



Alternative Interstate 11 Corridor From Wickenburg to Mexico Border



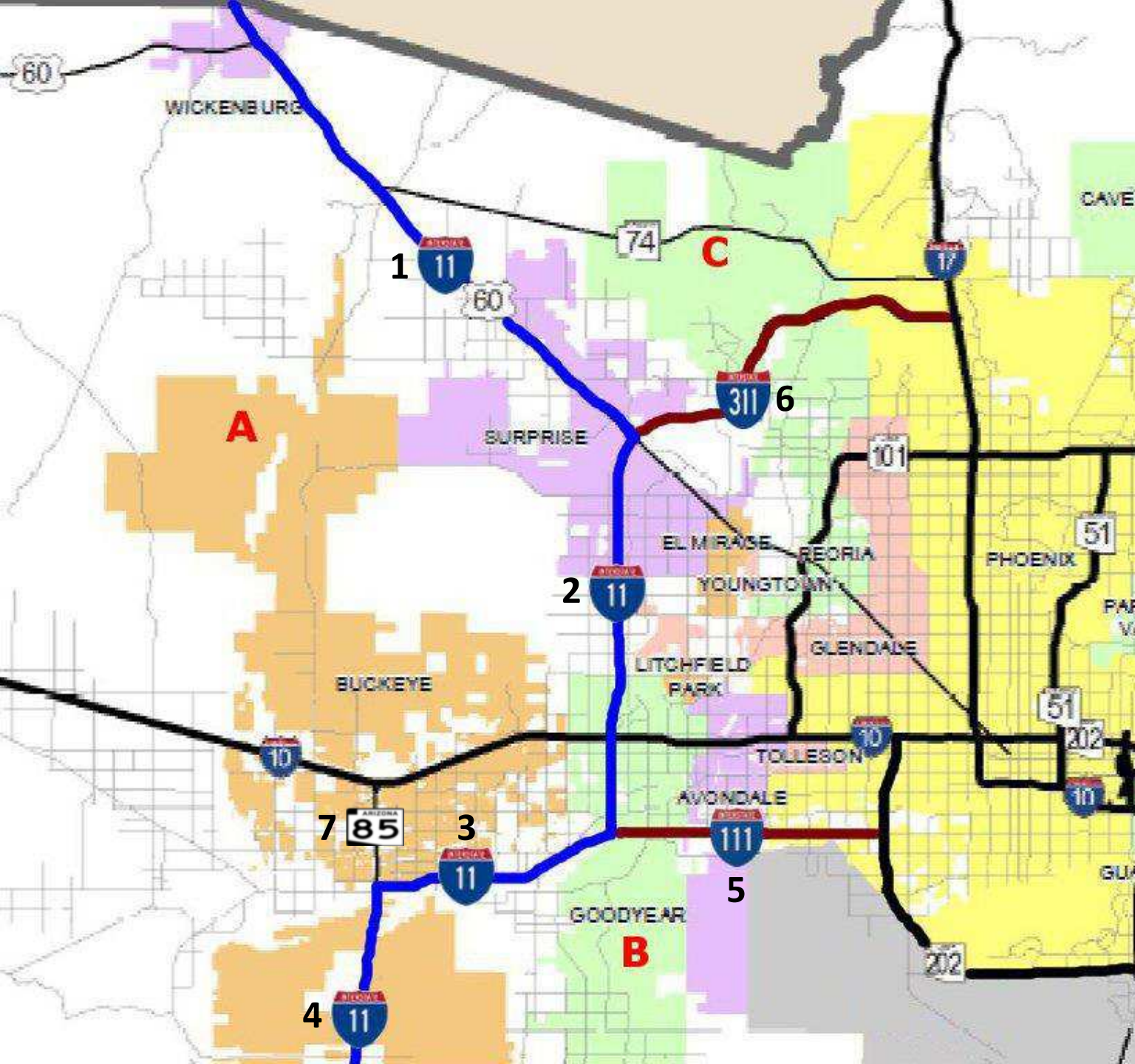
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Summary / Overview of Proposed I-11 Corridor

- I-11 still replaces the existing US 93 corridor but a new corridor south of Wickenburg is proposed.
- I-11 corridor uses existing highway contours with no urban sprawl and no new desert destruction.
- I-11 provides quicker and safer travel to Lukeville border crossing and subsequently to Rocky Point.
- I-11 between I-10 and I-8 becomes a southern bypass around Phoenix for I-10 through traffic.
- I-11 is an alternate to I-19 for some truck traffic and reduces congestion from Nogales to Tucson.
- I-11 generates additional sales tax revenues from vacationers for state and local governments in AZ.



