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Interstate 11 Final Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement Available for 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. 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, August 16th. For information on how to submit a comment, visit the [Contact Us page](#) on the study website.

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**.

I-11 Final Tier 1 EIS Preferred Corridor Alternative



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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](#). This is the first time 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 5th, 2019 through July 8th, 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.

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,

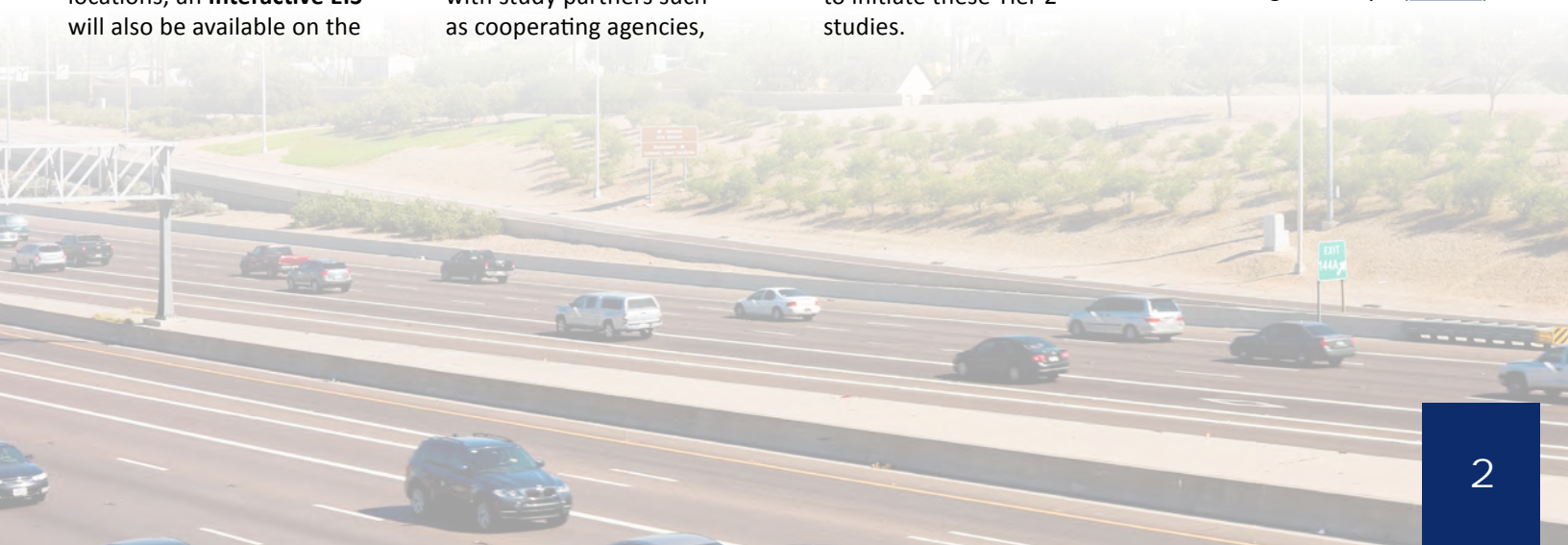
participating agencies and tribal governments; and the review and consideration of public input received at study milestones.

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**. 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.

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. ([Source](#))



Is it True? Real-live, In-person Events?

Tips for Post-Pandemic Face-to-Face Meetings

After 16 long months of quarantine and adjusting to virtual meetings, summer 2021 is seeing people and companies opening up for bona fide live meetings and events.

As some companies are requesting employees return to the office, more and more networking and social events are popping up on calendars. And while some workers continue to work from home, many are open to getting out and attending in-person events. As a first step, many professional organizations are taking the plunge and offering an in-person component to virtual meetings, aka the hybrid.

Still, in-person meetings are coming back.

For some, meeting in person is still concerning, and for others, seeing someone face-to-face is a welcome social opportunity. As professionals step out and experience what used to be the norm, it is wise to recognize and accept that business has changed.

