



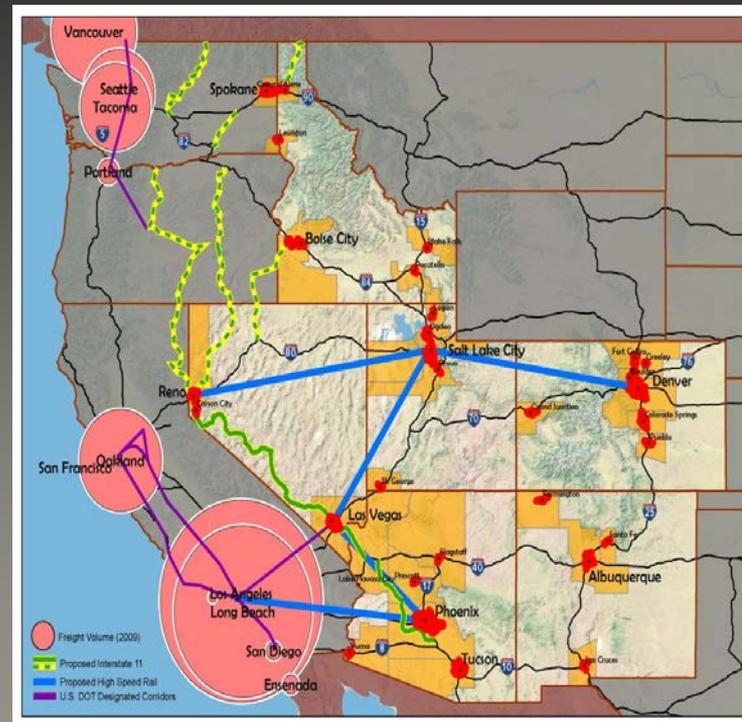
THE GEOGRAPHY OF INTERSTATE 11

Intermountain MPO/TMA Meeting
March 16, 2012

Transformative Investments

The Brookings Institution

- Representing the pioneering spirit of the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, the Interstate 11 corridor of the Intermountain West is a project for linking the nation's fastest growing metropolitan areas and over 30 military installations, enhancing north-south travel and alleviating parallel route congestion, and improving the overall capability for goods movement and freight reliability. The project is estimated to encompass approximately 1,400-miles of new interstate roadway with the provision for accommodating rail, water, and power transport. The corridor also strengthens international trade between the United States, Canada, and Mexico by linking West Coast ports in all three countries.



S. 1813 – MAP21

- Amends sec. 1105(e)(5)(A) of the 1991 ISTEA law to designate certain routes on the CANAMEX corridor in Arizona and Nevada as a part of the Interstate system and as eventual Interstate 11.

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1 work zones; weather; or traffic management re-
2 quirements of special events or emergencies:

3 **(C) REASONABLE ACCESS.**—Conventional
4 combination vehicles shall be given reasonable
5 access; by the most reasonable; practicable; and
6 safe route available; subject to review by the
7 Secretary—

8 **(i) between the National Highway**
9 **System and facilities for food; fuel; and**
10 **rest within ½ mile of the National Highway**
11 **System; and**

12 **(ii) to terminal locations for the un-**
13 **loading and loading of cargo.**

14 **(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—

15 **(b) INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ROUTE SEGMENTS ON**
16 **INTERSTATE SYSTEM.**—

17 *(1) IN GENERAL.*—Section 1105(e)(5)(A) of the
18 *Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of*
19 *1991 (105 Stat. 2032; 109 Stat. 597) is amended by*
20 *striking “and subsections (c)(18) and (c)(20)” and in-*
21 *serting “, in subsections (c)(18) and (c)(20), and in*
22 *subparagraphs (A)(iii) and (B) of subsection (c)(26).”*

23 *(2) ROUTE DESIGNATION.*—Section
24 *1105(e)(5)(C)(i) of the Intermodal Surface Transpor-*
25 *tation Efficiency Act of 1991 (105 Stat. 2032; 109*

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1 *Stat. 598) is amended by adding at the end the fol-*
2 *lowing: “The routes referred to subparagraphs (A)(iii)*
3 *and (B)(i) of subsection (c)(26) are designated as*
4 *Interstate Route I-11.”*

5 **(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—

6 **(1) ANALYSIS.**—The analysis for chapter 1 of
7 title 23, United States Code, is amended by striking
8 the item relating to section 103 and inserting the
9 following:

10 **(2) SECTION 113.**—Section 113 of title 23,
11 United States Code, is amended—

12 **(A)** in subsection (a) by striking “the Fed-
13 eral-aid systems” and inserting “Federal-aid
14 highways”; and

15 **(B)** in subsection (b), in the first sentence,
16 by striking “of the Federal-aid systems” and
17 inserting “Federal-aid highway”.