Phoenix West Valley I-11 Corridor (see map)

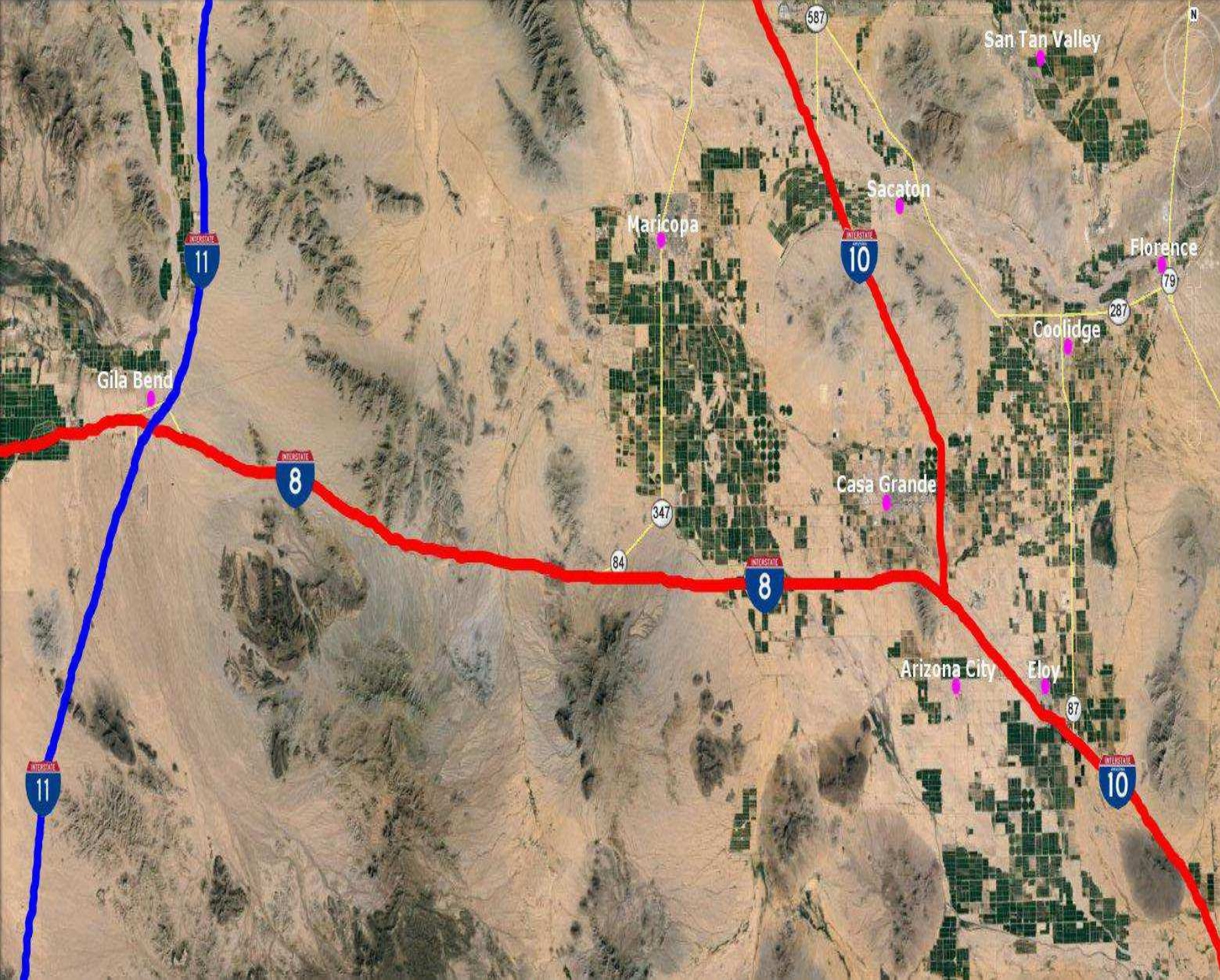
- 1) I-11 shares US 60 from Wickenburg to L303.
- 2) I-11 replaces Loop 303 from US 60 to SR 30.
- 3) I-11 replaces SR 30 from Loop 303 to SR 85.
- 4) I-11 replaces SR 85 from SR 30 to Gila Bend.
- 5) I-111 replaces SR 30 from Loop 303 to L202.
- 6) I-311 replaces Loop 303 from US 60 to I-17.
- 7) SR 85 freeway segment links I-10 and I-11.

