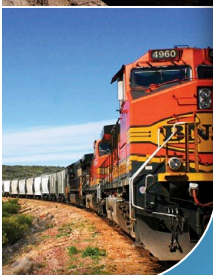




I-11 and Intermountain West Corridor Study

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The Arizona and Nevada Departments of Transportation are working together on the two-year Interstate 11 (I-11) and Intermountain West Corridor Study that includes detailed corridor planning of a possible high priority interstate link between Phoenix and Las Vegas, and high-level visioning for potentially extending the corridor north to Canada and south to Mexico.

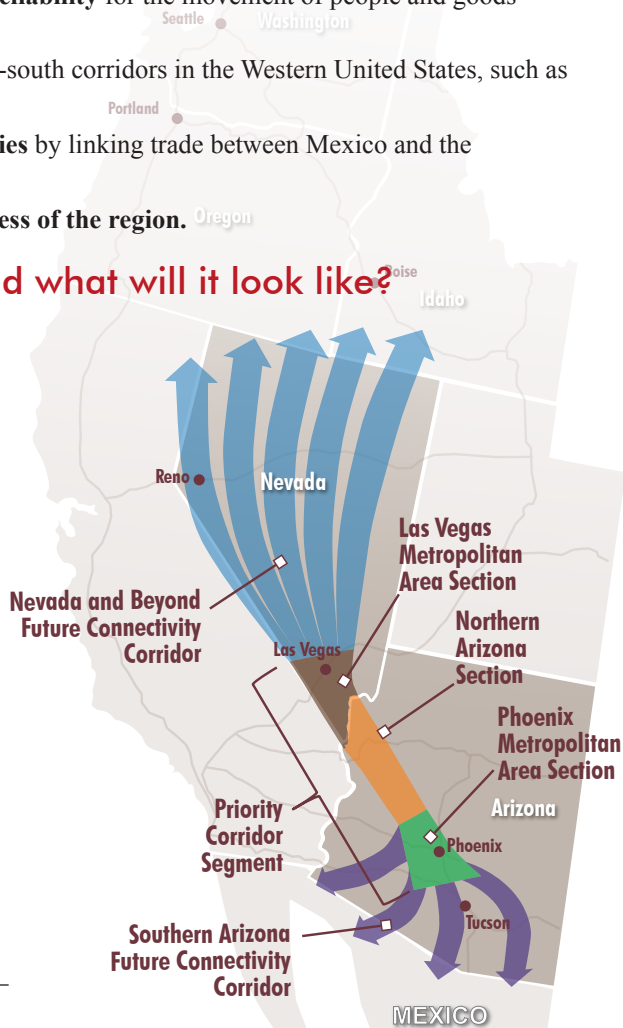
Why is the I-11 and Intermountain West Corridor so important?

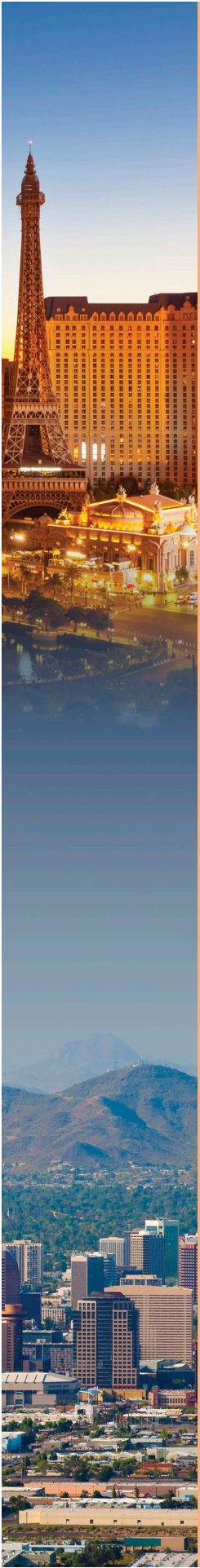
This corridor has the potential to allow significant commerce, tourism and international trade opportunities across the western United States. There are a number of potential benefits, including:

- **Connecting communities**, major trade hubs, existing and future domestic and international deepwater ports, and intersecting transcontinental roadways and railroad corridors.
- **Enhancing the economic vitality** of communities connected and served by the corridor.
- **Improving safety and travel time reliability** for the movement of people and goods throughout the Intermountain West.
- **Providing relief** for congested north-south corridors in the Western United States, such as I-5 and I-15.
- **Enhancing commercial opportunities** by linking trade between Mexico and the Intermountain West.
- **Increasing the global competitiveness of the region.**

Where is the Corridor and what will it look like?