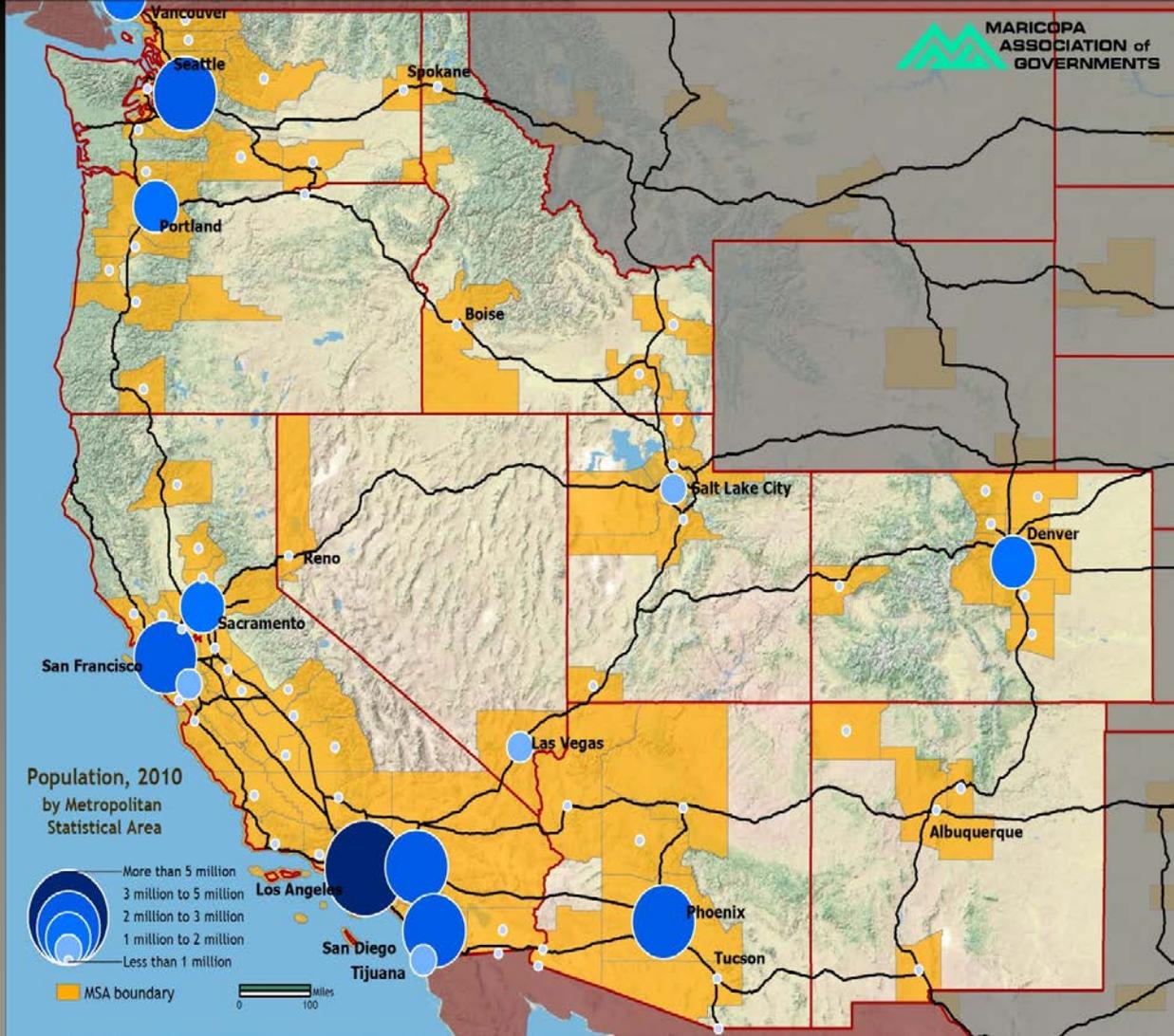
18 **(3) SECTION 123.**—Section 123(a) of title 23,
19 United States Code, is amended in the first sentence
20 by striking “Federal-aid system” and inserting
21 “Federal-aid highway”.

22 **(4) SECTION 217.**—Section 217(b) of title 23,
23 United States Code, is amended in the subsection
24 heading by striking “NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM”

