



I-11 Corridor

Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement

Public Scoping Meetings



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Purpose of Scoping Meeting

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- **Federal environmental review process**
- **Share information about process**
- **Seek input on “scope” and content**
- **Describe opportunities for involvement**



History of I-11 Corridor



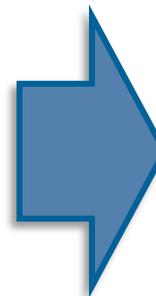
- **Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act** 1991
- **North American Free Trade Agreement** 1993
- **CANAMEX Trade Corridor** 1995
- **National Highway System High Priority Corridor** 2012
- **I-11 and Intermountain West Corridor Study** 2014
- **Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act** 2015
- ***Federal Environmental Review Process*** **2016**

Federal Lead Agency:
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Local Lead Agency:
Arizona Department of Transportation

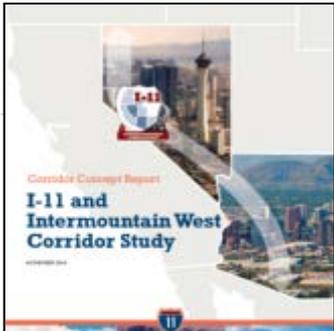


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**Alternatives Selection
Report (ASR) and
Tier 1 Environmental
Impact Statement (EIS)**

Study Goal and Objective



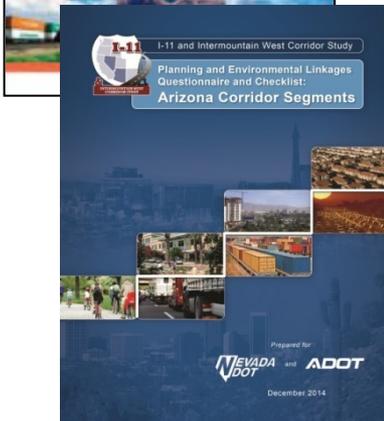
Complete ASR and Tier 1 EIS



Reach consensus on
Selected Corridor Alternative
from Nogales to Wickenburg



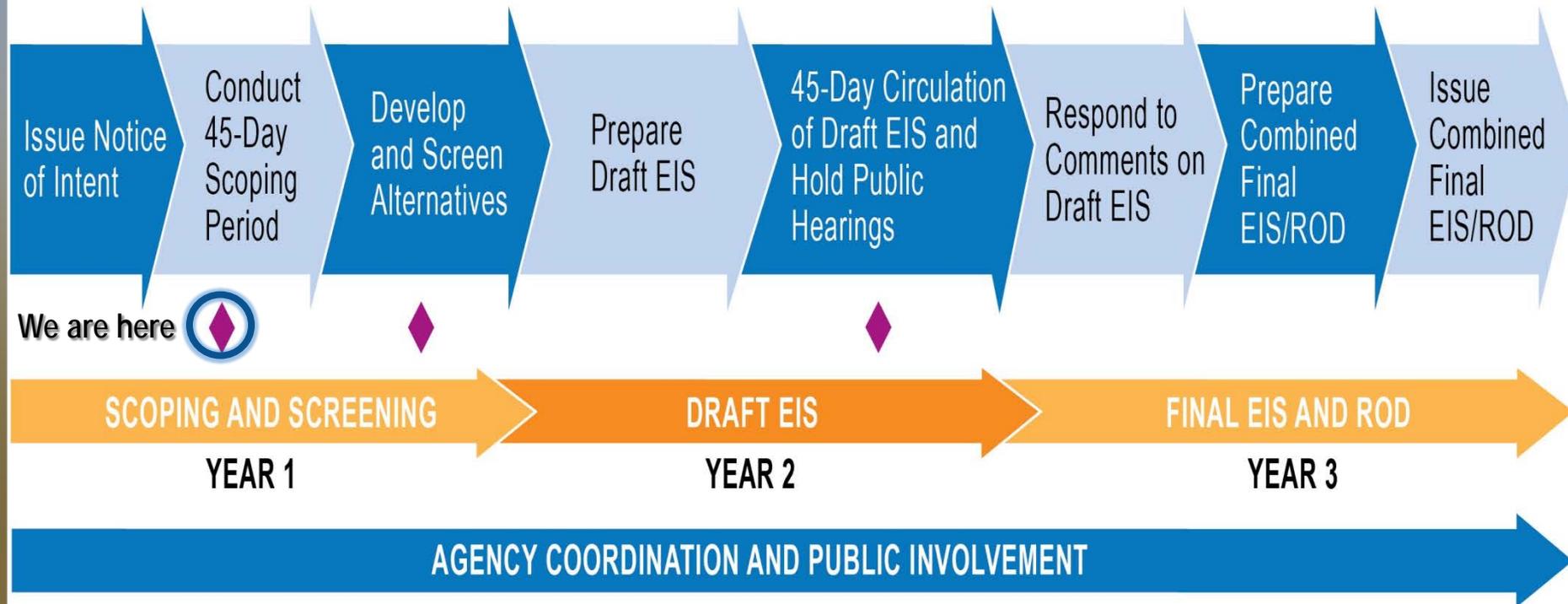
Set stage for future
proposed projects



Environmental Review Process

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Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement Process



EIS = Environmental Impact Statement

ROD = Record of Decision

What is Scoping?



