



## I-11 and Intermountain West Corridor Study

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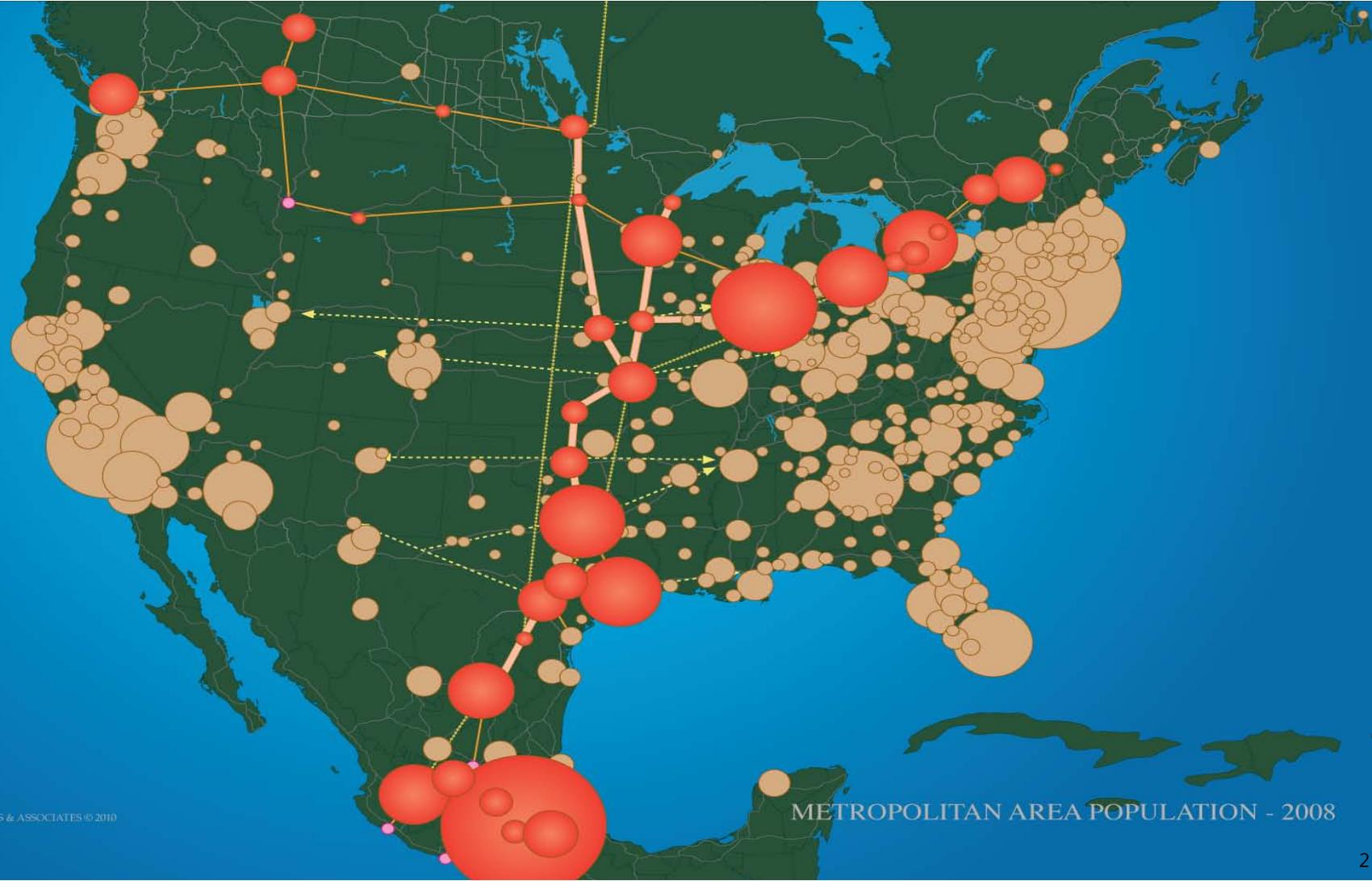
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# Background

