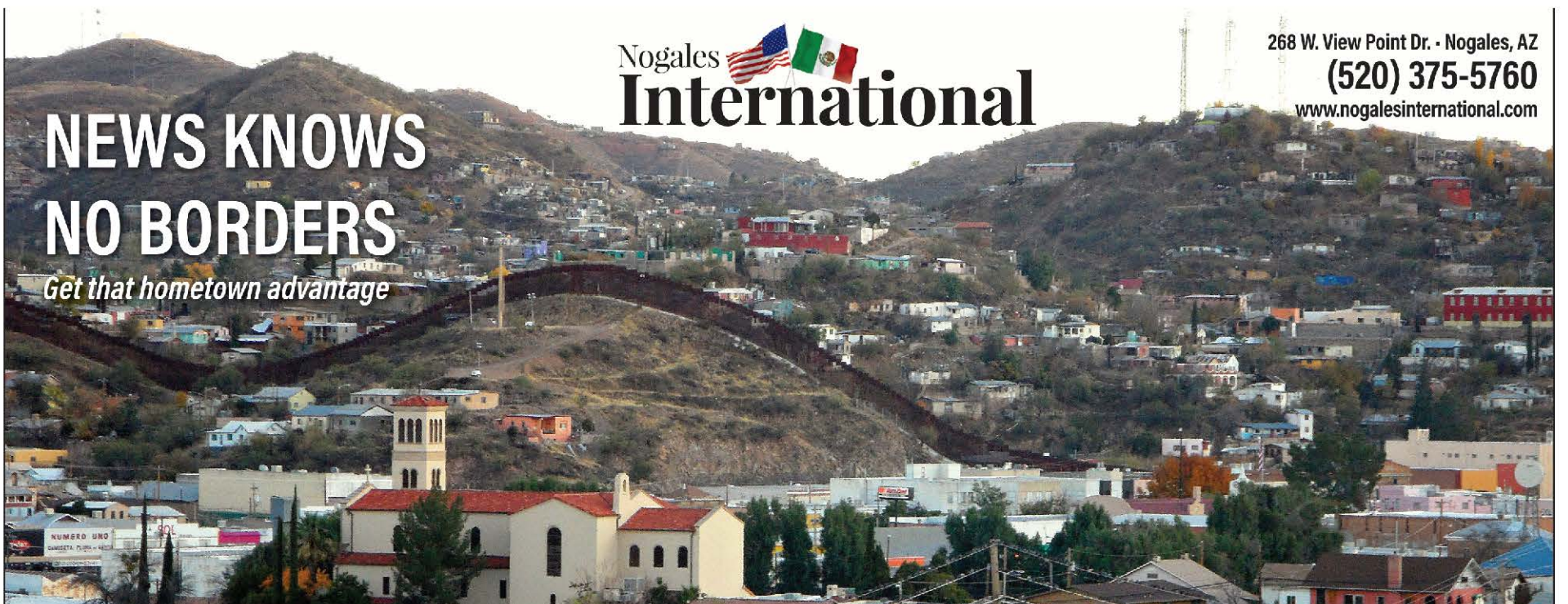


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## LIBRARIES

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## A 'BOOK-LINE'

While the COVID-19 pandemic has restricted community access to public libraries, Green Valley has pioneered yet again.

On her assigned week, Duchaine goes to the library to restock the book supply, but lately she's had to remove books, instead.

"One time, about three or four months ago, I got there and someone had just stuffed it with books," she said. "I could hardly move them. They also left a big bag beside it."

Duchaine is not the only

one who has seen a jump in the number of donations.

"We noticed one thing: that people have been contributing more books," James said. "I talked to one volunteer who said that sometimes the boxes were so stuffed lately that they actually had to remove some books."

Butler also said that donations have increased during COVID-19.

"The donations have dropped off a little since, but we are getting more books than our little 'house' can hold, which is a good thing," he said.

Other locations also receive donations from visitors and residents.

Diane Farone, a steward at the free library in Amado, said that because the library's location, between the food bank and the United Community Health Care Clinic, some employees donate children's books and magazines.