- **Early step in environmental review process**
 - ▶ Allows for early coordination and outreach
- **Notify public, agencies, and tribal communities**
 - ▶ Tier 1 EIS is being prepared
 - ▶ Solicit input on overall process and corridor
- **Guide “scope” and content of Tier 1 EIS**
 - ▶ Purpose and need
 - ▶ Alternatives to be studied
 - ▶ Impacts to be evaluated
 - ▶ Evaluation methods to be used

What are the Goals for I-11?



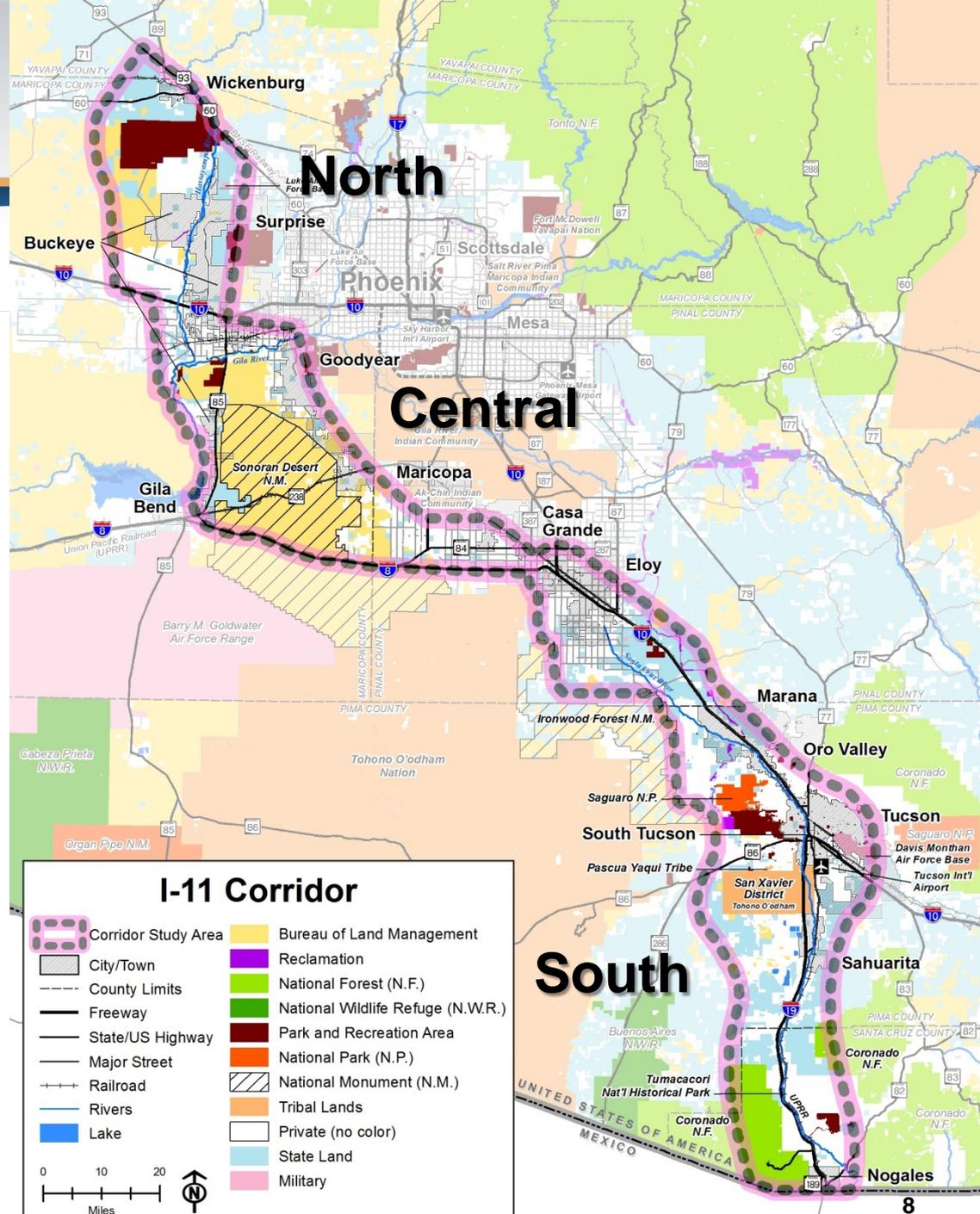
- Provide access-controlled, north-south transportation corridor
- Connect key metropolitan areas and markets in Arizona with Mexico and Canada
- Support improved regional mobility for movement of people, goods, and homeland security
- Provide enhanced transportation opportunities for economic vitality



