

# Timeline of Key Corridor Decisions



**1991**

Arizona forms a coalition with Nevada, Utah, Idaho and Montana to explore a CANAMEX Corridor.

**1992**

TEA 21 designated the CANAMEX Corridor as a High Priority Corridor (number 26), making it eligible for funding. The Corridor consisted of I-19, I-10, US93 (Phoenix to Las Vegas) and I-15 (Las Vegas through Utah, Idaho and Montana).

**1993**

Nevada, Arizona and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) begin a routing study for a bridge bypassing Hoover Dam, the need for which was realized in the 1960s.

**1994**

Arizona leads the development of the CANAMEX Coalition, with five governors signing the Memorandum of Understanding.

**1995**

Route selected for the bridge bypassing Hoover Dam by FHWA. The Bypass became urgent after the route across the dam was closed to trucks after 9/11.

**1996**

CANAMEX Corridor Plan completed.

**1997**

Study begins for a new route bypassing Boulder City, connecting the bridge bypassing Hoover Dam to I-515 in Henderson.

**1998**

Construction of Hoover Dam Bypass bridge begins, named Mike O'Callaghan—Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge.

**1999**

Record of Decision (ROD) received for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Boulder City Bypass, which will relocate US93 to the new route.

**2000**

Hassayampa Framework Study initiated by Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) to evaluate transportation needs west of Phoenix, Arizona.

**2001**

Hassayampa Freeway, to serve as a bypass route for Phoenix, recommended in the Hassayampa Framework Study.

**2002**

Various businesses and local governments from Nevada and Arizona formed to advocate for a freeway between Phoenix and Las Vegas, possible because of the new Mike O'Callaghan—Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge.

**2003**

A Brookings Institute report (Mountain Megs: America's Newest Metropolitan Places and a Federal Partnership to Help Them Prosper) identified a freeway between Phoenix and Las Vegas as a "pressing need".

**2004**

Mike O'Callaghan—Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge opens.

**2005**

The Building a Quality Arizona (bqAZ) Statewide Transportation Planning Framework Program establishes a 40-year multimodal transportation vision for the state of Arizona, including recommending a new Interstate highway through the Hassayampa Valley and along the US 93 corridor to the Nevada state line.

**2006**

**2007**

**2008**

**2009**

**2010**

**2011**

**2012**

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) amended TEA-21--defining US93 between Phoenix and Las Vegas as a high priority corridor and designating it as future Interstate 11 (I-11).

Nevada and Arizona DOTs begin a study of the proposed I-11 and Intermountain West Corridor.