With book donations increasing, some stewards and coordinators believe this is a sign that the libraries are an outreach for the community.

"For people who may not be Green Valley or Sahuarita library patrons, I think the free library probably has been kind of a lifeline," Duchaine said.

Others don't quite see the Little Free Libraries as a lifeline, but more of pub-

lic access to books.

"I'm not sure the word 'lifeline' is correct, but the free library did provide a place to get books when schools closed, county libraries closed, and the White Elephant was shut down," Butler said. "Our small library provided a place to pick up a book or books for both adults and children."

Laird also has a similar point of view.

"People have told me that they enjoyed having it during the pandemic," Laird said. "I wouldn't call it a lifeline, but it's a book-line."

Whether the libraries are lifelines or something much simpler, they all have the same goal: to sponsor

reading in the community and children.

## THE GOAL

The Little Free Library organization looks to inspire children to read and to expand book access to children, and the library coordinators in Green Valley have not lost sight of the goal.

"I want to get books in the home of everyone, but mainly children who learn to enjoy reading, even before they go to school," James said. "Children who enjoy books anyway and see books in the home, and realize that reading is pleasurable and fun."

The hope to help children learn to read and enjoy read-

ing is not lost on Duchaine.

"To me, the children's books are the most valuable and interesting, because we so want to encourage reading among kids," she said.

Laird has a different goal in mind, which is to simply be a good neighbor.

"I just think it's a nice neighborly thing to do, provide books," she said.

At the SCVUMC library, Butler said that their main goal is to provide books to those who can't afford them.

"If we can help one child or adult increase their reading skills, we have made a difference."

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## Cummard continues family legacy at Mesa High

BY DREW SCHOTT  
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Wherever he is on the court, Talbot Cummard does not need to look far to find his biggest fans.

They sit in the middle of the front row, inches away from the hardwood, and hold no signs. Instead, Cummard's family — especially his uncles — loudly cheer him on or criticize the referees.

"It makes you want to go make a big play," Cummard said.

He did just that against Gilbert in a summer league matchup. Cummard threw up a shot at the end of the first quarter and beat the buzzer as his shot fell through the net. The rising senior could hear his family screaming from the stands.

Cummard's fanbase may seem similar to many high school basketball players across the country. However, his is unique in that the Cummard family has a long-standing legacy at Mesa High School.

Talbot's father, brother, six uncles and two cousins attended the school, most of whom played for the Jackrabbits. One of these relatives, Lee Cummard, was the 2004 Arizona Player of the Year en route to a collegiate career at Brigham Young University where he is now an assistant coach for the Cougars' women's basketball team. One of Talbot's cousins, Parker, graduated last season, while Conway is a sophomore at Mesa and will be his teammate on Varsity for a second consecutive season.

"It's just a basketball family," Mesa head coach Scott Stansberry said. "They love basketball, competitors and there's been some big names that come from that family. (Talbot) is the next one."

Heading into his senior season, Talbot is poised for a bigger role following the graduation of Mesa's top three leading scorers from the 2020-21 campaign. He



Mesa senior Talbot Cummard is continuing his long family legacy as a Jackrabbit, as he is preparing to become one of the leaders for the basketball program. (Zach BonDurant/Tribune Contributor)

averaged 6.4 points and 1.9 rebounds per game during a junior season in which he largely played a defensive role.

Now, the situation has changed, leading Talbot — one of Mesa's leaders — to spend the offseason attacking the basket and shooting the ball in anticipation of increased responsibility on the offensive end.

However, some familiarity will remain. A family member, Conway, will still don the purple-and-yellow jersey beside him. At one point, Stansberry had four Cummards on his 2019-20 Varsity roster: Talbot, Parker, Cooper and Tyton — Talbot's brother.

Talbot greatly enjoys being able to walk off the court after practice and see his brother or cousins at home. He feels they can relate to each other really well and have some great conversations.

tant from 2011-2015.