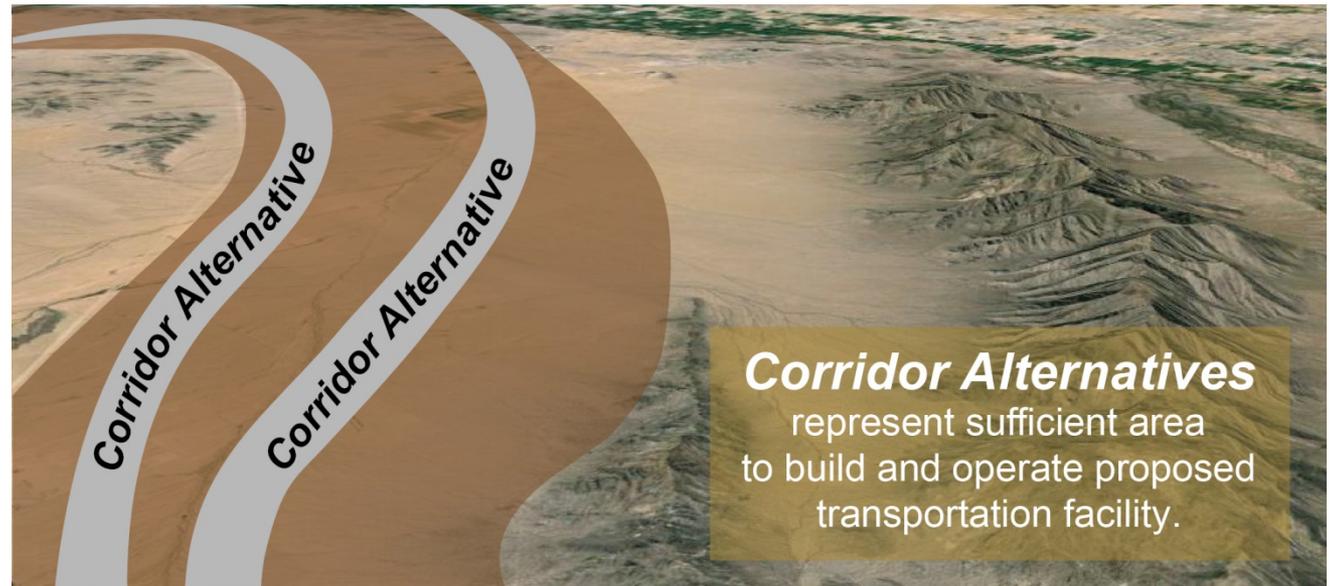
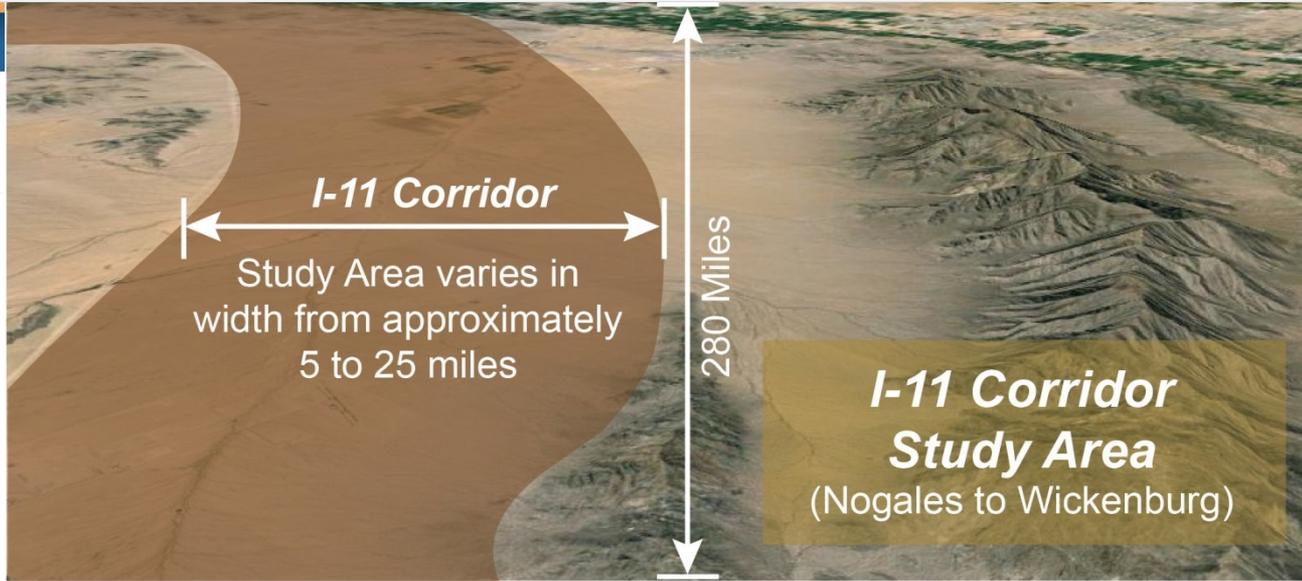
What is being Studied?