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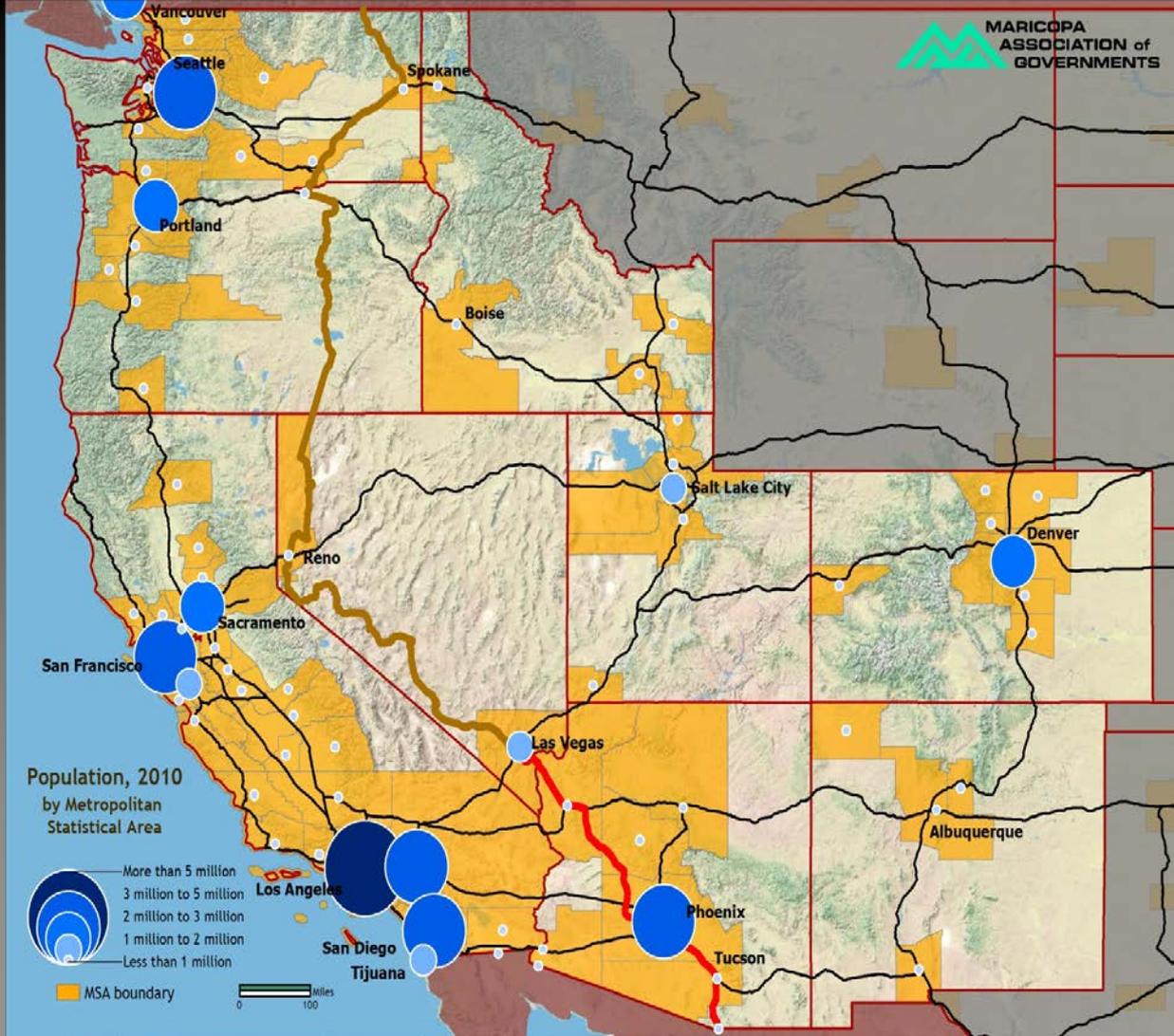
Population

Reno-Las Vegas-Phoenix-Tucson corridor had a population of under **700,000** in 1955.



