

Responses to “Questions submitted after Meeting #3”

Question	Answer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No questions were answered; we will see in the report 	<p>FHWA and ADOT answered as many questions as possible during the meetings. Since technical analyses to support the Tier 1 EIS are ongoing now, study outcomes are not yet available. Additional information will be included in the Draft Tier 1 EIS, which will be available for public review. The primary objective of these meetings was to collect additional information on the community’s key issues and concerns, which will be considered in the Draft Tier 1 EIS analysis.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Are you going to listen to us? 	<p>Yes: FHWA and ADOT participated in all of the stakeholder engagement meetings in order to hear firsthand the community’s concerns. The primary objective of these meetings was to collect additional information on the community’s key issues and concerns, which will be considered in the EIS analysis. The final report prepared by USIECR has been made available to the general public and the entire study team on the project webpage. The report, which contains all participant comments expressed at the six stakeholder engagement meetings, will be used to inform the Draft Tier 1 EIS analysis and will be included as part of the Draft Tier 1 EIS documentation.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How can we check in on how our ideas/comments are being included? 	<p>Once completed, the Draft Tier 1 EIS will be made available for public review and comment. All participants in this group of meetings will be included in ADOT email blasts to announce the availability of the Draft Tier 1 EIS. For others who are interested, please sign up on the project webpage to receive ADOT email blasts, which will be used to announce the availability of the Draft Tier 1 EIS. The link is here: http://www.i11study.com/Arizona/ContactUs.asp.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How does that proposed commuter rail system between Phoenix-Tucson get considered in weighing either option? 	<p>A Selected Corridor for intercity passenger rail from Tucson to Phoenix was identified by the Federal Railroad Administration and ADOT in 2016. The I-11 Draft Tier 1 EIS will not reconsider the passenger rail study outcomes. The potential for incorporating other transportation modes (such as passenger rail) into the I-11 Corridor was considered during the prior <i>I-11 and Intermountain West Corridor Study</i> and the scoping and alternatives development process. Non-programmed modal alternatives such as passenger rail were not carried forward into the Tier 1 EIS analysis. The Tier 1 EIS will consider space within the analysis area that could be utilized for rail or utility co-location if this infrastructure is to be further studied, programmed and/or implemented in the future. Currently, there is no funding identified in any state or local improvement plans to advance further studies and construction of the rail project. The funding decision will be up to the public and policymakers.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Is there a specific road that is being studied for Option C? Sandario was suggested several times but never confirmed as the exact option. 	<p>Options C and D both run between Sandario Road and the Tucson Mitigation Corridor. Sandario Road is an important local transportation facility and would be retained as a local facility if Options C or D is recommended. Additional information is in the <i>Alternatives Selection Report</i>, available online at http://www.i11study.com/Arizona/Documents.asp</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Many- but not enough interests represented- Tohono O’odham, astronomers, Yaqui Nation & many others- seems this was just an opportunity to negate the original public input which said NO to Avra Valley. 	<p>The stakeholder engagement meeting participants reflected those who expressed an interest in the I-11 process and agreed to participate in these meetings. All nominations were accepted and no participants were turned away. ADOT and FHWA are conducting regular and ongoing coordination with the Tribes. The opportunity to provide comments regarding I-11 is available to anyone at any time via the website, email, phone, or letter. The link is here: http://www.i11study.com/Arizona/ContactUs.asp.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will there be meetings in the near future before the Draft Tier 1 EIS? 	<p>Public hearings are planned to occur after the Draft Tier 1 EIS is available, so that anyone can comment and ask questions about the study process. The hearings are an opportunity for anyone to attend, learn more about the project, ask questions and provide comments. Please sign up on the project webpage to receive ADOT email blasts, which will be used to announce the availability of the Draft Tier 1 EIS. The link is here: http://www.i11study.com/Arizona/ContactUs.asp.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I still do not understand the need for another alternative to I-10. 	<p>Previous studies identified key transportation-related problems and issues in the I-11 Corridor Study Area, which have been refined through agency coordination and public involvement during scoping. The assessment of needs builds upon the Planning and Environmental Linkages documentation prepared as part of previous studies. The problems, issues, and opportunities in the I-11 Corridor Study Area are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population and employment growth • Congestion and travel time reliability • System linkages and regional and interstate mobility • Access to economic activity centers • Homeland security and national defense. <p>For more detailed discussions on each of these areas both existing and projected for the year 2035, please see the P&N memorandum which is available online at http://www.i11Study.com/Arizona/Documents.asp The Draft Tier 1 EIS will evaluate updated projected data for the year 2040.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Timelines, direction if it is going to happen. When will community know final recommended I-11 plans? 	<p>A Recommended Alternative will be provided in the Draft Tier 1 EIS and will be subject to public review and comments. Following consideration and response to input received during the public review period, an agency Preferred Alternative will be identified in the Final Tier 1 EIS. Following a public review period on the Final Tier 1 EIS, an FHWA decision and Selected Alternative will be documented in the Record of Decision which is not expected until late 2019, at the earliest. Funding for Tier 2 studies, design, and construction of high-priority segments is not identified in any part of the study area at this time.</p>