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### Sponsoring Agencies:

Nevada Department of Transportation



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### In Partnership with:



September 12, 2012

Subject: Participation in the I-11 and Intermountain West Corridor Study

Dear I-11 Project Partner:

We are pleased to inform you that Congress recognizes the importance of a possible interstate link between Phoenix and Las Vegas—designating U.S. 93 between these metropolitan areas as future Interstate 11 (I-11) in the current surface transportation bill (MAP-21).

On July 25, 2012 the Arizona and Nevada Departments of Transportation initiated a two-year study of the I-11 and Intermountain West Corridor, including detailed planning analysis of feasible alternatives for the segment between Las Vegas and Phoenix, and a high-level visioning approach to possible future connectivity segments from Las Vegas to Canada, and from Phoenix to Mexico. In addition to an Interstate highway facility, the study will consider and potentially recommend other modes, including but not limited to freight rail, passenger rail, and telecommunications.

We invite you or other representatives from your agency or organization to participate with us in this exciting study through involvement in the Stakeholder Partners Group. An overview of the study, the decision-making process, and the role of the Stakeholder Partners Group is presented in the attached fact sheet. Your involvement over the next two years may include:

- Participation in up to eight Stakeholder Partners meetings, via web or phone conferencing (the first meeting will be held on September 26—see the attached agenda for the time and locations)
- Technical staff participation in up to seven Focus Group meetings, depending on your area of interest
- Sharing relevant data as requested
- Reviewing and commenting on key recommendations

The consultant team of CH2M HILL, in association with AECOM and HDR, was selected to lead this study effort. Individuals from the project team (listed in the table on the following page) will be contacting you in the near future to request relevant data and/or to request your participation in the Stakeholder Partners and Focus Groups. Please forward this communication to the appropriate individual(s) from your organization that will participate on this study, and notify us so that we may update our files.

If you have any questions about this study please feel free to contact either of us; our contact information is provided on the following page.

We sincerely appreciate your participation and input, and look forward to working with you on this exciting and challenging project.

Sincerely,

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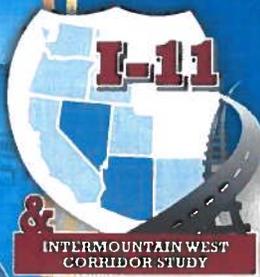
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# I-11 and Intermountain West Corridor Study

## Stakeholder Partners Kick-off Meeting

### Meeting Date and Time

September 26, 2012

1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Pacific Time

### Venues

- City of Surprise Communiversitiy  
15950 North Civic Center Plaza, **Surprise, AZ**
- Mohave Community College, Neal Campus, Room 401  
1971 Jagerson Avenue, **Kingman, AZ**
- Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada, Room 108  
600 S. Grand Central Parkway, **Las Vegas, NV**
- Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County, Board Room  
2050 Villanova Drive, **Reno, NV**

### Dial-In Information

For more productive breakout discussions we hope you can join us at one of the above locations, however, if you are unable to, you may call-in using the following instructions:

- Operator Assisted Dial-In Number: (877) 787-5702
- Conference ID: 30573657

### RSVP

Please let Dan Andersen know by September 24, 2012 the location from which you will be participating, or whether you plan to call in (702-953-1246 or [dan.andersen@ch2m.com](mailto:dan.andersen@ch2m.com)).

### Agenda

#### **Presentation (1:30 – 2:15)**

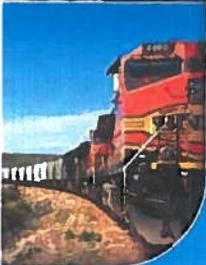
- Welcome and introductions
- Project overview
- Study partners, expectations, and outreach
- Corridor Vision
- Study strategy and schedule

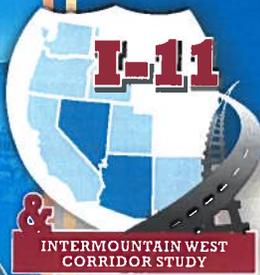
#### **Breakout Discussions (2:15 – 3:00)**

- Opportunities and challenges for the Corridor
- Questions

#### **Wrap-up (3:00 – 3:30)**

- Summarize comments and questions from each location
- Follow-up questions and discussion





# I-11 and Intermountain West Corridor Study

September 12, 2012



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.