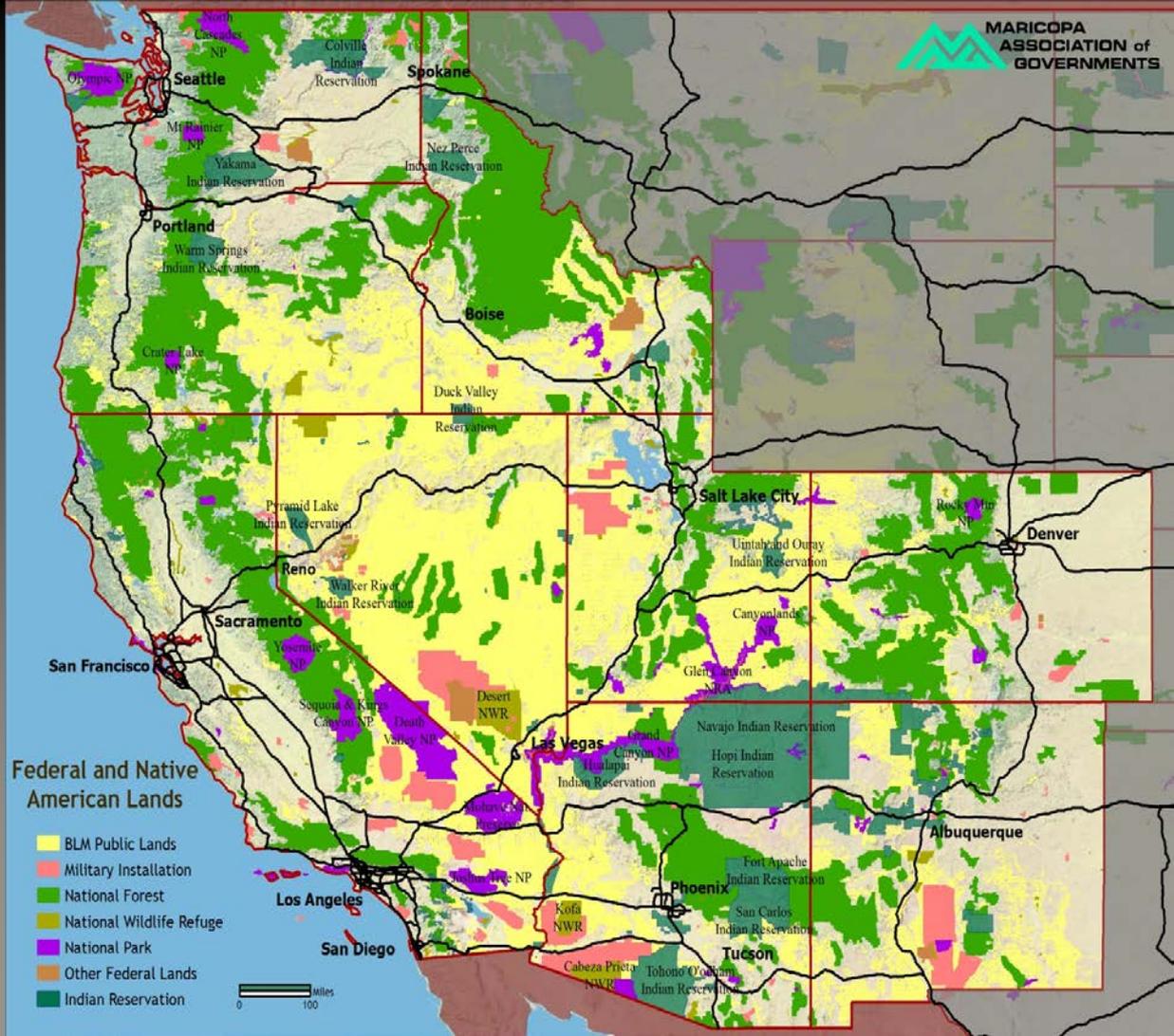
Population

Reno-Las Vegas-
Phoenix-Tucson now
has a population
exceeding **8 million**.

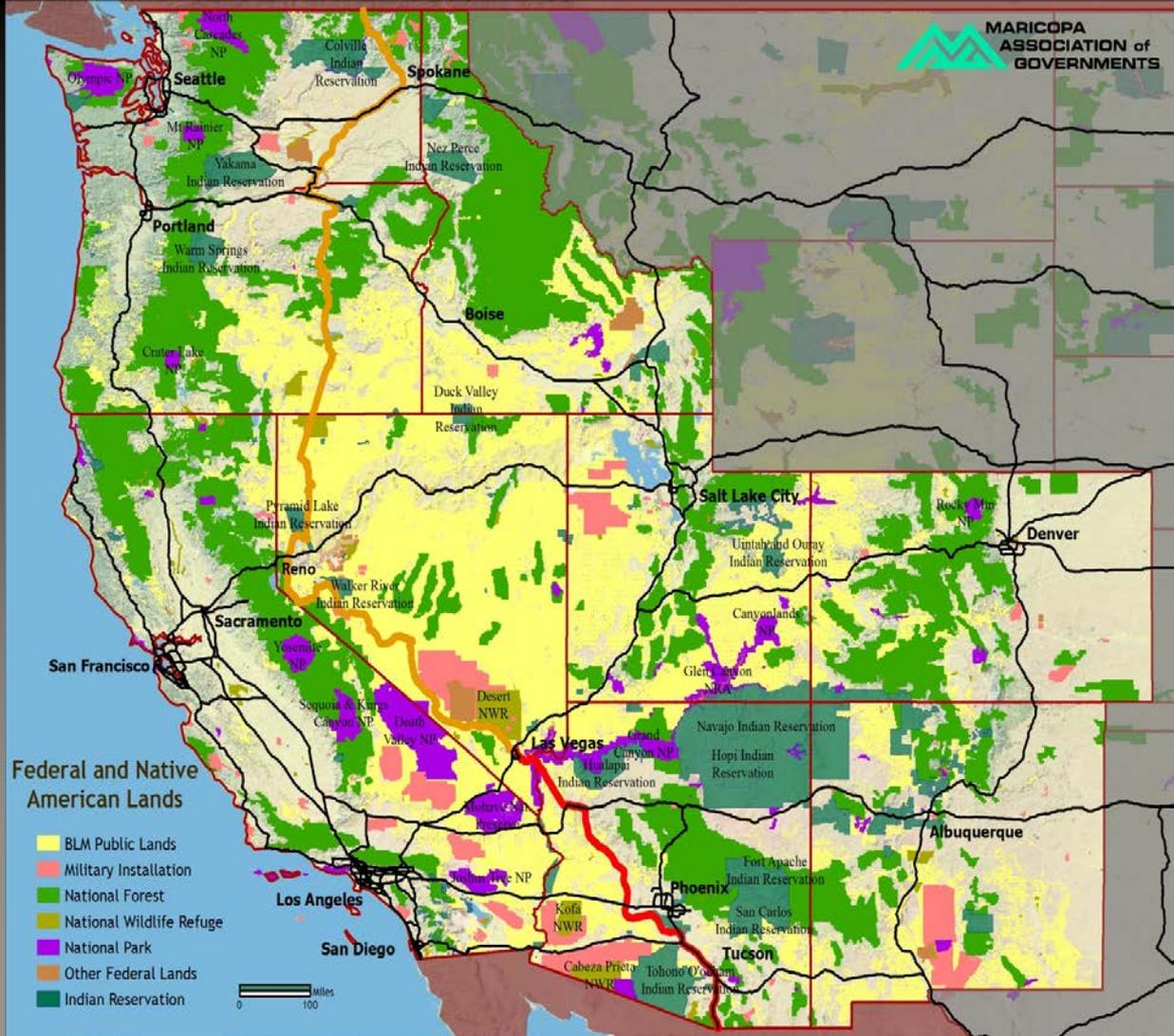
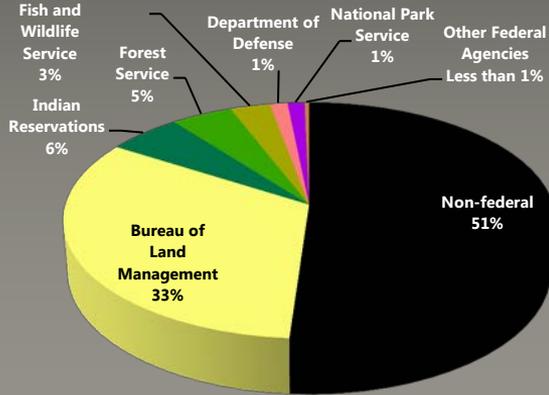


