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CORRIDOR STUDY

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Sonoran Corridor (State Route 410)
Tier 2 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
and Design Concept Report (DCR)

Public Scoping Meeting

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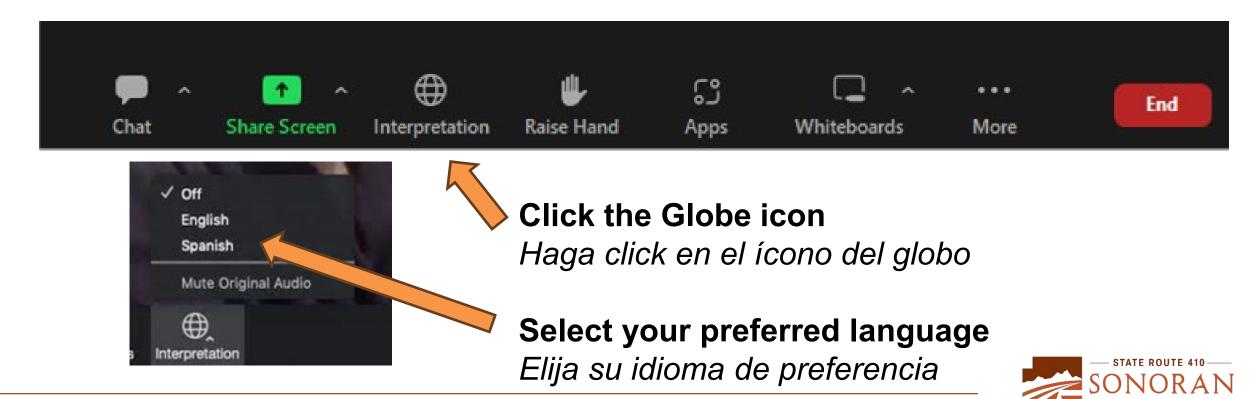


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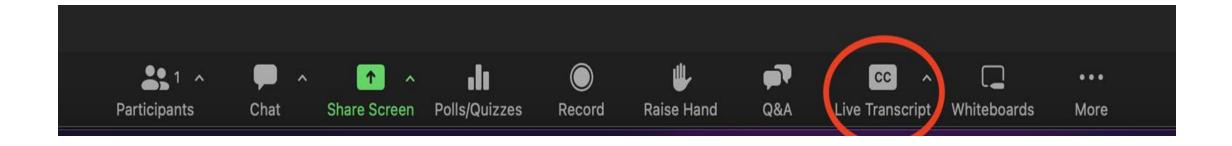
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Meeting Purpose

Sonoran Corridor Study Area and Selected Tier 1 Route



- Provide information/updates on the Sonoran Corridor Tier 2 EIS/DCR study
- Seek public input to be considered by the study team on the preliminary project purpose and need and preliminary range of alternatives
- Provide information on how to comment



Tier 2 Environmental Review Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires:

- Agencies to analyze, disclose, avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse environmental impacts for studies with federal involvement.
- Applicable federal agencies to review the proposed project's impacts and mitigation documented during the NEPA process.
- Public involvement activities to identify public concerns/controversy, and to solicit public feedback on environmental impacts of the proposed project.

A Tier 2 Environmental Impact Statement, under NEPA, will be prepared to evaluate potential impacts of the proposed project.



NEPA Disclosure

The environmental review, consultation and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being or have been carried out by ADOT pursuant to 23 USC 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated 06/25/2024 and executed by FHWA and ADOT.

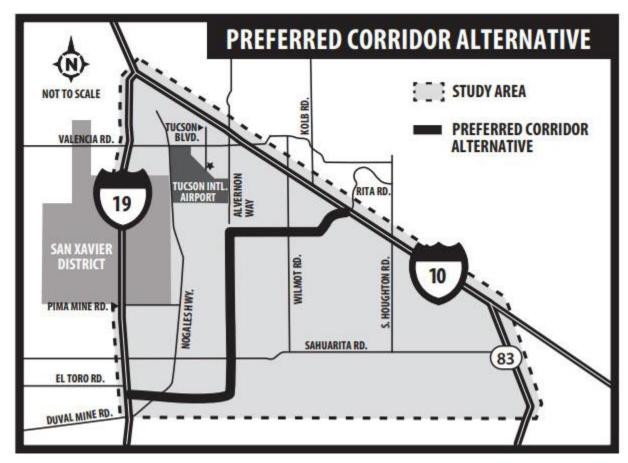




Background

- In 2021, ADOT completed a Tier 1
 EIS/DCR and issued a Record of
 Decision identifying the selected
 2,000-foot Sonoran Corridor route.
- Selected corridor is just over 20 miles
- Would provide an additional connection between I-19 and I-10.