- 280-mile study area from Nogales to Wickenburg
- 2,000-foot corridor alternatives
- Proposed transportation facility
- Phased Implementation Plans



Corridor Alternatives



2000 Feet

Identifying Corridor Alternatives



Study Area

Conduct free-to-roam analysis looking for routes

Route Analysis

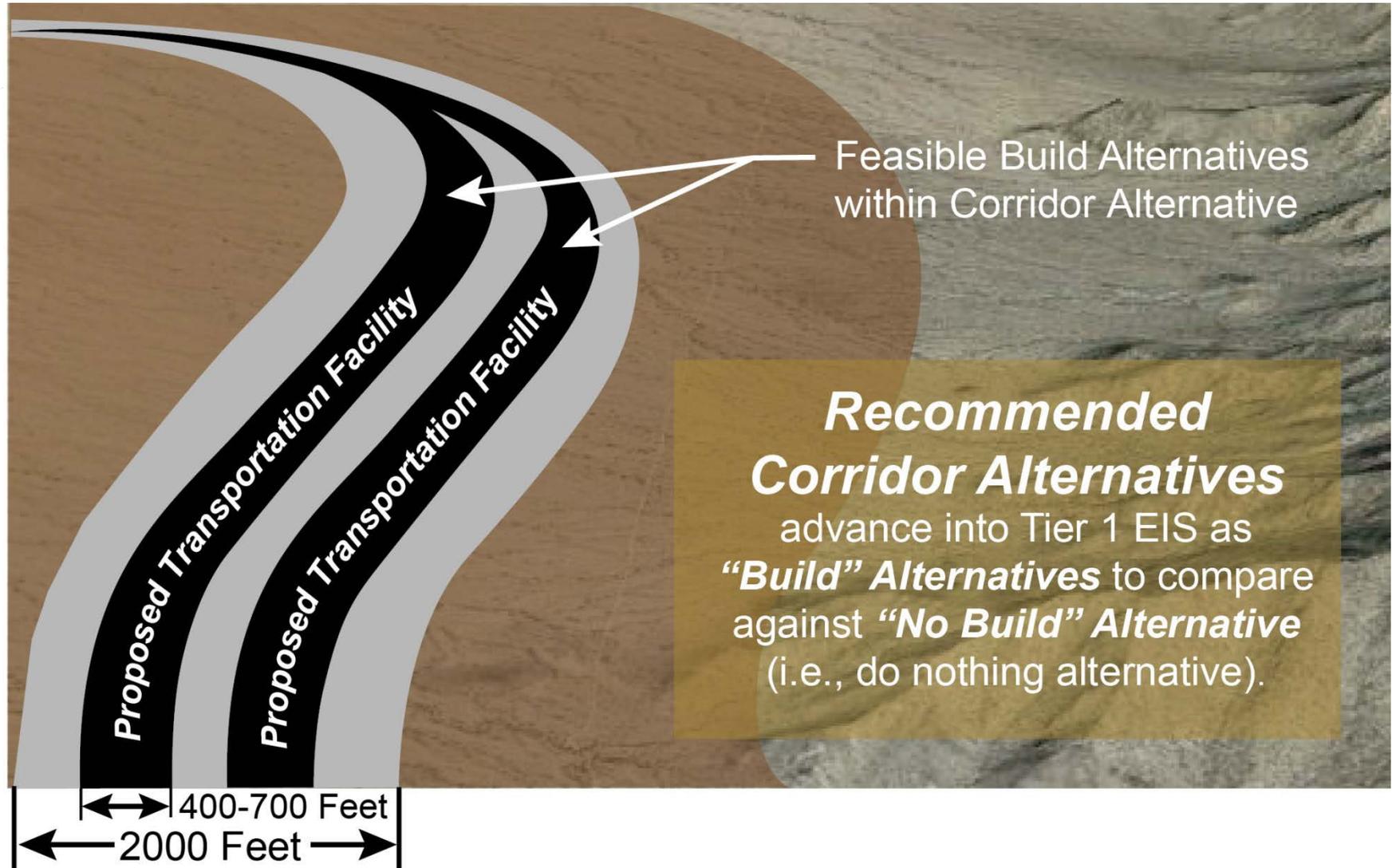
Identify route trends for corridor alternatives