Mesa's current coach said he has received emails and calls from colleges expressing interest in Talbot. Stansberry believes the six-foot-four guard/forward will continue playing at the next level. He first saw Talbot play as a second grader at summer basketball camps and quickly recognized his competitiveness and a desire to win in tag and knockout.

Arriving at Mesa after coaching at Apache Junction High School, his first season with the Jackrabbits coincided with Talbot's freshman year.

"You can see it from... (Talbot) stepping on the court as a freshman," Stansberry said. "I knew he was going to be a big-time player for our program. You can pick those kids

out and know who's gonna be special right away. You just know."

Now it is Talbot's time to lead the Jackrabbits. Guard Steven Cervantes (16.1 points), forward Tanner Crawford (13.0 points) and guard Jimari Grayson (11.8 points) have graduated. Mesa has a lot of momentum coming off a 16-2 season, especially as Talbot — the reigning Defensive Player of the Year — returns.

He is not only ready for the responsibility on both sides of the ball. He is ready to continue the Cummard family legacy.

"Every game, you got eyes on you," Talbot said. "You're gonna hear about if you play good or play bad after so it's a lot of pressure. But it's really fun to see them after a big play or a big stop when you need some energy or motivation." ■

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## Chandler commits \$14 million to power Intel expansion

BY KEVIN KEAGAN  
Staff Writer

Salt River Project and Chandler have entered into a special agreement to ensure Intel will have enough electricity to power the \$20-billion expansion of its Ocotillo campus.

The city and SRP agreed last month to share some of the costs for extending a high-voltage transmission line through south Chandler to connect to the sprawling Ocotillo campus.

If approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission, the line will run from the Schrader substation near Ocotillo Road and Exeter Street to the Henshaw substation near Price and Germann roads. The route would run beneath Fulton Elementary School, snake around Sneiderg Sports Complex, and cut through a housing subdivision before reaching the Intel.

Chandler will share in some of the costs by committing \$14.5 million of the city's funds for relocating utility lines that may interfere with the new route. About half of the city's \$14-million share will be reimbursed through funds allotted by the SRP municipal aesthetic program, which annually disperses funds for municipalities' utility infrastructure improvements.

Chandler plans to obtain grant funding to cover the remaining half of its cost for the transmission line.

"The city will also seek additional funding opportunities to offset the costs associated with the utility work through the state or other programs intended to help support public infrastructure projects required for semiconductor manufacturing," a city memo states.

The goal of forging a deal with SRP is to facilitate one of Arizona's biggest economic development projects, while still ensuring surrounding neighborhoods won't see their streets uprooted with new infrastructure to support Intel's growth.

Intel in March announced plans to build two new fabrication facilities at its south Chandler campus over the next three years.

The development will create 3,000 permanent high-tech, high-wage jobs over 3,000 construction jobs and approximately 15,000 local long-term jobs in support companies, according to the tech giant.

Its investment is part of its "IDM 2.0" initiative - a major evolution of an "integrated device manufacturing" model.

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This map shows the route of the new high-voltage transmission line SRP would be building to fuel Intel's two upcoming fab plants. (City of Chandler)

## Gila Community's new casino plan sparks neighbors' concerns

BY PAUL MARTINAK  
Executive Editor

The Gila River Indian Community's announcement of plans to build a fourth casino has sparked concerns among some south Chandler homeowners about possible traffic problems.

The community earlier this month announced that the new casino will be built on tribal land south of the intersection of Gilbert Road and the Hunt Highway and will take about two years to build.

The announcement triggered calls to the city and social media chatter about the need for road infrastructure improvements in the area.

But if roads are improved, there appears to be one certainty: Chandler won't be paying for any.

Community Governor Stephen Lewis said the new casino "will bring additional revenue, security, and critical services to Community members. In addition, we anticipate being able to add hundreds of new jobs that Community members can take advantage of, and we expect that many of those will be filled by Community members, just as was the case at the Vee Quiva Casino."