Sonoran Corridor Study Area and Preferred Corridor Alternative





Tier 2 Study

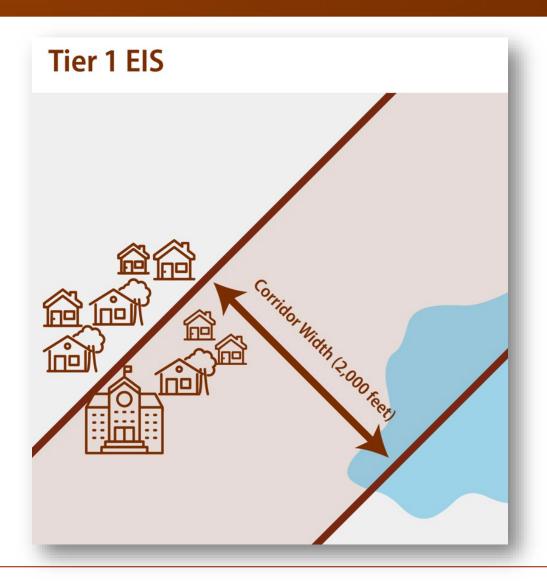
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ADOT has initiated the current Tier 2 study, which will refine the Sonoran Corridor from a 2,000-foot corridor to a proposed 400-foot freeway alignment and identify the location of interchanges and other features.



Tier 1 vs. Tier 2 Studies

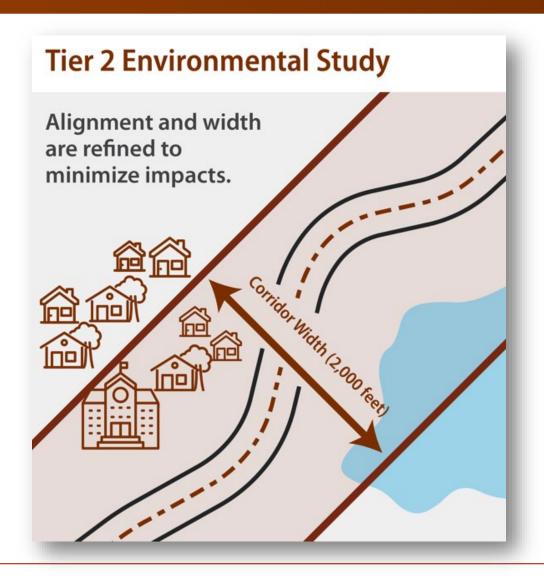


Tier 1 evaluates broad corridors in multiple locations, at a program level, within which a new transportation facility could be located.

Outcome: Select a corridor within which an alignment would be identified during Tier 2.



Tier 1 vs. Tier 2



Tier 2 evaluates design concepts for specific alignments within the corridor, such as 400 feet for a typical freeway alignment.

Outcome: Select an alignment and proceed to the next phase of the project if applicable.



Preliminary Purpose and Need

The Purpose and Need of the Sonoran Corridor was established during the Tier 1 EIS study process.

- Accommodate future travel demand associated with the forecast growth by affording better access throughout the study area.
- Provide an alternate direct connection between I-19 and I-10 south of Tucson International Airport that will reduce commercial and commuter travel times and cost.
- Improve post 2050 Level of Service (LOS) within the study area





Study Goals

During the current phase of the study, we are:

- Refining the preliminary Purpose and Need from Tier 1 for the proposed project
- Developing a preliminary range of alternatives for the selected Tier 1 corridor (including a No-Build, or "Do Nothing" alternative)