- Federal transportation authorizations identified high priority corridors.
- CANAMEX Corridor designated (1995).
- Corridor advanced through:
  - MAG Hassayampa and Hidden Valley Framework Studies (2006 – 2009).
  - Building a Quality Arizona (bqAZ, 2010).
  - NDOT/RTCSNV Boulder City Bypass (2005 and ongoing).
- CANAMEX Corridor along US-93 between Phoenix and Las Vegas designated as future “I-11” in MAP-21 (2012).
- **Arizona and Nevada DOTs signed an interagency agreement and begin a joint planning study (2012-2014).**





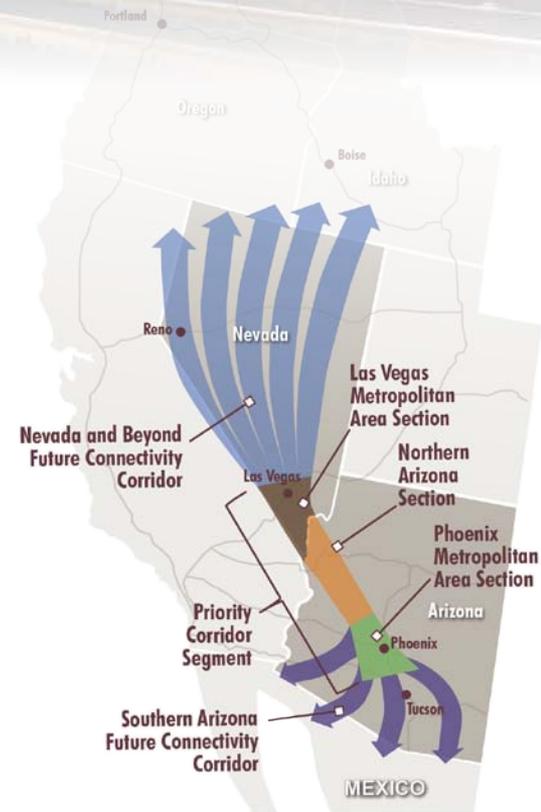
# What Does this Study Entail?

- **Two levels of investigation:**

- Detailed corridor planning between Las Vegas and Phoenix.
- High-level visioning from Las Vegas to Canada, and from Phoenix to Mexico.

- **Multimodal consideration:**

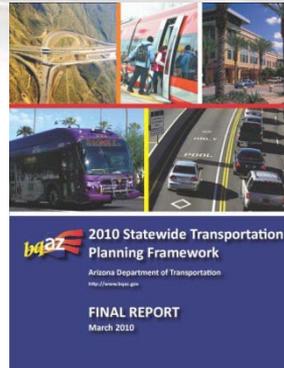
- Interstate/highway, freight rail, passenger rail, and public transportation.
- Power, telecommunication, and other infrastructure needs.



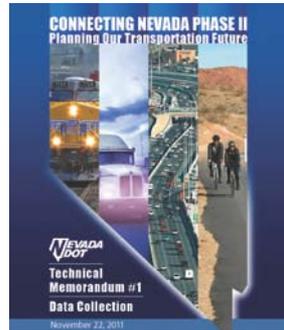


# Previous Corridor Vision Concepts

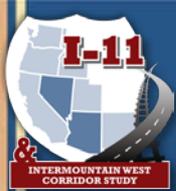
- From past studies:
  - Provide a vital connection between Phoenix and Las Vegas.
  - Promote possible intermodal linkages.
  - Stimulate economic development at new transportation crossroads.
  - Spur community and economic development in focused activity centers.
  - Investigate inclusion of power, telecommunications, freight rail and passenger rail.
  - Serve as the foundation of a stronger and more diversified economy for the Intermountain West.



[bqaz.gov](http://bqaz.gov)



[connectingnevada.org](http://connectingnevada.org)



# Potential Benefits of the Corridor

- New north-south transcontinental corridor through the Intermountain West:
  - Connecting communities.
  - Enhancing economic vitality.
  - Improving safety and travel time.
  - Providing congestion relief/alternative route.
  - Enhancing commercial capabilities.
  - Serving the region's businesses.





