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Transportation & Trade Corridor Alliance Announcement

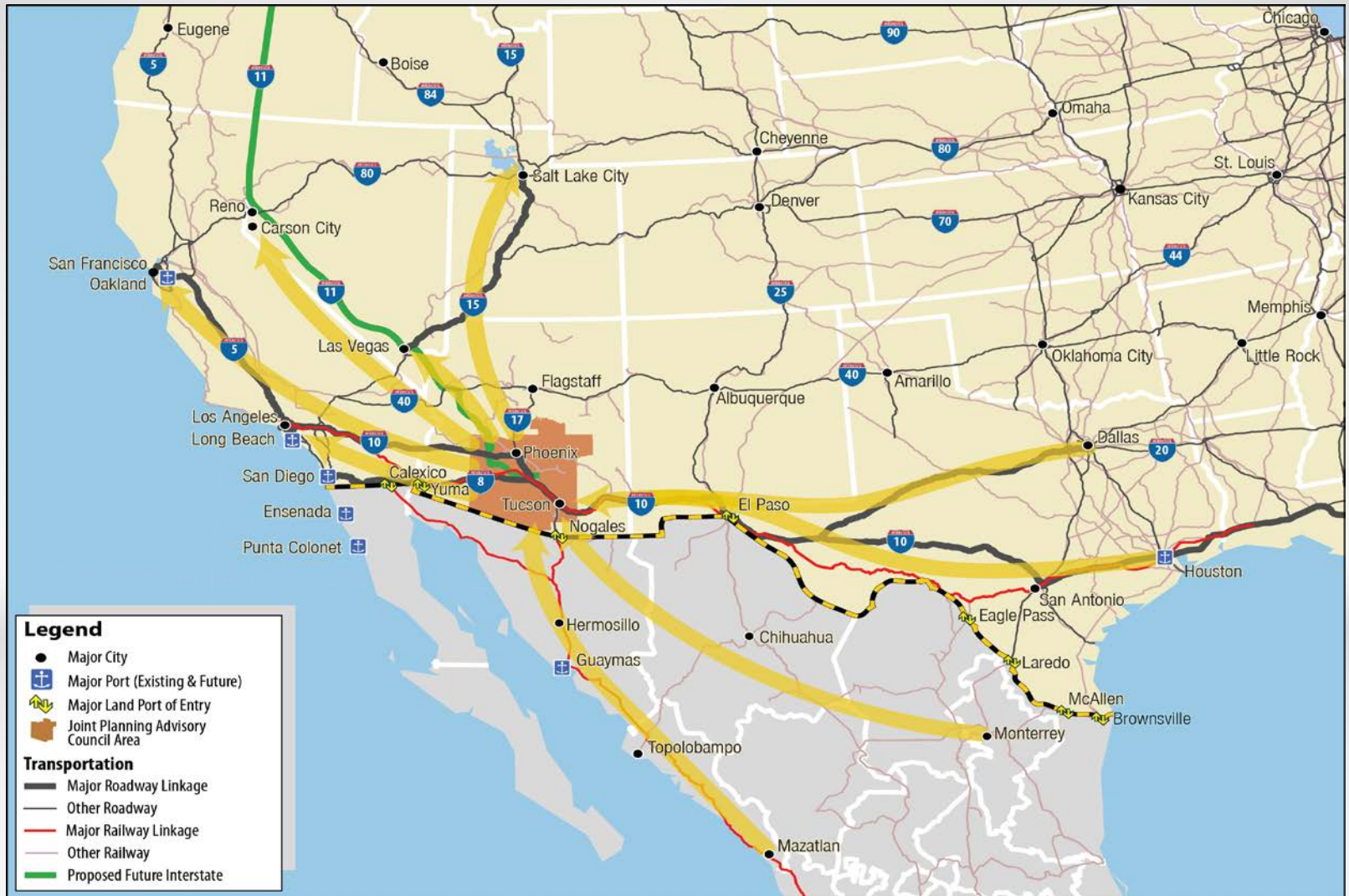
- Gov. Brewer announced its creation to strengthen state's ability to compete for economic development and jobs through focus on trade, logistics, infrastructure and energy.
- ADOT will lead strategic planning effort in collaboration with Arizona-Mexico Commission and Arizona Commerce Authority to bring together public and private sector entities to assess viable opportunities for Arizona.
- Evaluate infrastructure needs and identify investment strategies, consistent with long-range transportation plan, to improve Arizona's economic competitiveness.

Transportation & Trade Corridor Alliance

The Road Ahead

- Framework for increased statewide collaboration.
- Raises level of attention to issues and opportunities that will maximize Arizona's economic competitiveness and foster job creation.
- Stakeholder participation critical to the success of this effort. ADOT will contact organizations to confirm participation.

Arizona-Nevada Interstate Corridor



Arizona-Nevada Interstate Corridor

Chronology of ADOT's Actions

- Early 2009, Gov. Brewer sets course for this important transportation link between Phoenix and Las Vegas.
- Identify \$1.5 million within current federal funds from “high priority programming funding” for study.

Arizona-Nevada Interstate Corridor

Chronology of ADOT's Actions

- Met with Arizona Congressional delegation to discuss the study and need for additional funding.
- Arizona's Congressional delegation calls upon Congressional leaders to create the proposed corridor and designate it as a high priority project of national significance in early 2010.
- State Transportation Board requests an expanded approach; requests corridor study in relation to the entire state transportation system.

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Chronology of ADOT's Actions

- Adopt holistic approach for the entire corridor instead of the original proposal to study only the Maricopa County segment.
- State Transportation Board appoints corridor subcommittee.
- Federal guidance changes; ADOT receives FHWA support for a “Planning and Environmental Linkages” study.

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Chronology of ADOT's Actions

- Arizona and Nevada departments of transportation to conduct joint study from the Mexico border in Southern Arizona to the northern Nevada border.
- Joint study will take 18 to 24 months to complete; kick off Spring 2012.
- ADOT will study area south of the junction of Interstate 8 and Interstate 10 to examine potential economic benefit of the corridor and current and future border crossings.
- Maricopa Association of Governments and Southern Nevada planning organization are key stakeholders.

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Interstate Designation

- FHWA and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials must approve requests for a route to carry an Interstate designation.
- There are two ways highways can be designated as future Interstates: 1) administrative path through the FHWA; 2) legislative path through Congress.
- An Interstate designation does not necessarily guarantee funding, but it elevates a route's importance and improves its chance at obtaining discretionary grants.

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- Arizona cannot absorb all the costs of construction and the federal government is not making large investments on the Interstate System.
- Investment in the preliminary environmental work is critical for both the State and the private sector to evaluate the feasibility of this project.
- Expected long-term volumes may make this a candidate for a public-private partnership.
- Ability to fully utilize public-private partnership is important to the long-term viability of the project. Alternative financing methods must be part of the solution.

Transportation Corridors

The Road Ahead

- Arizona is facing a gap between the state's transportation needs and projected revenues. There is no single solution to satisfy all of Arizona's transportation needs if the state is going to grow its economy.
- The business community and government partners should be engaged in deciding what type of Arizona we want in the next 30-50 years. That's why ADOT will reach out to the business and government stakeholders in 2012.
- ADOT's goal is to meet with 150 business and government leaders this year to build upon past transportation planning efforts and to raise awareness of the fundamental transportation policy issues facing Arizona.