The GIC announcement had few details about the casino plan, but Chandler City Councilman OD Harris told the Santan Sun News, "What I am hearing is 580 acres of land to be developed into a world-class casino, golf course and a



The new Gila River Indian Community casino is said to replicate the size of the tribe's Vee Quiva gambling palace that opened in late 2019. (Special to SantanSunNews)

hotel with spa amenities." And Harris added, "We are still working on learning the details of their master plan. The Native nation have been keeping things close to chest."

Those vague plans mean the new casino could be on par with the Wild Horse Pass complex in its current form. But that complex could undergo a radical expansion as the tribe is working

to create a 3,300-acre sports and entertainment complex that could rival the Talking Stick Entertainment District just south of Scottsdale. The first step toward that expansion was the construction this year of the new stadium for the Phoenix Rising soccer team.

The project lead, Sunbelt Holdings of Scottsdale is working with the tribe's development arm, Wild Horse Pass De-

velopment Authority, to build additional hotels, wellness and event centers, an outdoor amphitheater for concerts, sports facilities, outdoor recreation and parks, restaurants, retail establishments and an office park.

Sunbelt Holdings President John Graham told the Santan Sun News the

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Lake Powell to hit historic low

About 250 miles downstream from the Pollards’ property, the Colorado River becomes a massive reservoir, Lake Powell. The reservoir fills Glen Canyon, a maze of red rock on the Colorado Plateau. A lack of snowpack, warming temperatures in the Rocky Mountains upstream and relentless demands from agriculture and cities downstream are pushing the lake toward its lowest point since it was built in the 1960s.

Sheri Facinelli and her husband Randy Redford of Arvada, Colo. vacation at the recreation hot spot each year. A white bathtub ring looms high above the boats that rip across its surface.

The record low level means Glen Canyon Dam is already generating less hydroelectric power. It also forces boaters to be more aware of their surroundings — geologic features long kept underwater are emerging as the reservoir declines to a new historic low.

“Places where you’ve boated for 20 years and gone flying over, all of a sudden there’s big islands and rocks,” Facinelli said as she veered the couple’s speedboat into a narrow, winding side canyon.

“Plus as the canyons get narrower, then you’ve got to worry about traffic more. It’s more nerve-wracking,” she said.

An estimated 4.4 million people visited in 2019, spending more than \$420 million in nearby communities. But this year, several high-traffic paved boat ramps no longer reach the water. Current forecasts project Lake Powell to drop another 45 feet before next summer.

“You’ve got the same number of visitors using fewer launch ramps,” Facinelli said. “So you’re going to have longer lines, shorter tempers.”

Facinelli and her husband married on a Lake



Luke Runyon /For PinalCentral



A white bath tub ring lines the red rock walls of Lake Powell. The reservoir is approaching a historic low. At left, Clinton Meagher nails artificial turf into the ground at a Henderson, Nevada home. The Southern Nevada Water Authority provides a rebate for homeowners willing to swap out thirsty lawns.

“non-functional turf” in the Las Vegas area illegal. If a lawn is purely ornamental, like in a traffic circle, a median, at the entrance of a business park, or lining the landscaping of a high-end development, it has to go. Residential lawns, public parks and sports fields are exempt.

“If people aren’t walking on it and recreating on it, that’s a water use that this community can no longer afford,” said Colby Pellegrino, deputy general manager of the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

Pellegrino’s agency projects that nearly 4,000 acres of turf in the Las Vegas valley will be ripped out over the next five years.

“We live in a desert,” Pellegrino said. “We live in the driest metropolitan area in the United States, less than four inches of rain a year. It’s probably stuff that never should have been put in to begin with.”

Las Vegas already restricts lawns in new developments and pays existing homeowners to replace their yards. Unlike the water used for showers, toilets and dishwashers, which is treated and returned to the river, outdoor irrigation is a loss in the eyes of water officials.

“We are in a desert and grass is one of those high

off the lawn and into the street that catches the eye of Devyn Choltko, water waste investigator.

She pulls up in a car emblazoned with “Water Patrol” in block letters on its side, and yellow flashing lights affixed to the roof.

“There’s too much water leaving the property at the moment,” Choltko said. “So we’re going to get out of the car, throw our lights on and document the ‘spray and flow violation,’ is what we call it.”