Congress recognized the importance of this corridor between Phoenix and Las Vegas and designated it as future I-11 in the recent transportation authorization bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). If extended north of Las Vegas and south of Phoenix, this corridor has the potential to become the new north-south transcontinental corridor through the Intermountain West. The corridor is proposed to include an upgraded highway facility, but could be paired with rail and other major infrastructure components—such as energy and telecommunications—to serve the nation’s needs from Mexico to Canada.





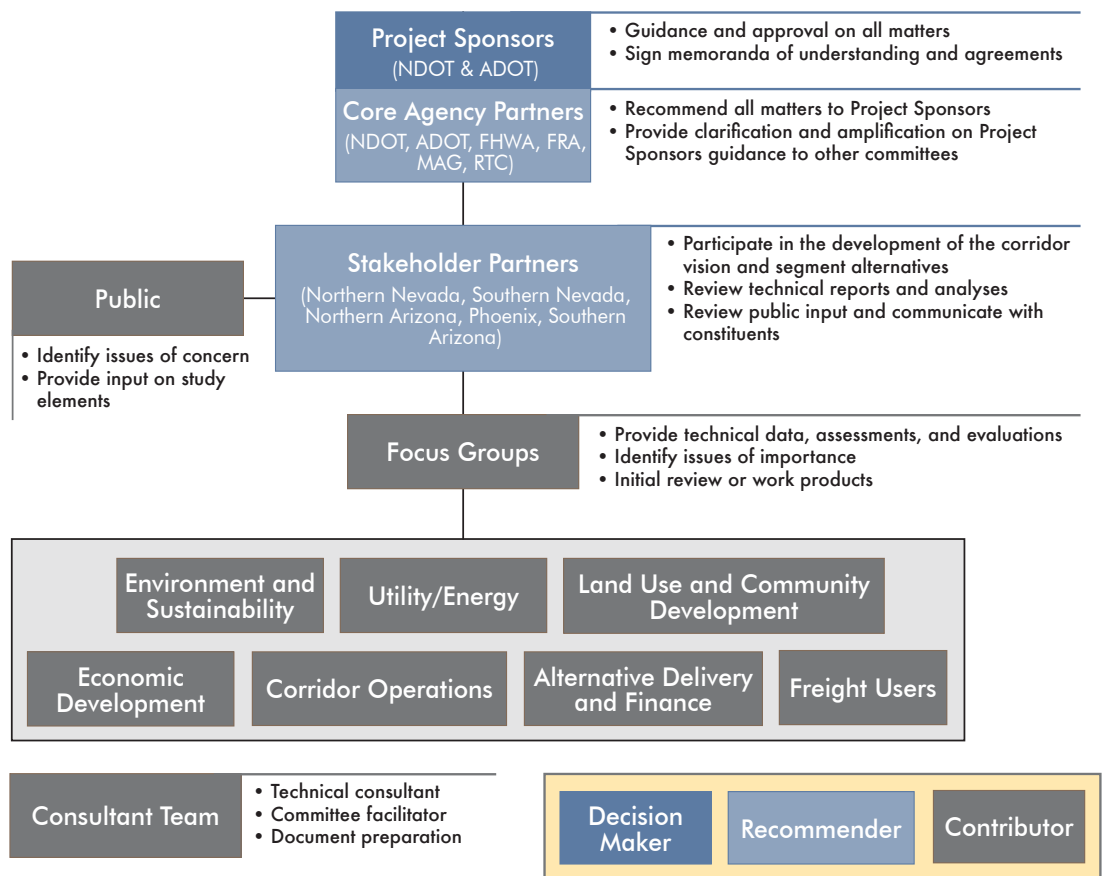
How will decisions be made?

All interested public agency and private organizations are invited to participate in a **Stakeholder Partners** group that will be asked to provide data and other input, and to share their opinions and ideas on decision points throughout the process.

The **Core Agency Partners**—representation from Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), Federal Highway Administration, Federal Railroad Administration, Maricopa Association of Governments, and Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada—will carefully consider all recommendations from the Stakeholder Partners, and make final recommendations to the **Project Sponsors**, NDOT and ADOT.

Focus Groups will be formed with subject matter experts from the Stakeholder and Core Agency Partners to provide data and input into specific topics, and make recommendations for the Stakeholder Partners to consider.

The **Public** will have opportunities to learn about the study and share their opinions via public meetings, a project website, and other means under development.



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