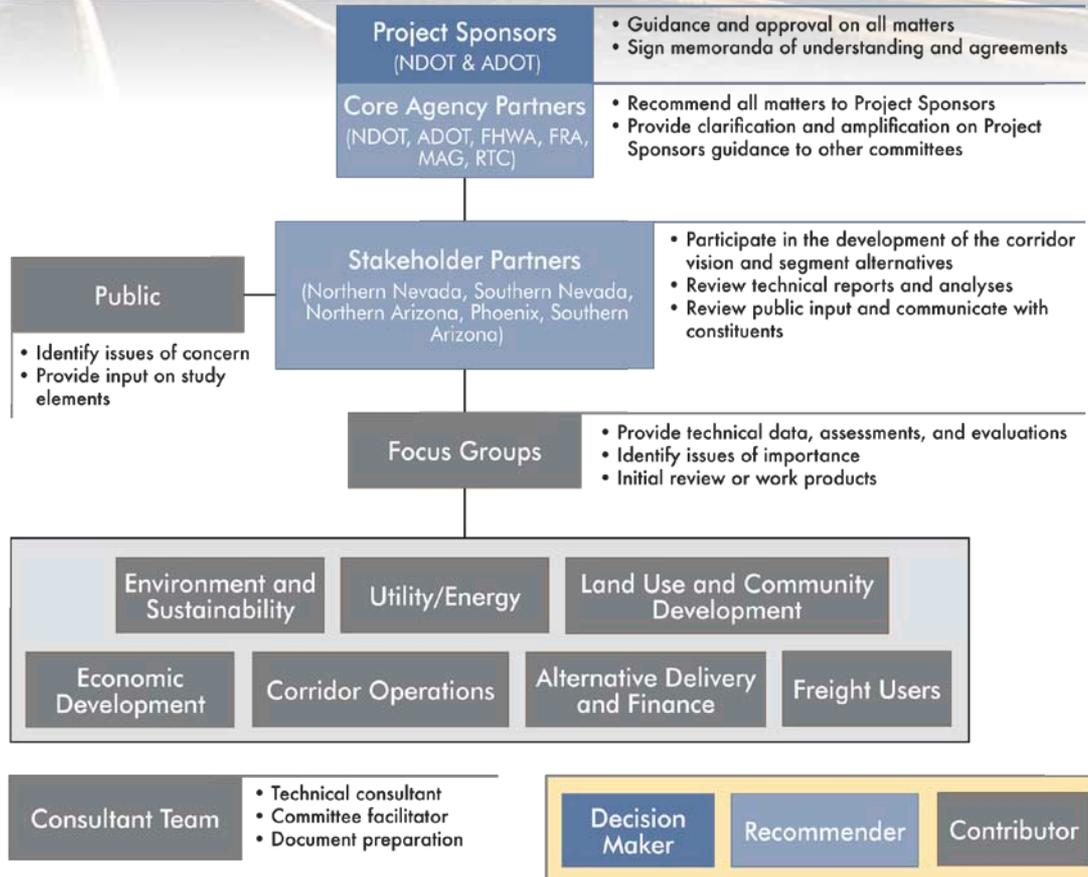
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- Enhance local, regional, national and global connectivity.
- **Enhance economic competitiveness and activity:**
  - **Capture part of the stream of prosperity.**
  - **Create jobs.**
  - **Enhance quality of life.**
- Provide network redundancy and flexibility.
- Provide flexibility for evolving modal choices.
- Promote sustainable development.