Choltko works for the Las Vegas Valley Water District. Her phone captures a video of the offending sprinklers. She zooms in on the water leaving the property and emptying into a storm drain, narrating what she’s seeing. With the video logged as evidence, this gated community will earn an \$80 fine for its wasteful watering, Choltko said. Each subsequent fine will double.

Grass like this recently got a death sentence. This year, the Nevada legislature voted to declare so-called

Powell houseboat in 2001, in a “black bathing suit ceremony.” The two celebrate their anniversary at the reservoir each September, and have seen it rise and fall during the past two decades of variable snowpack.

They intend to continue the tradition this September, with another trip planned to their houseboat. It’s unclear if the lake will be high enough then to launch their speedboat from the paved ramp at the remote Hall’s Crossing Marina.

“This lake is all about water for the downstream states, for power generation and water for agriculture,” Facinelli said. “Those of us who love this lake for recreation, in the big scheme of things, we’re a byproduct or an afterthought.”

To conserve and grow, cities target lawns

Further downstream, in a Las Vegas gated community, the Colorado River’s water spurts out of a sprinkler and onto manicured grass. It’s the water spilling

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## I-11 DECLARACIÓN FINAL DE IMPACTO AMBIENTAL ETAPA 1 Y EVALUACIÓN PRELIMINAR DE LA SECCIÓN 4 (F) (ETAPA FINAL 1 EIS), Nogales a Wickenburg

El Departamento de Transporte de Arizona en coordinación con la Administración Federal de Carreteras, anuncia el 16 de Julio de 2021 como la fecha de publicación de la Etapa 1 Final de la Declaración de Impacto Ambiental y la Sección Preliminar 4 (f) Evaluación (Etapa Final 1 EIS por sus siglas en inglés), iniciando el período de 30 días para la revisión del público.

La porción Final 1 del proceso EIS conducida de acuerdo con la Ley Nacional de Reglamentos sobre el Medio Ambiente, identifica un Corredor Alternativo Preferido para el propuesto corredor 1-11 entre Nogales y Wickenburg.

### REVISE EL DOCUMENTO FINAL DE LA PORCIÓN EIS 1

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El borrador Porción 1 EIS fue publicado el 5 de Abril de 2019, y fue puesto a disposición para su revisión y comentario del 5 de Abril al 8 de Julio de 2019. Se llevaron a cabo seis reuniones públicas en Abril y Mayo de 2019 en Nogales, Tucson, Marana, Casa Grande, Buckeye y Wickenburg. El Registro de la Decisión (ROD por sus siglas en inglés), el documento de toma de decisión final preparado por la Administración Federal de Carreteras, se espera ser publicado más adelante en 2021 después de la revisión de la Porción Final 1 EIS. Este documento incluirá el Corredor Alternativo Seleccionado.

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# Available for Review

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### REVIEW THE FINAL TIER 1 EIS DOCUMENT

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# Interstate 11 Final Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement available for public reviewMain Header

*Interactive EIS version provides additional virtual tool for document review*

The Final Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement for the 280-mile Interstate 11 study corridor – stretching from Nogales to Wickenburg – is now available for public review.

After five years of study, technical analysis and input from communities and stakeholders, this publication of the I-11 Final Tier 1 EIS marks a milestone for the proposed corridor.

The Final Tier 1 EIS, including a Preliminary Section 4(f) Evaluation, is available at

[i11study.com/Arizona](http://i11study.com/Arizona). The website also lists locations throughout the study area where a hard copy of the Final Tier 1 EIS is available for review. The 30-day public review period runs through the close of business on Monday, Aug. 16. For information on how to submit a comment, visit the Contact Us page on the study website. That link is here: [i11study.com/Arizona/ContactUs.asp](http://i11study.com/Arizona/ContactUs.asp).

Prepared by the Arizona Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration, the Final Tier 1 EIS was completed in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. It outlines the Preferred Corridor Alternative, including a parallel analysis of the No-Build Alternative.