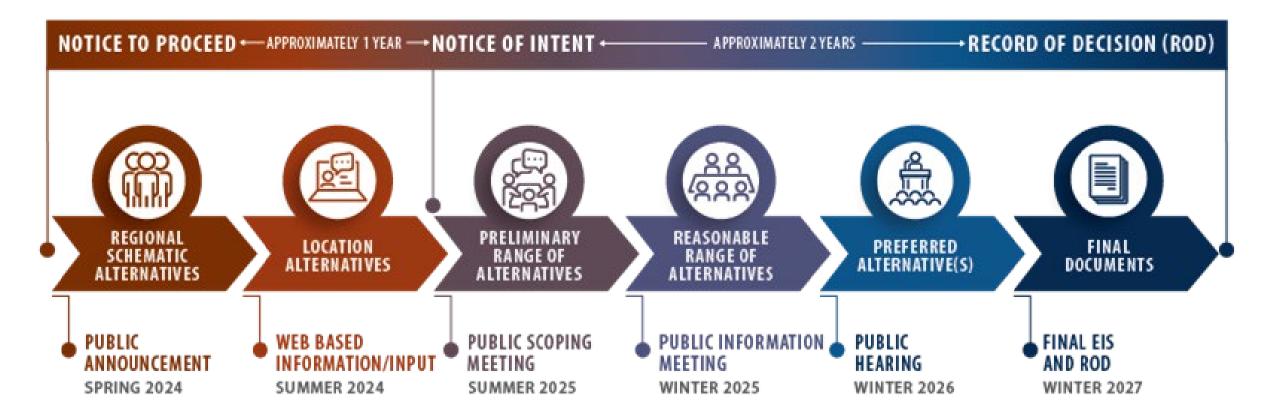
Ultimately the study will:

- Recommend a preferred alternative for the project
- Develop and circulate for public review and comment a Draft Tier 2 EIS and DCR that identifies the Preferred Alternative, which will be compared against the No-Build alternative
- Prepare a Final EIS and DCR document and Record of Decision identifying the Selected Alternative





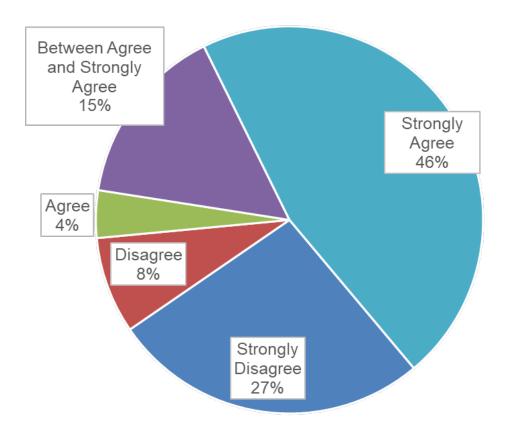
Timeline





Early Public Outreach

Perception of Potential Congestion and if Additional Roadways Should Be Considered, Study Public Survey, Summer 2024



The study conducted early public outreach in summer 2024. 734 contributions were made to the form survey, and 328 responses were added to the mapping activity.

What we heard from the public:

- Most people (69%) indicated they believe that the existing transportation network will not meet the future needs of the study area.
- Most people (65%) agreed or strongly agreed that additional roadways should be considered to alleviate potential congestion.
- Most people (61%) agreed or strongly agreed with the purpose of the Sonoran Corridor.

Comment themes also included concerns about:

- Current and future traffic congestion in the study area
- Environmental impacts of a new freeway
- Impacts to existing and planned surrounding communities and individual property owners



Constraint Mapping

Tribal and stakeholder engagement throughout process

Map Constraints within 2,000' corridor Identify
Preliminary
Constraint
Opportunity
Areas

Develop Preliminary Range of Build Alternatives for NOI

Publish NOI

Evaluate NOI Comments to Refine Build Alternatives for EIS Environmental
Technical
Studies and
EIS Impact
Analysis

We are here



Constraints within the Study Area

- Cultural resources
- Section 4(f) resources
- Clean Water Act/Section 404
- Hazardous materials
- Biological resources
- Wildlife habitat and connectivity
- Social and economic considerations
- Noise considerations

- Drainage and floodplains
- Major utilities
- Terrain
- Existing transportation infrastructure and crossings (Tucson International Airport, Union Pacific Railroad, major roadways)
- Agency, Tribal government, stakeholder and public input