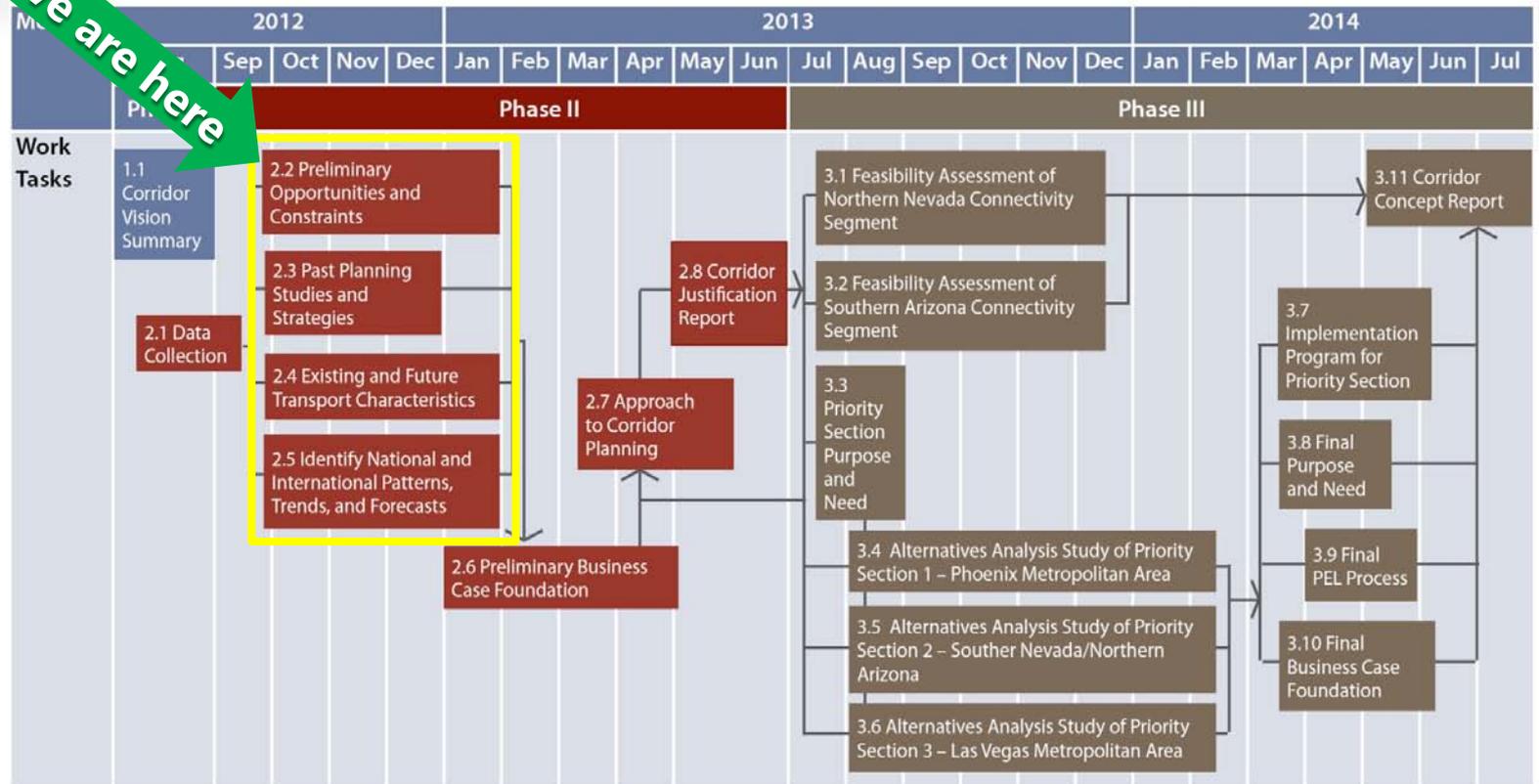
# Study Participants





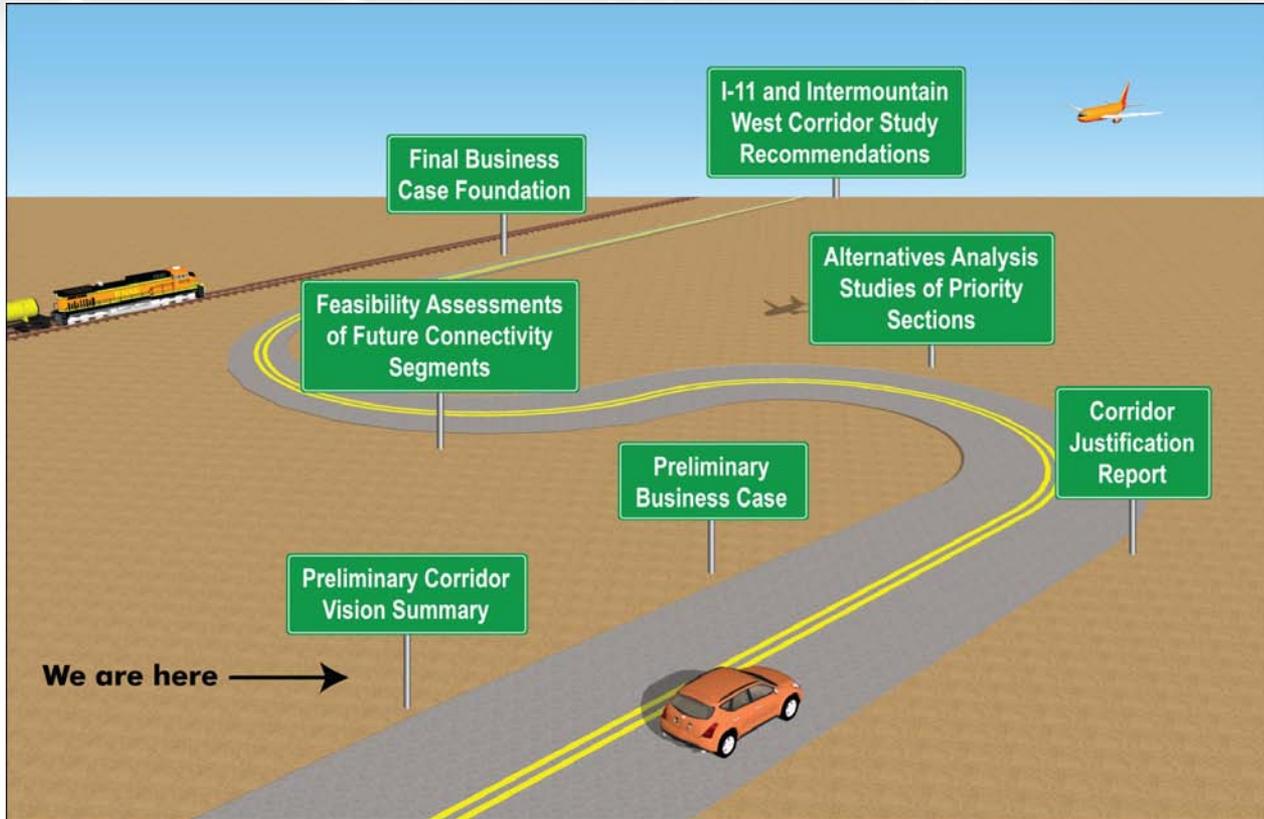
# Study Schedule

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# Project Roadmap





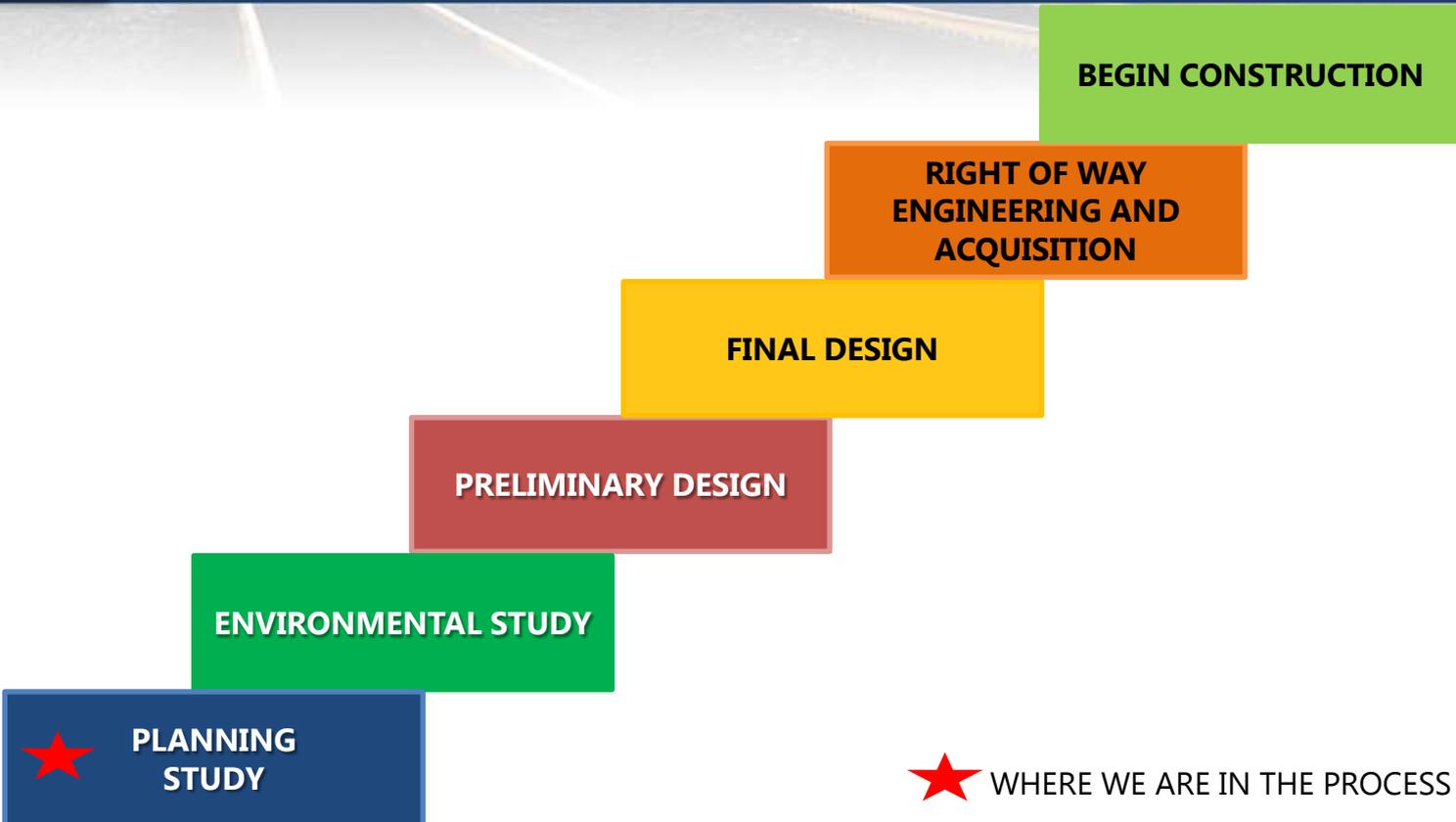
# Economic Scenarios

- **Baseline** (includes Panama Canal widening)
- Pacific Ports reach capacity, added capacity at Mexican Ports, **but Latin American trade remains constant**
- Pacific Ports reach capacity, added capacity at Mexican Ports, **increased Latin American trade**
- **Diversification** of Arizona and Nevada economies realized





# Steps in the Traditional Transportation Project Development Process



 WHERE WE ARE IN THE PROCESS



# Upcoming Dates

- Focus Group Meetings
  - January 8: Utility/Energy
  - January 22: Economic Development
  - January 29: Freight Users
  - February 5: Environment and Sustainability
  - February 12: Land Use and Community Development
  - February 19: Corridor Operations
  - February 26: Alternative Delivery and Finance
- Reports
  - Technical Memorandum 1: Existing and Future Corridor Conditions (early Spring)
  - Preliminary Business Case Foundation (Late Spring)
  - Corridor Justification Report (Summer)
- General Stakeholder Partners Meeting (May)





# How To Stay Involved . . .

- Periodic public meetings.
- Project website: [www.i11study.com](http://www.i11study.com).

A screenshot of the project website. The header includes the I-11 logo and the title 'I-11 & Intermountain West Corridor Study'. A navigation menu contains 'Home', 'Project Background', 'Project Documents', 'Get Involved', 'Stakeholder Partners', and 'Links'. Two red callout boxes highlight specific sections: 'Project Documents' with the bullet 'Most current information.' and 'Get Involved' with the bullets 'Comment form.' and 'Join email distribution list to be notified of new postings and public meetings.' The background of the website shows a highway with a tanker truck and a train in the distance.

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