Federal and Native American Lands

Arizona and Nevada have the largest holdings of Federal and Native-American lands in the United States.

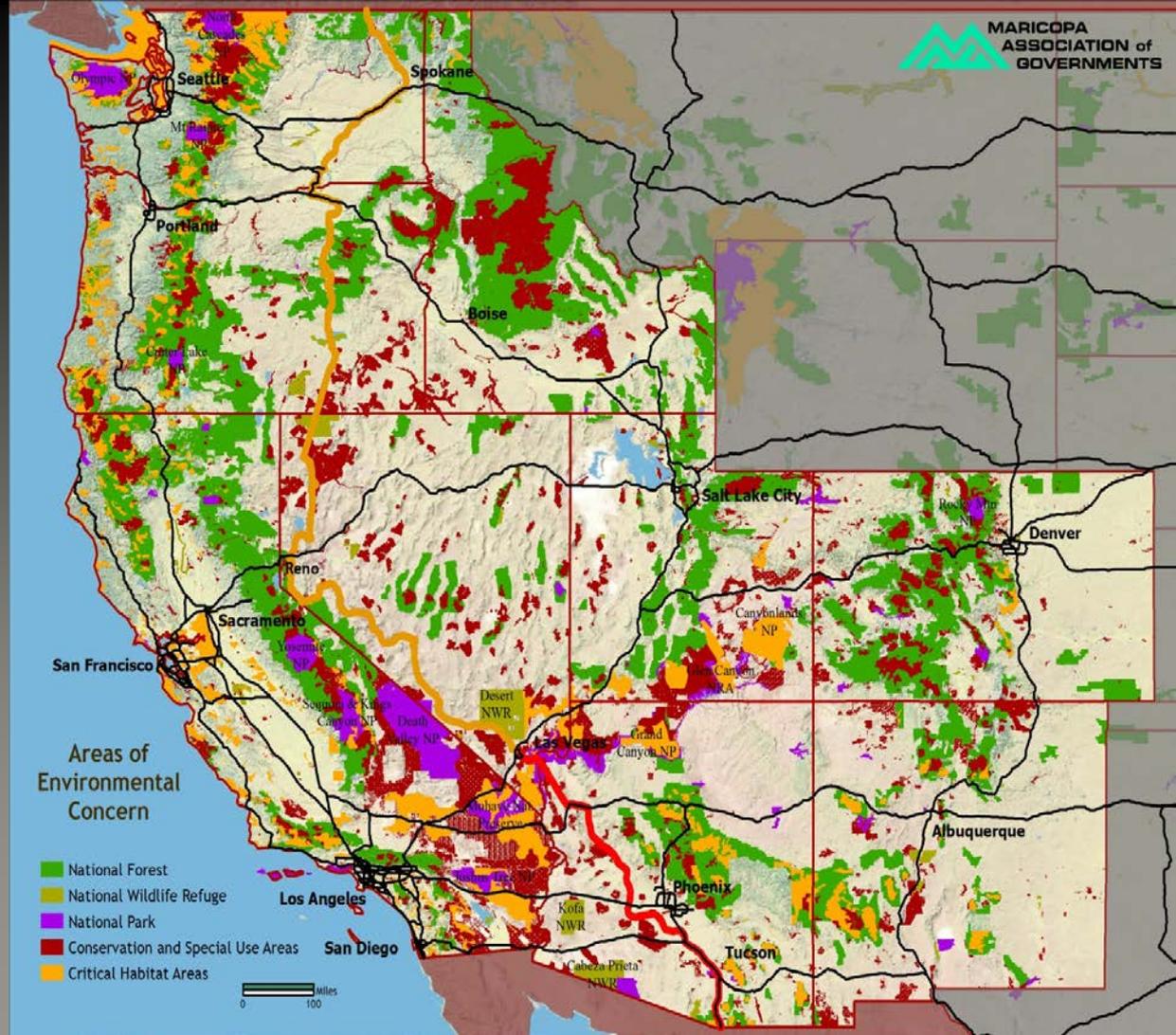


Federal and Native American Lands



Areas of Critical Environmental Concern

Corridor could impact protected lands in Northern Nevada and Southern Oregon.



National Park Locations

With the exception of Yellowstone and Rocky Mountain, the corridor is within two to three hours of the Western United States' most popular parks.



Major Military Installations

Corridor provides connections to significant installations without the need to travel through major metropolitan centers in California.



Major Airports

Provide ground connections to heavily used airports on the West Coast.



Canamex Corridor

Interstate 11 meets the intent of this corridor.