Here are four practical tips to ease the transition to in-person events in our post-pandemic business environment.

1. Expect to feel awkward. If you have not been out and about since March 2020, rest assured that you may feel uncomfortable or a bit rusty as you meet and greet friends and colleagues. For many, the handshake is a thing of the past, and for others, sharing a warm hug is welcome. Ask before you jump into physical contact. Avoid expressing your opinions about masks and business-appropriate touching. Stay socially distanced if it seems preferred. Enjoy the moment.

2. Don't assume it's the same. Everyone has endured an unprecedented global pandemic. It has been life and death, excruciating, and difficult. No one is the same as before. Be empathetic to what some people have endured, and avoid acting as if nothing has happened. Some people have lost loved ones, and others have juggled working from home, educating their children, taking care of elders, and trying to keep the home fires burning. Take a breath, lean in with compassion, and acknowledge that business relationships need some time to adjust to a changed world.

3. Loosen the agenda. If you are planning a business meeting or event, allow additional time for reconnecting and networking. People are re-learning conversation and networking skills. They need time to share stories and insights, and rebuild the personal relationships that have been virtual for a long time. Avoid electronic equipment and boring presentations. Let people talk and learn in an entirely in-person format. We need the human connection and time for true in-person engagement.

4. Stay prepared. As summer 2021 progresses, it is clear that COVID-19 is not entirely in the rear-view mirror. Variants are popping up, folks are still testing positive (vaccinated and not-vaccinated), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is regularly updating guidelines and procedures. While Arizona does not have restrictions for businesses and bars

cities and counties from enforcing mask mandates, there are still restrictions in government buildings and on public transit. Some companies and individuals prefer masks indoors. It is wise to have a mask in your pocket, purse, or computer bag.

If your company is hosting an in-person meeting, here are some tips from Board Effect (<https://www.boardeffect.com/blog/navigating-the-transition-back-to-in-person-board-meetings/>) to make visitors feel at ease:

- Boost your cleaning protocols or hire a cleaning service to ensure a sanitary meeting space.
- Make masks available for those who want to use them.
- Block off every other chair for social distancing purposes, or use six-foot tables for meeting setup.
- Place bottles of hand sanitizer on the conference table or throughout the room.
- Allow a little leeway on the stop and start rules for meeting times to give guests the ability to allow for arrival and departure times.
- Be open to ideas that guests bring forth to help them have a greater comfort level with attending meetings in person.
- Consider holding your meeting outside if the weather permits.

As people return to in-person networking and business events, recognize that our social skills have been dormant for more than a year. Allow people flexibility to adapt to the post-COVID environment. Some people are more comfortable in-person, and others are still concerned about health and safety. Allow for all people to feel comfortable as we navigate back into in-person social situations. •



Move Tucson Enters Final Phase

The Tucson Department of Transportation and Mobility's "Move Tucson" master plan is entering its final phase of soliciting public input.

Over the past year-and-a-half, residents have recommended 234 projects that would total out to nearly \$5.7B if fully implemented. Residents have until Aug. 1 to offer final suggestions.

The projects fall into four general types, with each type divided into three tiers by priority.

Catalyst Corridors are large street projects intended for multiple modes of transportation. These total 122 miles of road at a projected cost of \$1.8B. The highest priority projects include:

- Intersections on Golf Links Road from Kolb to Alvernon way (\$289M), and
- An enhanced bike lane connection with pedestrian infrastructure improvements between Mission Road and the Chuck Huckelberry Loop (\$10M).

The second type, Strategic Solutions, are projects that would "improve access for two or three modes." These consist of 198 miles, with the major proposal being a \$10M 4-mile shared-use path beside the I-10 frontage road between 29th Street and Grant Road (\$10M).

Local Connections are intended as fill-in projects to connect gaps and create connected networks for various modes of transport, such as sidewalk gaps and bike



lanes. There are 266 miles of projects in this category, with the largest being an 11-mile greenway or shared-use path along Rodeo Wash (\$31M).

