

Phoenix and Las Vegas are the only two cities in the U.S. with populations of over 1 million that do not have a direct Interstate connection.

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



- ✓ By the year 2035, the populations of the metropolitan Phoenix and Las Vegas areas are expected to increase by 2.5 million and 1.5 million persons, respectively. This 60 percent population increase will result in a commensurate job growth in the two areas.
- ✓ The combined populations of these two areas will be over 10 million people.
- ✓ A multi-modal link (rail and Interstate) will facilitate trade movement between two of the fastest growing regions in the United States.
- ✓ The I-11 transportation corridor has been identified by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) on their I-10/Hassayampa Transportation Framework Study and on the

Interstate10/Interstate 8 - Hidden Valley Transportation Framework Study

- ✓ The Interstate-11 transportation corridor is also a component of efforts to route commercial truck traffic around the metropolitan Phoenix area, alleviating pollution and roadway congestion within the Phoenix area and on Interstate-17.
- ✓ The transportation corridor will increase economic activity and relieve congestion and air pollution in communities along the route, including Wickenburg, Kingman and Boulder City.
- ✓ The Interstate-11 corridor is the last link to create a continuous north-south interstate corridor in the Mountain West region of the United States
- ✓ Enhancement of this transportation linkage will allow further use of the recent investment to improve the Hoover Dam/Colorado River Bridge.

AZAGC Supports the CAN-DO Coalition and was one of the first organizations to sign its resolution.

"We're grateful to have [AZAGC] as a part of our team in bringing this important project to completion. There is much work still to be done and with your assistance and that of other like-minded organizations, we'll get it done."

**Steve Betts, Chairman
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