Class 1 Railroads

Opens up a bottleneck
for transportation in
Southern Oregon.



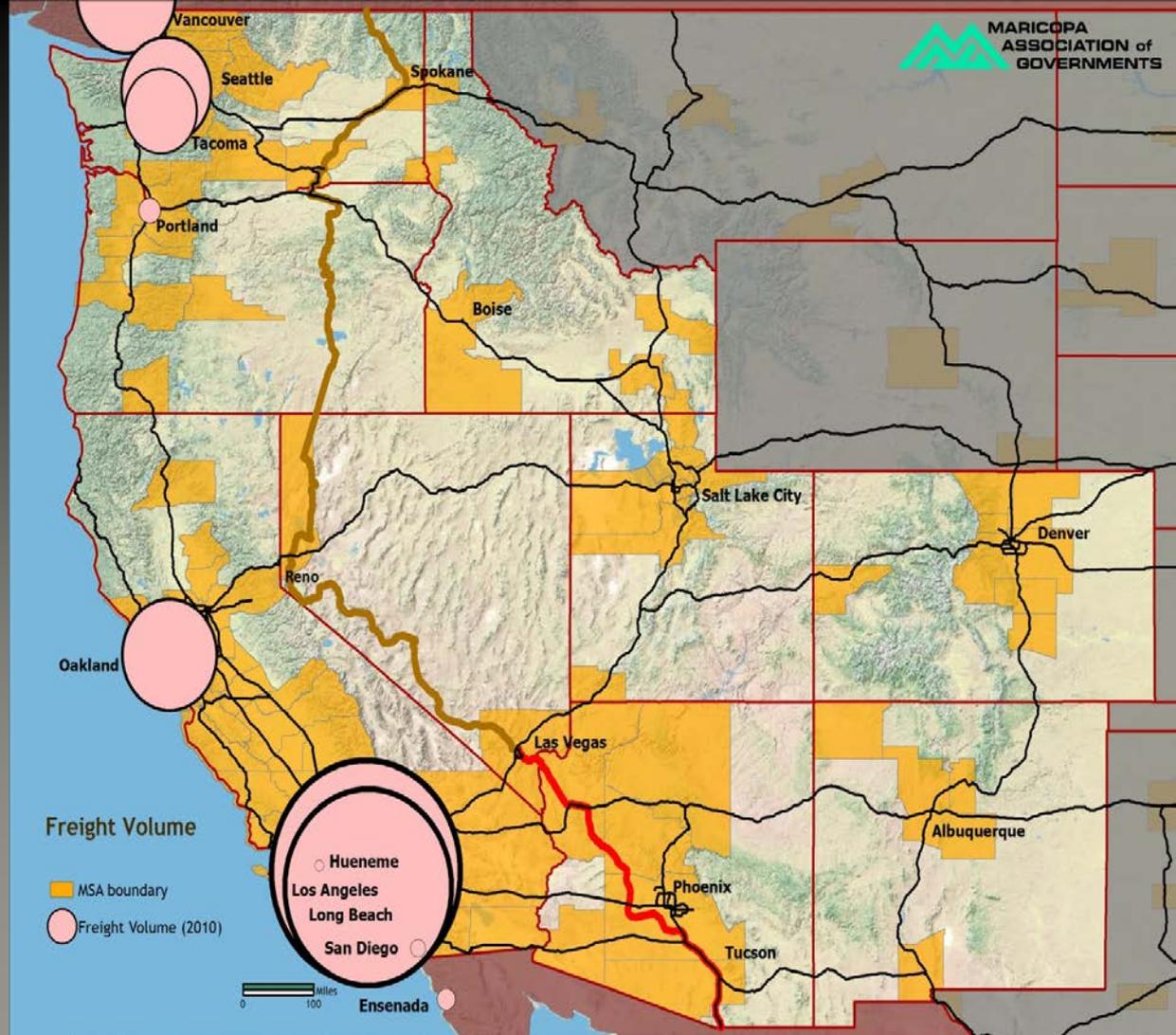
High Voltage Long Distance Powerlines

Provides another north-south link in the Western power grid.