The final category is High-Capacity Transit, which is made of up 53 miles of work valued at nearly \$3B. This section's largest project

is a 4-mile streetcar connection between the Tohono Tadaí Transit Center and University Blvd. (\$460M). A second major recommendation is 5.3 miles of bus-based rapid transit between the Tohono Tadaí Transit Center and the Ronstadt Transit Center (\$30M). ([Source](#))

Flagstaff Reviewing \$7.4M Plans for Beulah Boulevard Improvements

The **Flagstaff City Council** is reviewing preliminary plans for improvements on Beulah Boulevard.

Estimated costs for the projects are \$7.4M, and plans include a crossing beneath Milton Road, a roundabout to connect Beulah and University, and 0.25 miles of new road.

The project is part of a public-private-partnership between the City, the **Arizona Department of Transportation** and **Vintage Partners**. Part of the P3 plan includes relocating the ADOT campus and creating a 1,200-student housing project.

The Beulah/University project has been under discussion for more than 20 years. To date, the City has collected \$7.375M from a 2000 voter-approved tax to fund the improvements. ([Source](#))



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| <p>3 DBE Task Force Workshop: Planning Ahead for Business Success
9:00am
Location: <i>Online Only</i></p> <p>5 APWA: Is Losing Your Skilled Team Members Getting You Down?
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2:00pm - 3:00pm
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8:00am - 9:00am
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9:00am - 12:00pm
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4:00pm - 7:00pm
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10:30am - 12:30pm
Location: <i>Online Only</i></p> <p>18 ABA: Surety Financial Benchmarking
How does your financial strength compare to your competitors
8:00am - 10:00am
Location: 2552 E. Erie Drive
Tempe, AZ 85282</p> <p>26 Transportation YOU Arizona presents Elizabeth Fretheim, Nikola Motor Co.
3:00pm - 4:00pm
Location: <i>Online Only</i></p> |
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Featured Federal-Aid Projects

CURRENT OPEN SOLICITATIONS

Due Date	Project Valuation	DBE Goal	Solicitation / Project Number	Type	Project Owner and Description	Contact
8/20/21 11am MST	\$720K	3.19%	082-A(209)T; F028201C	IFB	ADOT - Scour Retrofit & Deck Rehabilitation, 3R Wash Bridge, Nogales-Tombstone Hwy (SR 82). The work consists of scour retrofit & bridge overlay work on 3R Wash Bridge, including mechanical milling of the bridge deck, deck repair, placing polyester polymer concrete overlay, constructing concrete floors underneath the existing bridge & seeding.	Iqbal Hossain, Group Manager of Contracts & Specifications, at ihossain@azdot.gov .
8/20/21 11am MST	\$24.8M	6.46%	085-B(208)T; F024901C	IFB	ADOT - Pavement Rehabilitation, Gila Bend-Buckeye Hwy (SR 85): Rainbow Wash to MC 85. The work consists of milling the existing pavement surface & replacing it with new asphalt concrete, including guardrail installation, drainage work, bridge replacement & rehabilitation work, pavement marking, & traffic control.	Iqbal Hossain, Group Manager of Contracts & Specifications, at ihossain@azdot.gov .
9/17/21 11am MST	\$8.9M	4.40%	008-A(236)T; F025901C	IFB	ADOT - Rest Area Rehabilitation, Sentinel Rest Area, Yuma-Casa Grande Hwy (I-8). The work consists of rehabilitating existing restroom buildings, rehabilitating water & wastewater systems, widening parking lots, ADA compliance, & striping.	Iqbal Hossain, Group Manager of Contracts & Specifications, at ihossain@azdot.gov .

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8:00am - 9:30am

Stage Programming:
Topics & Speakers TBA

9:30am - 10:00am

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EVENT TOPICS

DAY 1

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- Updates from Public Transportation Owners including:

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- MCDOT
- Valley Metro
- Phoenix Streets
- Phoenix Transit
- Sky Harbor

DAY 2

- DBE Supportive Services Program Update
- I-17 Flex Lane Project Update
- I-10 Broadway Curve Project Update
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