The Final Tier 1 EIS focuses on the 2,000-foot-wide Preferred Corridor Alternative and the changes that were made since the publication of the 2,000-foot-wide Recommended Corridor Alternative in the Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement in April 2019.

The Final Tier 1 EIS document is presented in a condensed format that avoids repetition of material from the Draft Tier 1 EIS. The Final Tier 1 EIS is a much shorter document, references the Draft Tier 1 EIS, and includes a complete overview of the project and its impacts on the environment. ADOT and FHWA decided to use the condensed format, in part, to streamline complex information as requested by several cooperating and participating agencies.

In addition to the Final Tier 1 EIS document that will be posted online and available as a hard copy document at designated repository locations, an Interactive EIS will also be available on the I-11 study website: [www.i11study.com/Arizona](http://www.i11study.com/Arizona). This is the first time that ADOT has published an Interactive EIS. It contains the same information as the traditional Final Tier 1 EIS document in an interactive and engaging format.

ADOT and FHWA listened to and read every public comment submitted during the Tier 1 study. The study team gave consideration to comments from the public and stakeholders during the Draft Tier 1 EIS 90-day public comment period from April 5, 2019 through July 8, 2019. ADOT and FHWA made changes to the corridor after the Draft Tier 1 EIS public comment process was complete. Appendix H of the Final Tier 1 EIS documents the comments received on the Draft Tier 1 EIS and provides responses to those comments. Appendix H can be found here:

[i11study.com/Arizona/Documents](http://i11study.com/Arizona/Documents).

The process to develop a Preferred Corridor Alternative for the Final Tier 1 EIS included technical analysis; coordination with study partners such as cooperating agencies, participating agencies and tribal governments; and the review and consideration of public input received at study milestones.

Once the 30-day public review period is complete for the Final Tier 1 EIS, ADOT and FHWA will work toward a Record of Decision (ROD). That document, which is scheduled to be published in late 2021, will identify a Selected Corridor Alternative or the No-Build Option. The ROD marks the end of the Tier 1 EIS process.

If a build corridor is selected at the end of the Tier 1 study, further Tier 2 studies and evaluations must take place before construction could be considered. The corridor would be narrowed to a highway alignment, which is about 400 feet wide. An alignment determining where I-11 could be built would be decided during a future phase of design and environmental studies. Currently there are no plans or funding available to initiate these Tier 2 studies.

The proposed I-11 is envisioned as a multi-use corridor that would provide a connection from Mexico to the Hoover Dam, connecting with I-11 in Nevada. This proposed statewide highway would improve Arizona's access to regional and international markets while opening up new opportunities for enhanced travel, mobility, trade, commerce, job growth and economic competitiveness. While the evaluation phase of this high-priority and high-capacity transportation corridor has begun,





funding for further studies, design and construction has not been identified.

In 2015, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, or FAST Act, formally designated I-11 in Arizona. The designation doesn't include funding but identifies I-11 as a high-priority corridor eligible for federal funding. I-11 is envisioned to include a combination of new and existing roadways.

For more information about I-11 and the Final Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement, visit

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## Reminder: Comments Due on Aug. 16 for the I-11 Final Tier 1 EIS Review Period

The 30-day review period for the Interstate 11 Final Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement will conclude on Monday, August 16. All comments are due by 11:59 p.m. on that date. The I-11 Final Tier 1 EIS document can be found at [www.i11study.com/Arizona](http://www.i11study.com/Arizona).

The I-11 study team has received requests for an extension to the current 30-day review period. The 30-day public review process is occurring in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the federal guidance and requirements for this Tier 1 study. Pursuant to NEPA, this is a review period and not a formal comment period. As a final document, the Interstate 11 Final Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement will be available for review indefinitely and is not anticipated to change.

Throughout the more than five-year environmental study process for the proposed I-11 facility from Nogales to Wickenburg, study team members from the Arizona Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration have listened to and heard the public during formal comment periods, public meetings and public hearings that were held throughout the 280-mile study corridor. All comments during this Tier 1 study have been documented as part of the study record.