- A) DO NOT put I-11 west of White Tank Mtns.**
B) DO NOT extend Loop 303 south of SR 30.
C) DO NOT convert SR 74 into a freeway.

The above reallocations plus the transportation sales tax results in Maricopa County paying for the I-11 freeway from Wickenburg to Gila Bend.

This new I-11 corridor provides better utilization of sparsely populated freeways while saving the environment from construction of new corridors.

West Valley cities embrace the I-11 brand as its regional identity and for the auxiliary freeways.



Central Arizona I-11 Corridor

- I-11 replaces SR 85 and connects directly with I-8 near Gila Bend.
- Gila Bend serves as a gateway between I-11 and Pinal County with I-8 being the main linkage.
- I-10 west traffic to Los Angeles and Las Vegas can take I-8 and I-11 to bypass the Phoenix area.
- I-11 is an alternative to I-19 for travel between Hermosillo and Phoenix, Las Vegas, Los Angeles.
- I-11 does not enter Pinal County but a new North-South freeway is still planned for Pinal County.

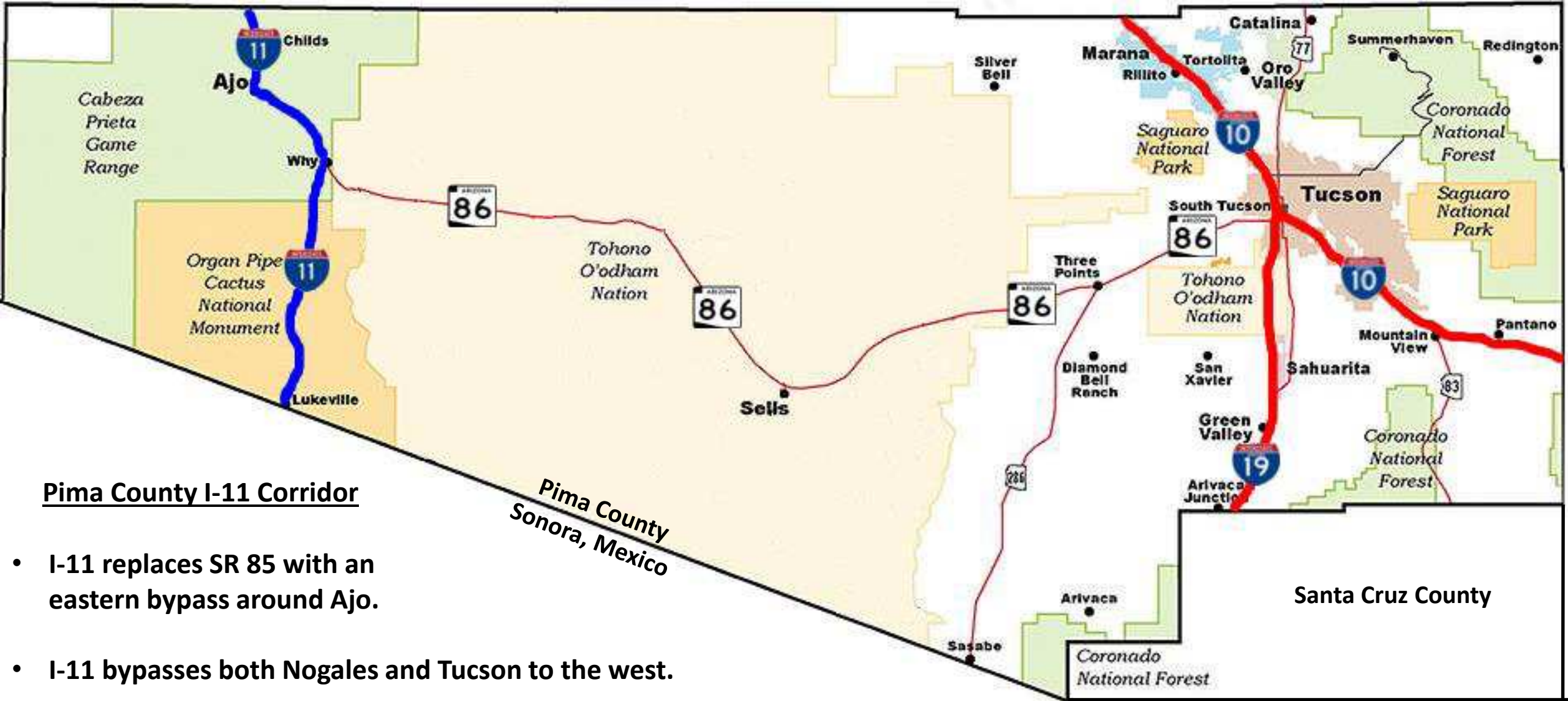
Tucson Metropolitan Region



Auxiliary Interstate Highway I-19 to I-10

In addition to attracting new development, the economic benefits include easy access to suppliers and logistics centers to the more than 220 existing defense and aerospace companies already in the region.

- **No** western bypass between I-19 and I-10 through the Avra Valley.
- I-10 is widened in Tucson west of I-19 to contain extra truck traffic.
- I-10 double stacking could carry express trucks and buses with a potential bus-only transit ramp connecting Downtown Tucson.
- An auxiliary freeway connecting I-19 to I-10 provides faster travel between Nogales & New Mexico. (See map on the left for details).
- Tucson embraces the I-19 brand for its auxiliary interstate label.



Pima County I-11 Corridor

- I-11 replaces SR 85 with an eastern bypass around Ajo.
- I-11 bypasses both Nogales and Tucson to the west.
- Pima County and Tohono O’odham Nation jointly finance the widening of SR 86 into a four-lane, divided highway with a northern bypass around Sells.
- Lukeville border station is expanded to accommodate increased vehicle traffic.



South of the Border Connectivity
 (Refer to map for colored arrows)

- **Arrow:** Common travel corridor from Guaymas and Mexico City.
- **Arrow:** Nogales is the dominant border crossing and offers direct access to Tucson & Pinal County.
- **Arrow:** A path to western border crossings for access to Gila Bend, Yuma, and Southern California.