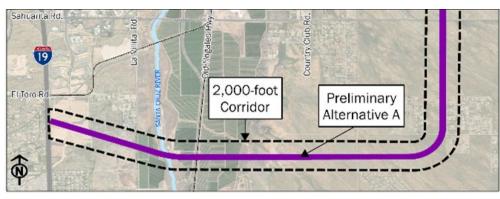
Initial Constraints Mapping Results

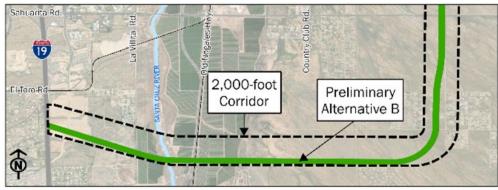


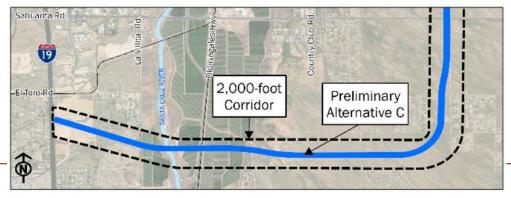
- Identified constraint and opportunity areas based on preliminary and technical considerations
- Constraint areas represent various environmental resources and technical/engineering considerations
- Used to develop preliminary range of alternatives to minimize impact



Preliminary Range of Alternatives, Segment 1 (I-10 to Sahuarita Road)



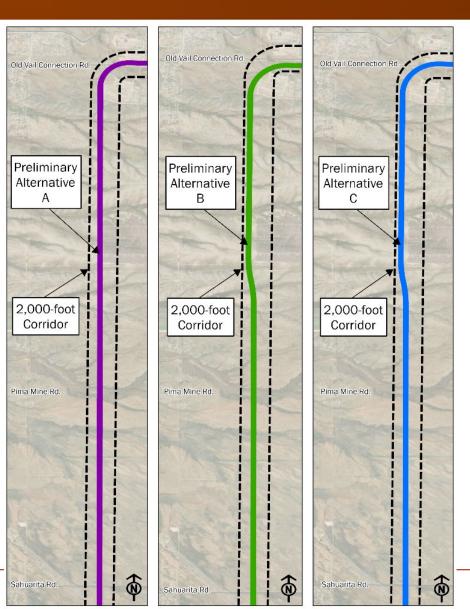




The graphic shows the west segment of the corridor and compares Preliminary Alternative A (Purple), Preliminary Alternative B (Green), Preliminary Alternative C (Blue).



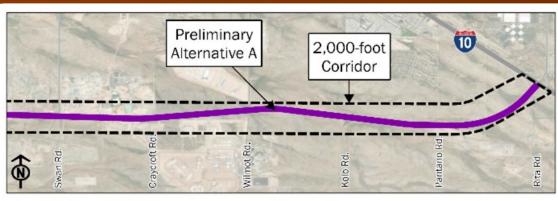
Preliminary Range of Alternatives, Segment 2 (Sahuarita Way to Old Vail Road)

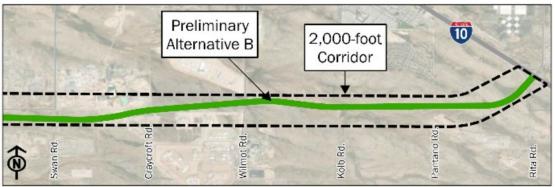


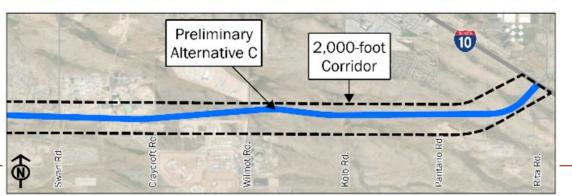
The graphic shows the middle segment of the corridor and compares Preliminary Alternative A (Purple), Preliminary Alternative B (Green), Preliminary Alternative C (Blue).



Preliminary Range of Alternatives, Segment 3 (Old Vail Road to I-10)







The graphic shows the east segment of the corridor and compares Preliminary Alternative A (Purple), Preliminary Alternative B (Green), Preliminary Alternative C (Blue).



No-Build Alternative

- Alternatives being considered will include the Preliminary No-Build Alternative, which consists of future conditions in 2050 without implementation of a new freeway.
- The No-Build alternative includes the existing regional transportation system plus the projects the region has already committed to fund.
- Additional information about the No-Build alternative is available in the Supplemental Information Document on the study website, as part of the NOI.



Project Status

There is no current timeline to construct the Sonoran Corridor, since it is not currently funded for design or construction.