Pursuant to NEPA, a formal public comment period was part of the I-11 Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement, which was published on April 5, 2019. This process included six public hearings throughout the 280-mile study corridor and a 90-day public comment period. Extensive public comment submissions during this period resulted in revisions to the corridor, which are reflected in the Final Tier 1 EIS that was published on July 16, 2021.

In reviewing the comments that have been submitted during the current Final Tier 1 EIS review period, the I-11 study team is looking for substantive issues that were not raised during the 90-day Draft Tier 1 EIS public outreach process. For all of these reasons, the Final Tier 1 EIS review period will remain at 30 days, concluding on August 16, 2021.

It is important to note that the I-11 Final Tier 1 EIS, as a planning-level decision document, focuses only on potential corridor locations for the 280 miles from Nogales to Wickenburg. For I-11 to advance as a construction project, several additional steps would be required. These steps would include NEPA approval, identifying funding, and conducting specific project-level Tier 2 NEPA studies of priority corridor segments. Based on need and purpose, these segments will focus on smaller and shorter sections of I-11 and not the entire corridor. At this time, no funding has

been identified to plan, design or construct any part of I-11, including any Tier 2 analysis. If funding becomes available for a Tier 2 study, that process also would include an extensive public comment period in accordance with NEPA. As such, opportunities for additional public involvement would be provided.

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July 15, 2021

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This packet includes:

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- 6 copies of 1 letter detailing procedures for the public to follow in requesting Title VI or Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations;
- 1 USB jump drive with the electronic document files, affixed to the bound volume in a pocket; and
- 1 User Survey to gather information on hard copy usage, clipped to the back cover of the bound copy.

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- Provide an area where people can view the document
- If possible, provide access to a public computer where the appendices USB drive can be viewed. If your facility cannot provide that access, the informational letter clipped to the front cover of the document will provide people with information about how to contact the project team to review or obtain appendices.
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July 15, 2021

The Arizona Department of Transportation welcomes your review of the Interstate 11 Corridor Final Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement and Preliminary Section 4(f) Evaluation, Nogales to Wickenburg.

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National Park Service	Karen	Frankenfeld		Regional Office in Colorado	12795 West Alameda Parkway	Lakewood	Colorado	80228
National Park Service, Saguaro National Park	Leah	McGinnis	Superintendent	Saguaro National Park	3693 South Old Spanish Trail	Tucson	Arizona	85730
National Park Service, Saguaro National Park	Adam	Springer	Resource Management Specialist	Saguaro National Park	P.O. Box 8067	Tumacacori	Arizona	85640
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U.S. Forest Service, Coronado National Forest	Kerwin	Dewberry	Forest Supervisor	Coronado National Forest	300 West Congress Street	Tucson	Arizona	85701





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Arizona State Land Department	Ruben	Ojeda	Manager	Rights of Way Section



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City of Buckeye	Scott	Zipprich	City Engineer	
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City of Casa Grande	Duane	Eitel	Traffic/Transportation Engineer	
City of Casa Grande	Larry	Rains	City Manager	
City of Eloy	Keith	Brown	Director of Public Works	
City of Eloy	Harvey	Krauss	City Manager	
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Pima Association of Governments	Jamison	Brown	Planning and Public Affairs Administrator	
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Pima County	Carmine	DeBonis	Deputy County Administrator	Public Works
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Santa Cruz County	Jesus	Valdez	Public Works Director	Public Works
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Western Area Power Administration	Melissa	Ardis	Natural Resources Specialist	Headquarters



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Dear Mr. Voyles:

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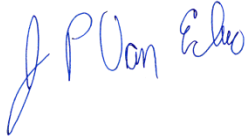
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I-11 Corridor Draft Tier 1 EIS  
Notice of Final Tier 1 EIS Availability

Major General Howard P. Purcell, Commander  
Arizona Air National Guard  
1700 East Valencia Road  
Tucson, Arizona 85706

SENT VIA E-MAIL TO [howard.p.purcell.nfg@mail.mil](mailto:howard.p.purcell.nfg@mail.mil)

Dear Major General Purcell:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) are pleased to announce that the Final Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement and Preliminary Section 4(f) Evaluation (Final Tier 1 EIS) for the Interstate 11 (I-11) Corridor will soon be available for public review. The Final Tier 1 EIS was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and is distributed for public review pursuant to NEPA, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and Section 4(f) of the US Transportation Act of 1966.