Evaluate corridor alternatives

Corridor Alternative

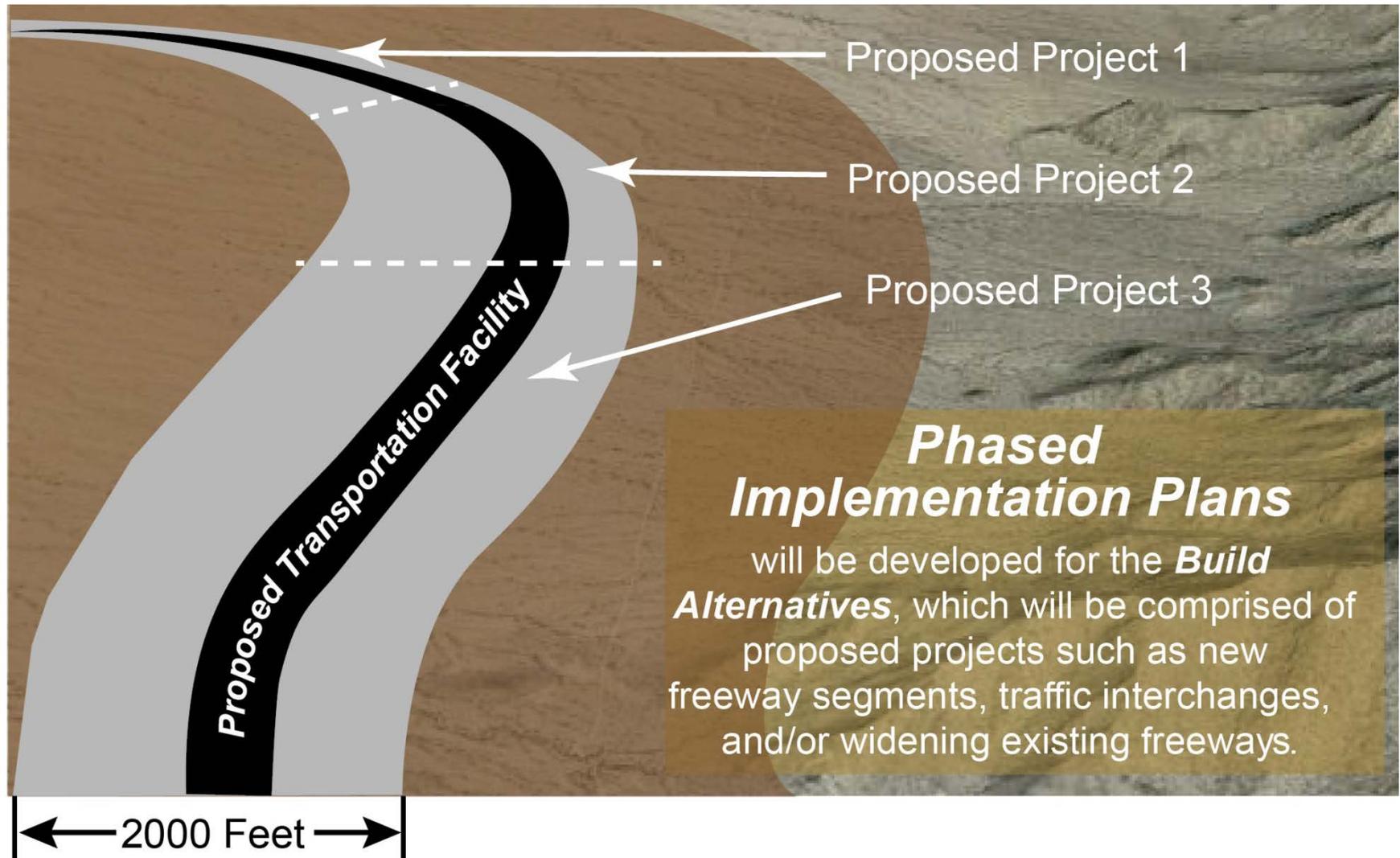
Note: These are sample graphics showing steps to identify corridor alternatives.

Recommended Corridor Alternatives



**Recommended
Corridor Alternatives**
advance into Tier 1 EIS as
“**Build**” Alternatives to compare
against “**No Build**” Alternative
(i.e., do nothing alternative).

Phased Implementation Plans



Phased Implementation Plans

will be developed for the *Build Alternatives*, which will be comprised of proposed projects such as new freeway segments, traffic interchanges, and/or widening existing freeways.

What Topics will be Studied?