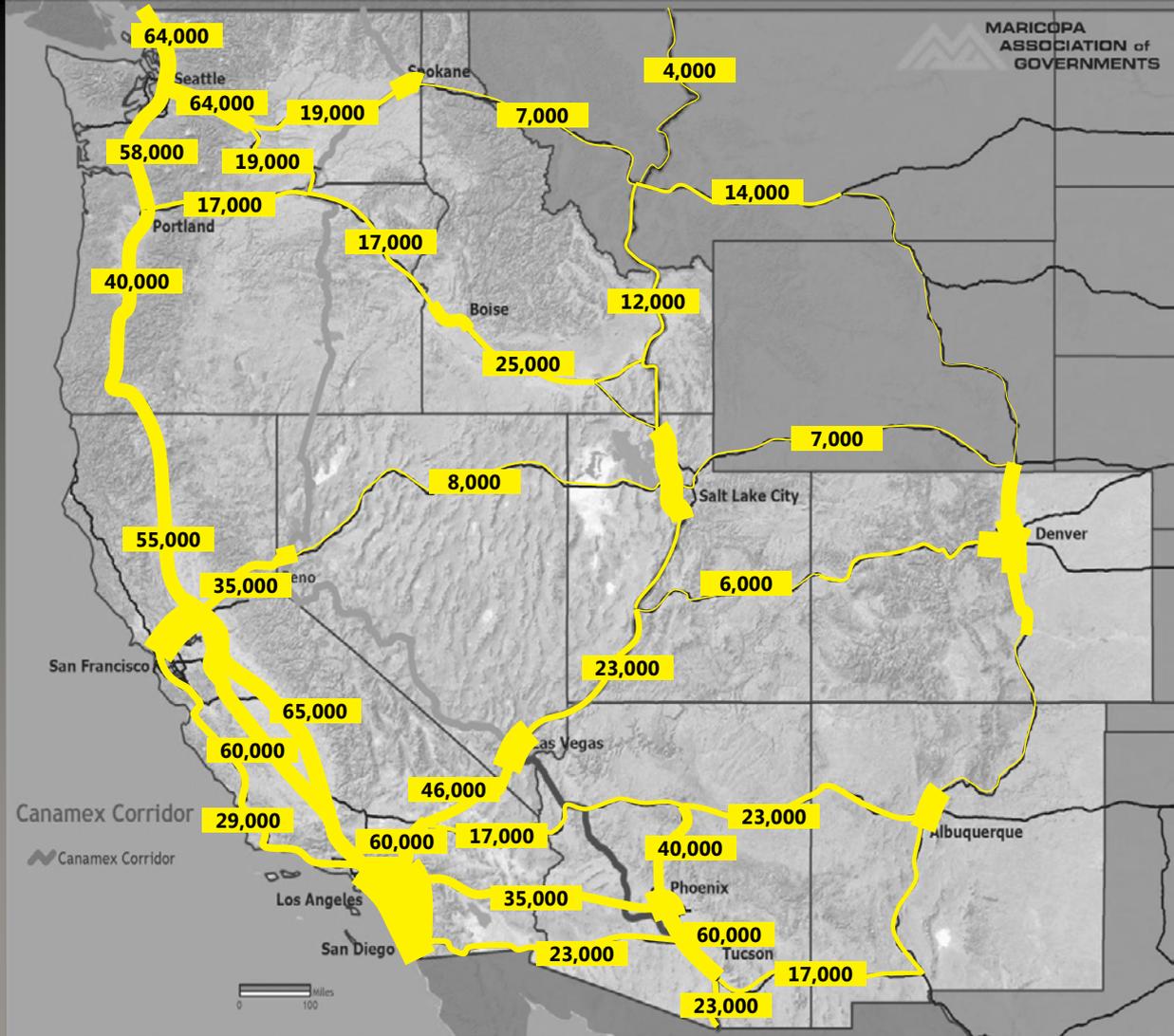
Container Port Traffic

Corridor provides back-haul opportunities from Texas, Mexico, and Canada.