The Notice of Availability for the Final Tier 1 EIS is expected to be published in the Federal Register on July 16, 2021. The Final Tier 1 EIS will be available at:

<http://i11study.com/Arizona/Documents.asp>

There is a 30-day public review period after the release of the Final Tier 1 EIS (FEIS). During this review period, you may provide feedback on the Preferred Alternative and the contents of the FEIS. This is not a formal comment period, however, FHWA and ADOT will consider this additional feedback in its determination of the Selected Alternative in the Record of Decision (ROD).

If you would like to submit feedback on the Preferred Alternative and contents of the Final Tier 1 EIS, we request written comments by **August 16, 2021**. Please consolidate all comments from your agency into one official set of comments, and submit them to:

Email: [I11Study@azdot.gov](mailto:I11Study@azdot.gov)

Mail: I-11 Tier 1 EIS Study Team



c/o ADOT Communications  
1655 West Jackson Street  
Mail Drop 126F  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

The final draft Tier 1 Section 106 programmatic agreement (PA) was distributed to consulting parties on May 5, 2021 and consultation is ongoing.

For further questions about document access, the review period, or any other additional information, 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*.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and interest in the I-11 Corridor Tier 1 EIS.

Sincerely,

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Government to Government Request

Mr. Peter Yucupicio, Chairman  
Pascua Yaqui Tribe  
7474 S. Camino De Oeste  
Tucson, Arizona 85757

Dear Chairman Yucupicio:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) have received your request for Government-to-Government (G2G) Consultation on the Interstate 11 Final Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Preliminary Section 4(f) Evaluation and we agree to initiating this consultation process. In order to start this G2G consultation, we will be reaching out to your office to schedule a meeting.

The current 30-day public review process is occurring in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Pursuant to NEPA, this is a review period and not a formal comment period. Further since the document that is out for review is a Final Tier 1 EIS, it will be available for review indefinitely and not anticipated to change.

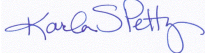
Throughout the over five year environmental study process for the proposed I-11 facility, study team members from the Arizona Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration have listened to and heard the public. The formal comment period was part of the Draft Tier 1 EIS process during which ADOT and the FHWA hosted six public hearings through the study corridor and provided over a 90 day comment period. These public outreach efforts resulted in revisions to the alignment based on the extensive comments received and are reflected in the Final Tier 1 EIS. The I-11 study team in reviewing comments being submitted during the current review period are looking for substantive issues that were not raised during the Draft Tier 1 EIS process. For these reasons, this review period will remain 30 days, concluding August 16, 2021.



In closing, it is important to note that the document currently under review is the Final Tier 1 EIS and focuses only on potential corridor locations for the 280 miles from Nogales to Wickenburg. In order for a construction project to advance, it would need project level NEPA approval and would need to go through a project level (Tier 2) analysis. This is anticipated to be completed through Tier 2 NEPA studies of segments with independent utility within the 280 miles. The Pascua Yaqui Tribe will be invited to participate in the Tier 2 NEPA studies when they are initiated. The FHWA is expected to issue its Record of Decision (ROD) for the Tier 1 EIS later in 2021. At this time, there is no funding for any Tier 2 NEPA studies that would consider potential I-11 roadway alignments and projects in the corridors studied in this document.

We look forward to meeting with you and further discussing this process. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Mr. Alan Hansen of FHWA Arizona Division at (602) 382-8964 or [alan.hansen@dot.gov](mailto:alan.hansen@dot.gov); or Mr. Jay Van Echo of ADOT I-11 Study Manager at (520) 388-4224 or [jvanecho@azdot.gov](mailto:jvanecho@azdot.gov).

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