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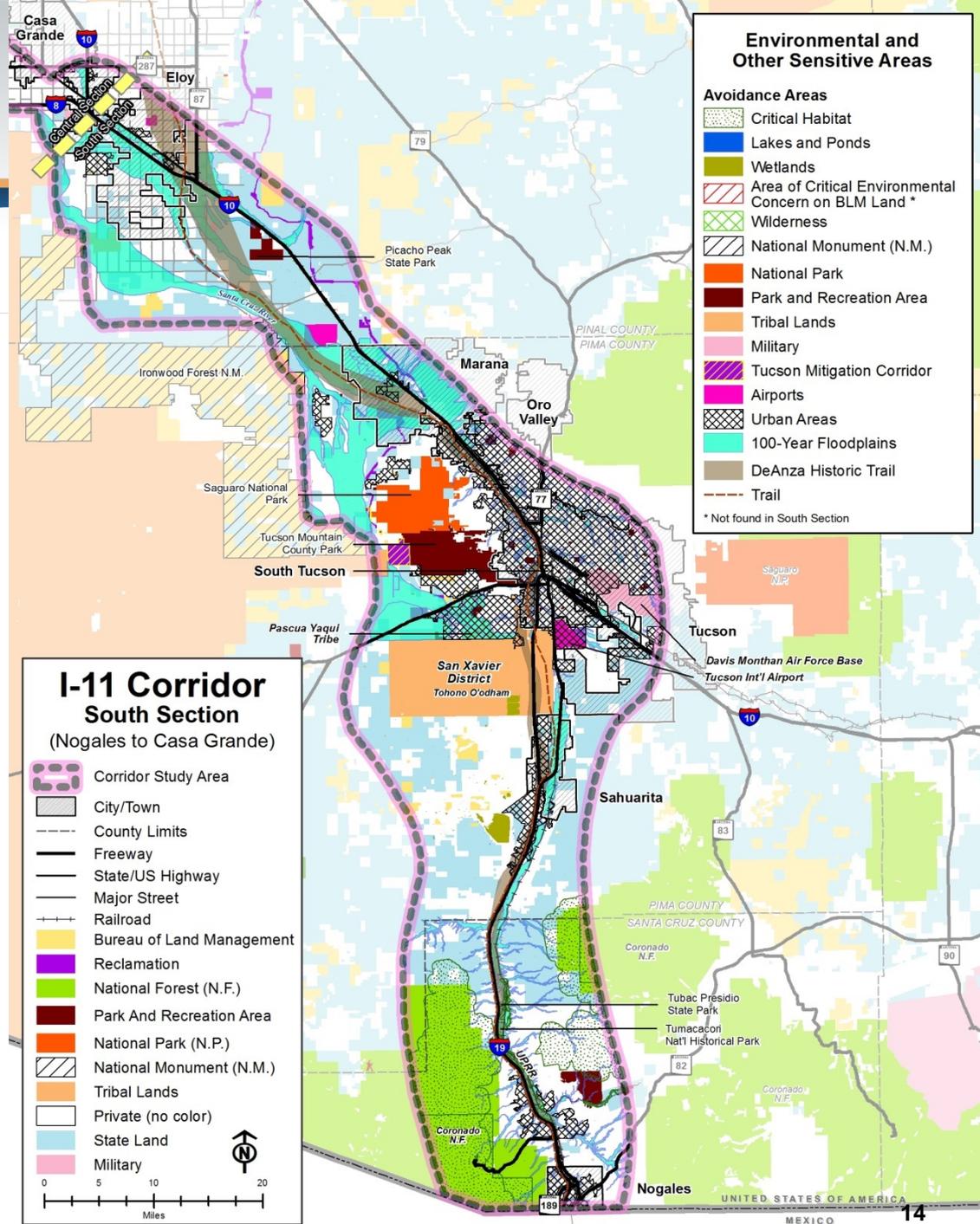
- Air quality
- Biological resources
- Economic impacts
- Geology, soils, and farmlands
- Hazardous materials
- Historic and archaeological
- Land use and neighborhoods
- Noise and vibration
- Parks and recreation
- Title VI and environmental justice
- Transportation
- Visual and aesthetics
- Water resources



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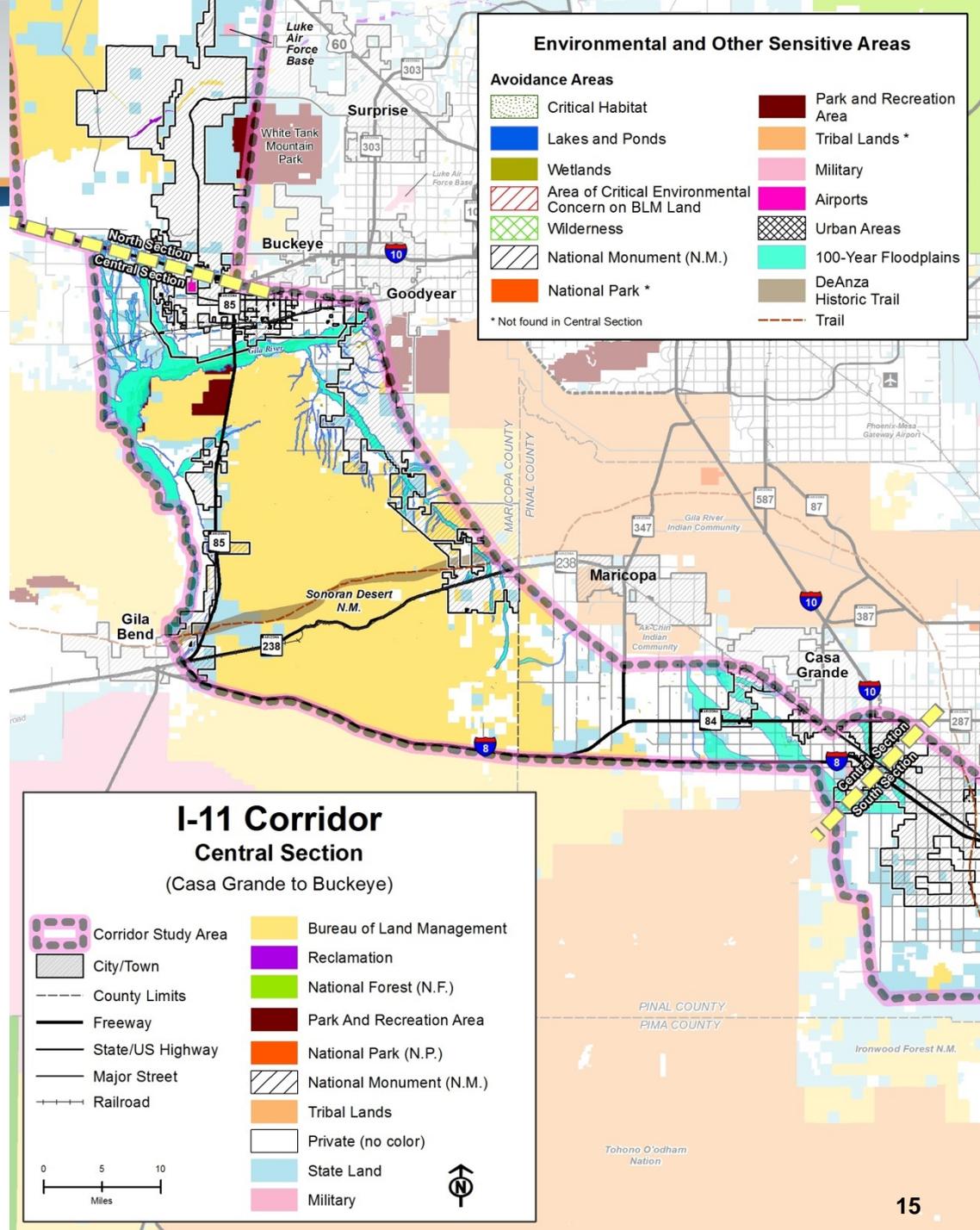
- Critical habitat
- Cultural resources
- Historic trail
- Parks and recreation
- Rivers and floodplains
- Tribal lands
- Urbanized areas
- Wildlife and mitigation corridors