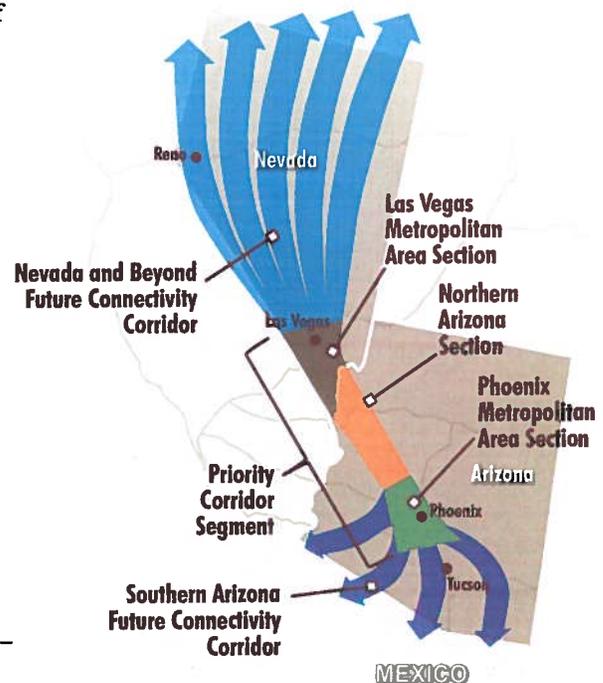
## Why is the I-11 and Intermountain West Corridor so important?

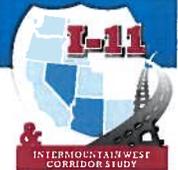
This corridor has the potential to allow significant commerce, tourism and international trade opportunities across the western United States. There are a number of potential benefits, including:

- **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.





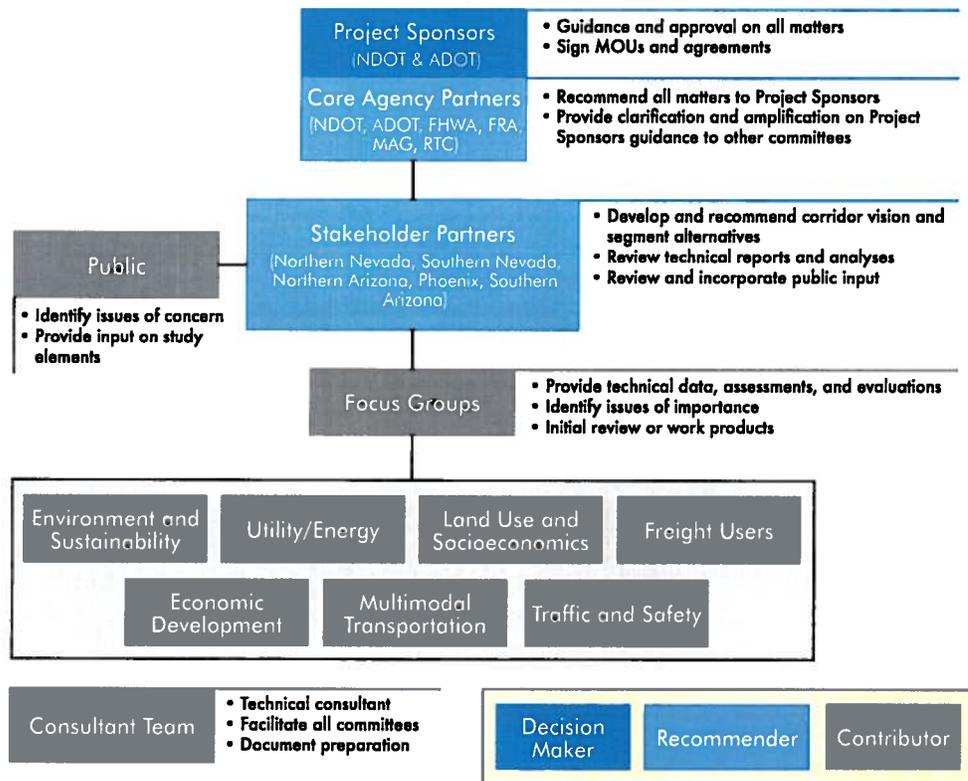
## How will decisions be made?

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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