Funding must be identified to issue a Record of Decision and move to the next phase of the project.

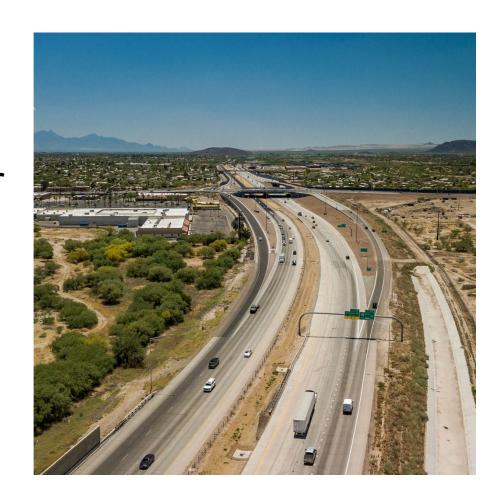




What We Need From You

Please share your comments or concerns on:

- The preliminary Purpose and Need for the study
- The preliminary range of alternatives
- Environmental considerations
- Location-specific comments for the study





How to Comment

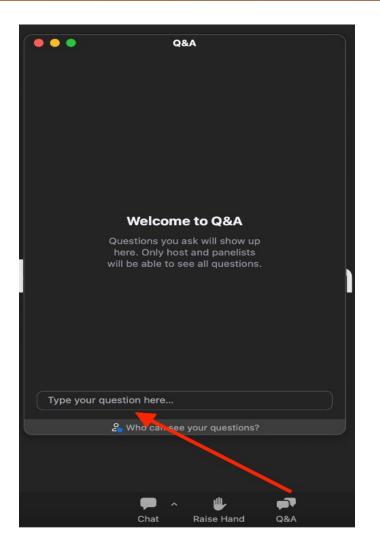
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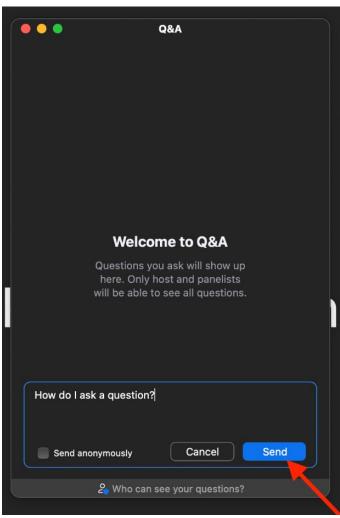
- Attend a public meeting
- Visit the website: azdot.gov/SonoranCorridor
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- Email the project team:
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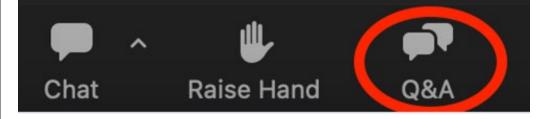




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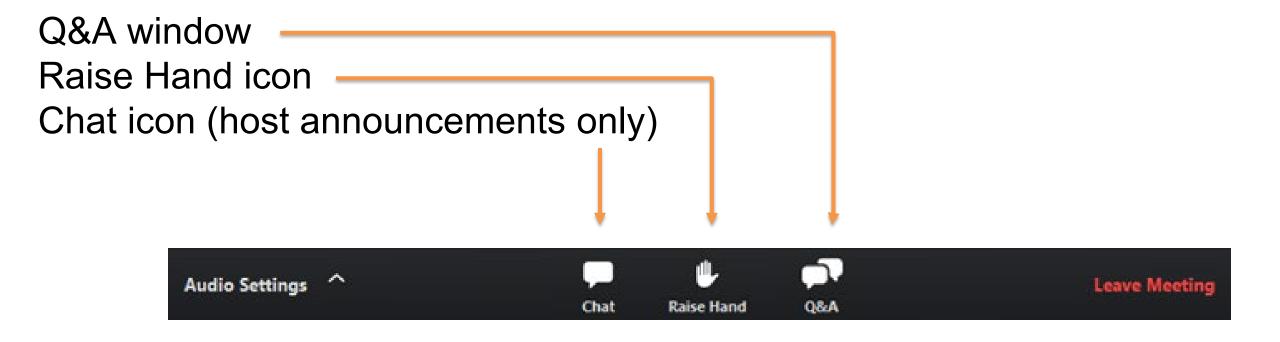








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Thank You For Attending

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