Central



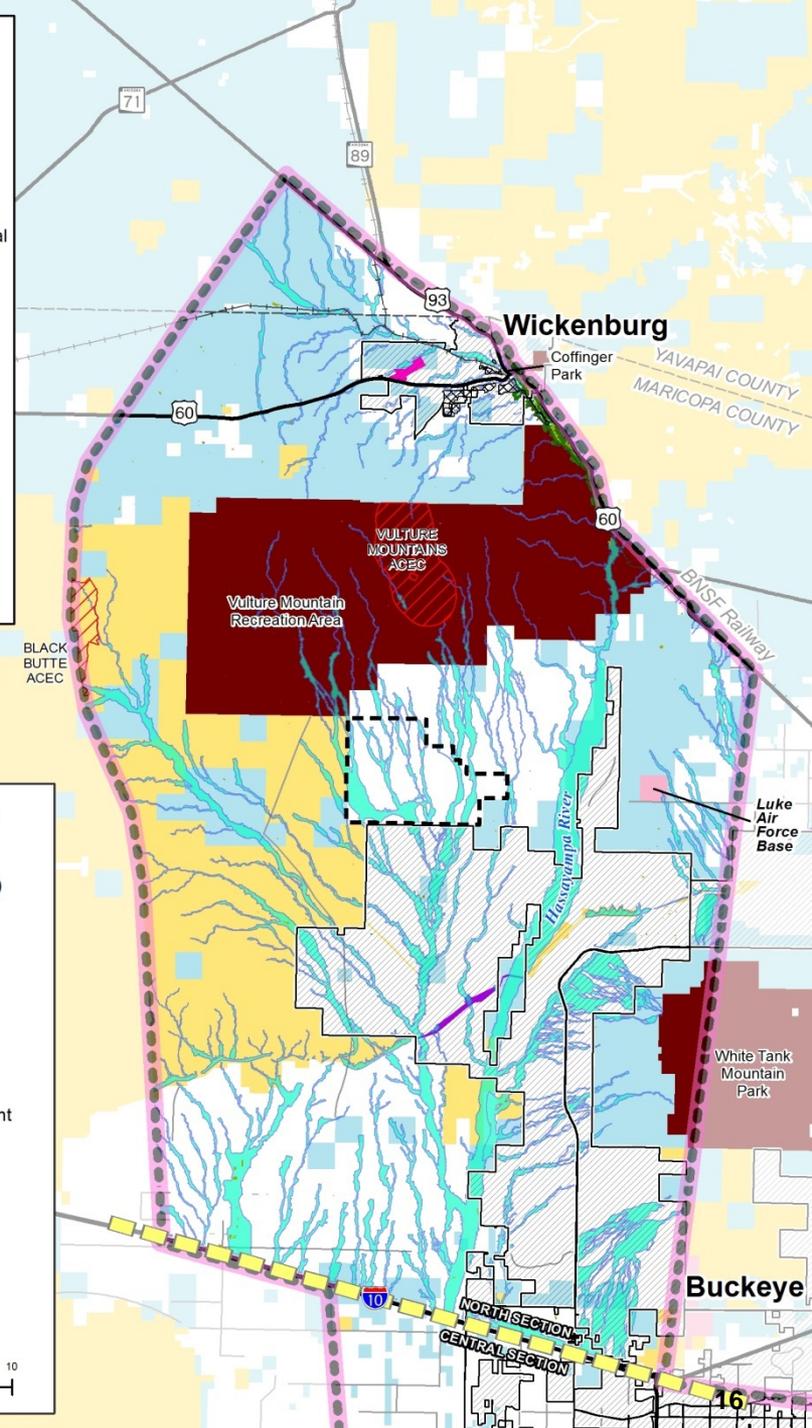
- Areas of critical environmental concern
- Cultural resources
- Historic trail
- National monument
- Parks and recreation
- Rivers and floodplains
- Wilderness