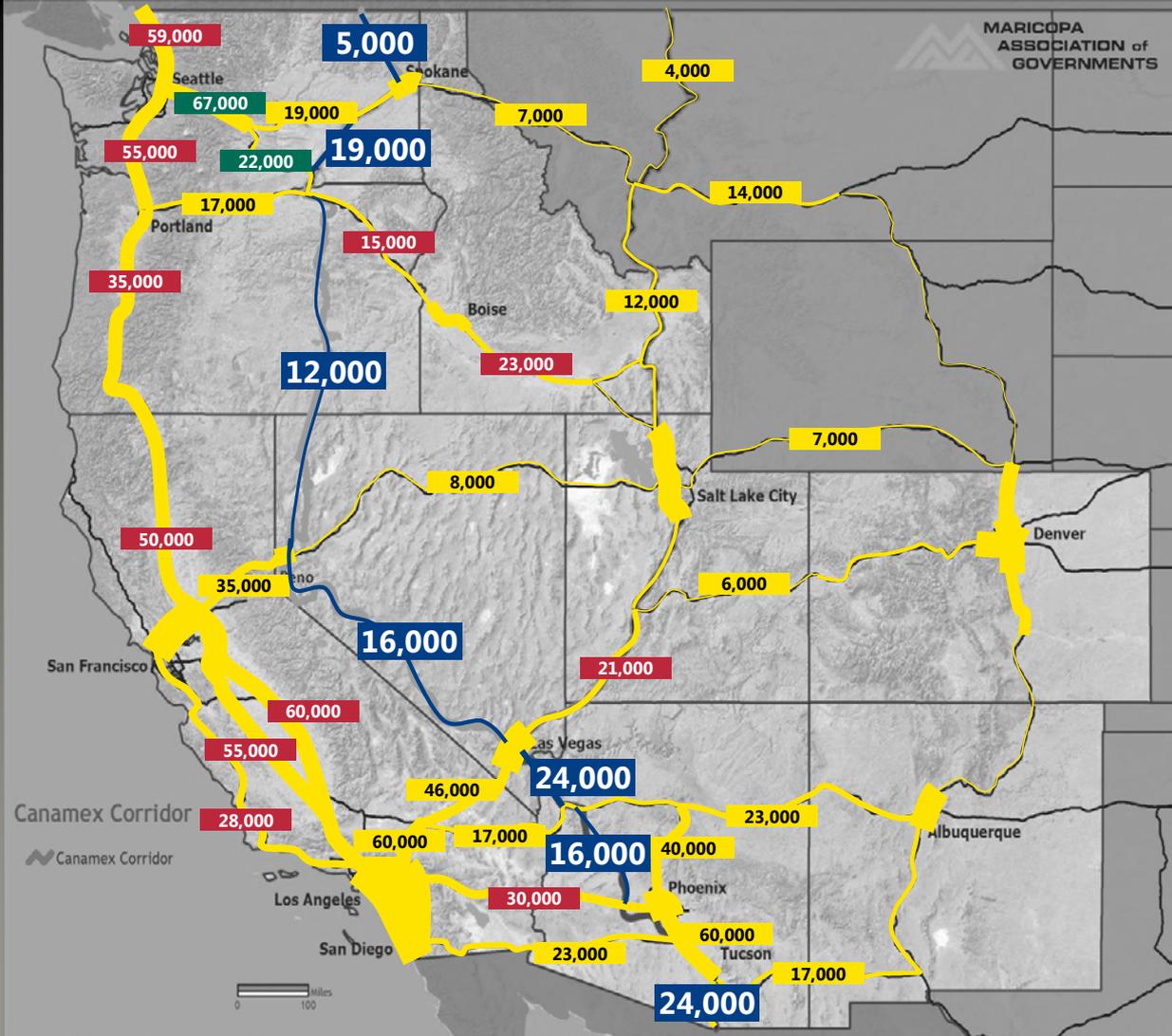
2040 Travel Demand

Average Growth is 35% in the Western United States over 30 years.



2040 Travel Demand

Interstate 11
attracts **5,000** to
24,000 vehicles
per day.



MAG Economic Development Committee

- Freight and Inland Port:
 - Monitor Punta Colonet developments
 - Rehabilitation of Welton Branch rail line
 - Freight Framework Study
- Interstate 11:
 - Designation
 - Environmental assessment
 - Right of way agreement



Freight Framework Study

Arizona – 1 Rail Crossing
Part Time Operation

Texas – 5 Rail Crossings
Operating 24/7





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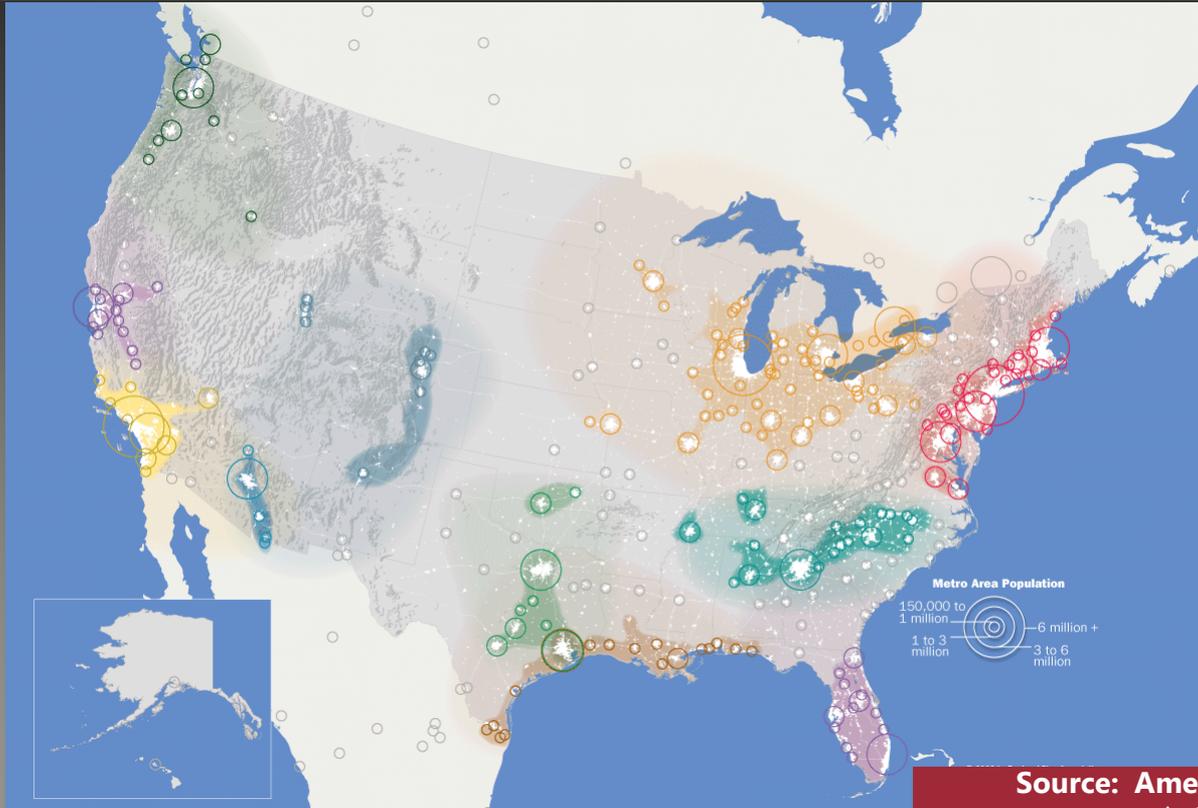
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