- **Arrow:** Sonoyta is a secondary crossing from Hermosillo to reach Phoenix and Las Vegas. It also is a suitable alternative to Mexicali to reach Los Angeles. Sonoyta is the gateway from AZ to Rocky Point.
- **Arrow:** Yuma traffic crosses at San Luis; San Diego traffic may otherwise enter Baja California.

Las Vegas Tourists

- Visitors from around the world travel to Las Vegas as a vacation and entertainment destination. However, Las Vegas is missing an ocean and a beach; there is no substitute for an oceanic beach.
- Many Vegas tourists take day trips to the Grand Canyon; another day trip can occur to the beach. Rocky Point, informally known as *Arizona's Beach* can be shared with Vegas as *Las Vegas' Beach*.
- Rocky Point is further away but it has less congestion, cheaper prices, and warmer waters versus Southern CA and it bundles well within a Vegas vacation; SoCal is viewed as a separate vacation.
- A caravan of rental cars, chartered buses, and personal vehicles traveling between Las Vegas and Rocky Point provides sales tax opportunities such as eating at a restaurant or shopping at a mall.
- The accumulation of sales tax revenue can be significant for local, county, and state governments. Adding a side trip to nearby AZ locations within a Rocky Point day trip provides multiplier effects.

Las Vegas beachgoers can travel to Rocky Point instead of Southern California.
Cruise ship passengers can depart from Rocky Point instead of Long Beach, CA.



It's raining dollars in the Arizona Desert from out-of-state visitors and tourists.

Arizona Tourism

- Arizona has many natural wonders, including Sedona and the Grand Canyon that tourists visit in a day trip. Likewise, these tourists can make another day trip to visit Rocky Point.
- An extra vacation day (or a repeat vacation) to Rocky Point creates multiplier effects to the AZ economy resulting in longer hotel stays and greater spending at stores, restaurants, etc.
- However, these economic benefits are not fully realized unless roadway improvements are made. Interstate 11 reduces travel time, increases safety, and serves as a direct connector.
- Increasing tourism to Sonora (including Rocky Point) strengthens the symbiotic relationship between Arizona and Sonora and through reciprocity, Sonora increases its trade to Arizona.
- I-11 between Mexico and Gila Bend carries some freight traffic and offers congestion relief from I-19 & I-10 while I-11 in the West Valley has access to manufacturing and distribution.



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