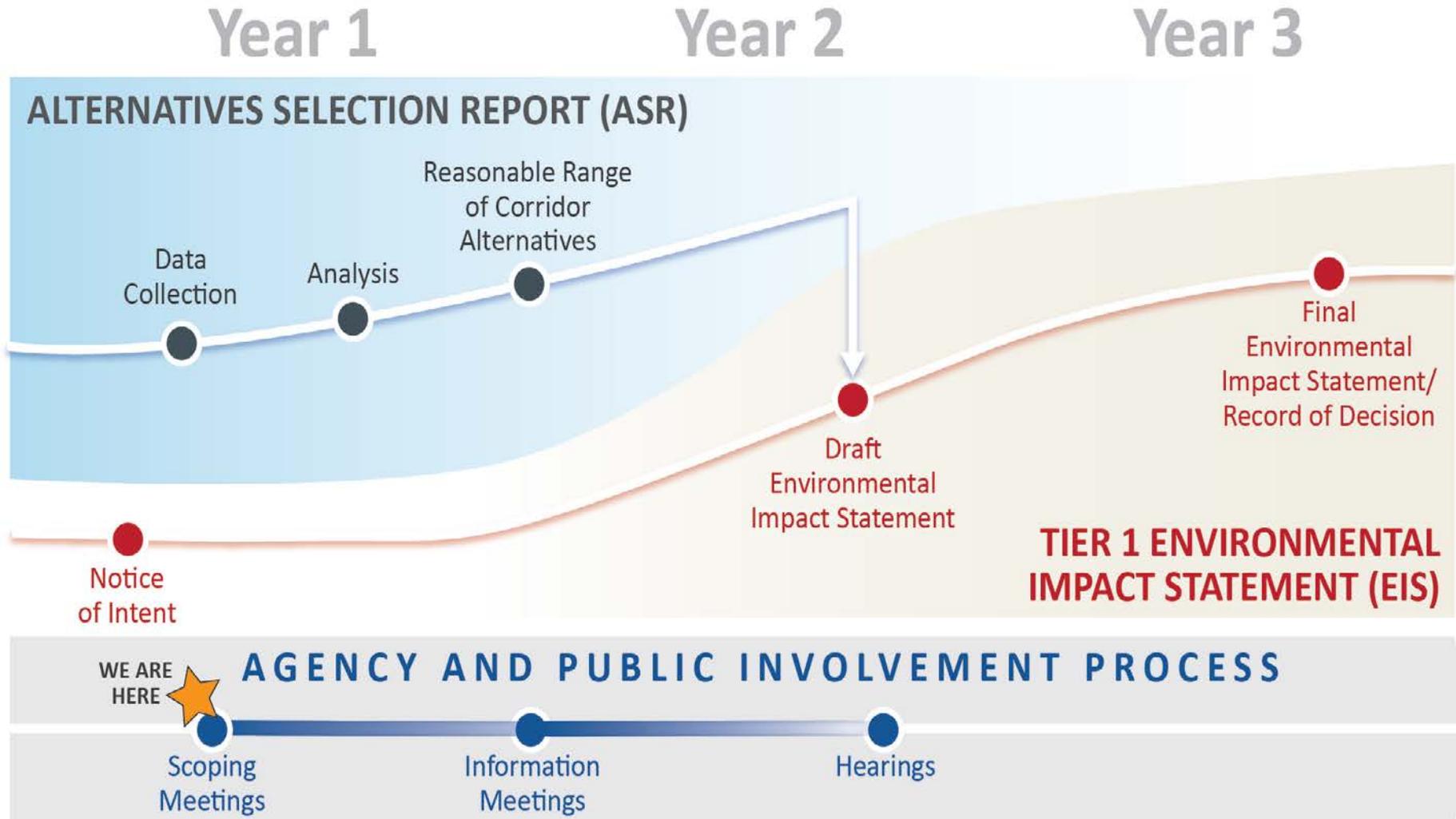
North



- Areas of critical environmental concern
- Cultural resources
- Parks and recreation
- Rivers and floodplains
- Other avoidance areas



What are Next Steps?



What Questions will the Tier 1 EIS Answer?



- **Reach consensus on *Selected Corridor Alternative* for I-11 Corridor**
 - ▶ Potential social, economic, and natural environmental impacts
 - ▶ Type of vehicular transportation facility
 - ▶ Potential multimodal facility (rail and utility) opportunities
 - ▶ Proposed projects for Phased Implementation Plan

The Tier 1 EIS will provide a roadmap for advancing proposed projects in the future.

How Can You Participate?



■ Scoping meetings

- ▶ Review information on display boards and handouts
- ▶ Provide written comments on comment cards
- ▶ Provide comments verbally to court reporter

■ Additional opportunities



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■ Future public meetings and hearings

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July 8, 2016***



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