

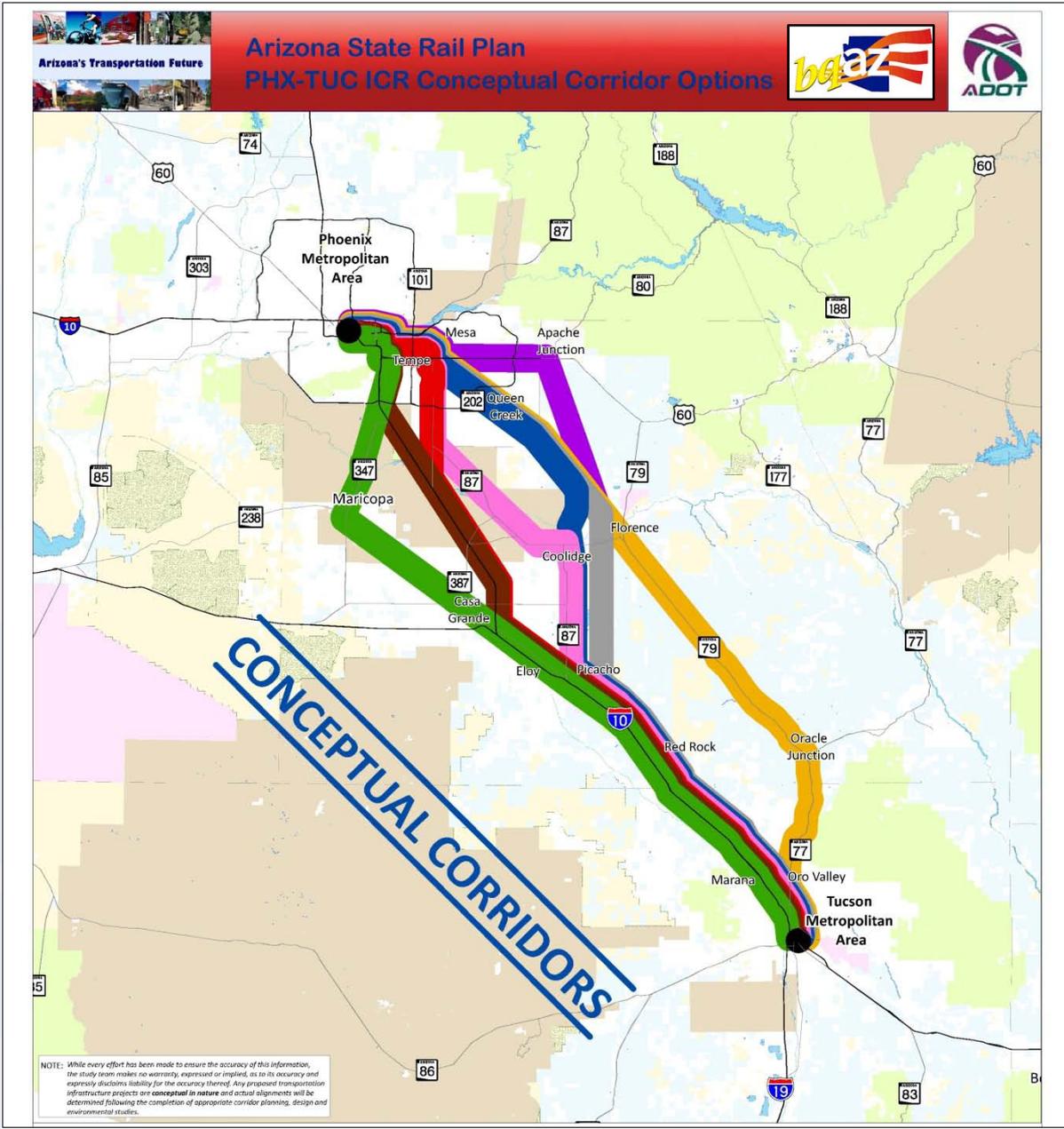
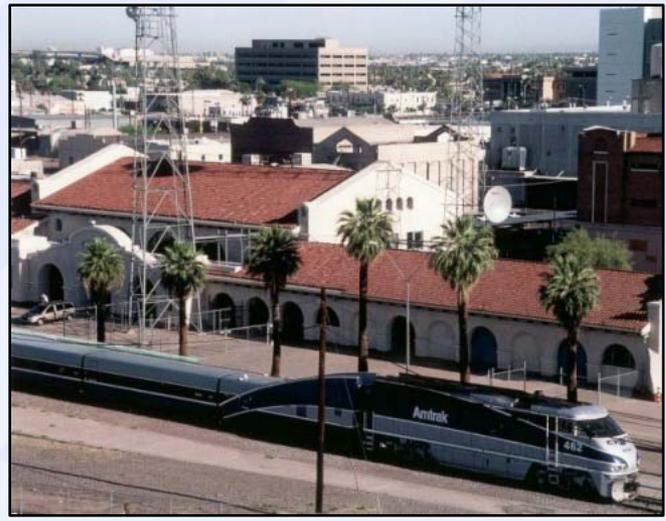
**MAG Funding Match Request  
for  
ADOT-Federal Railroad Administration  
Grant Application**

**MAG  
Regional Council  
March 30, 2011**





# Intercity Rail Study 2011





## ADOT – FRA Grant Application Background

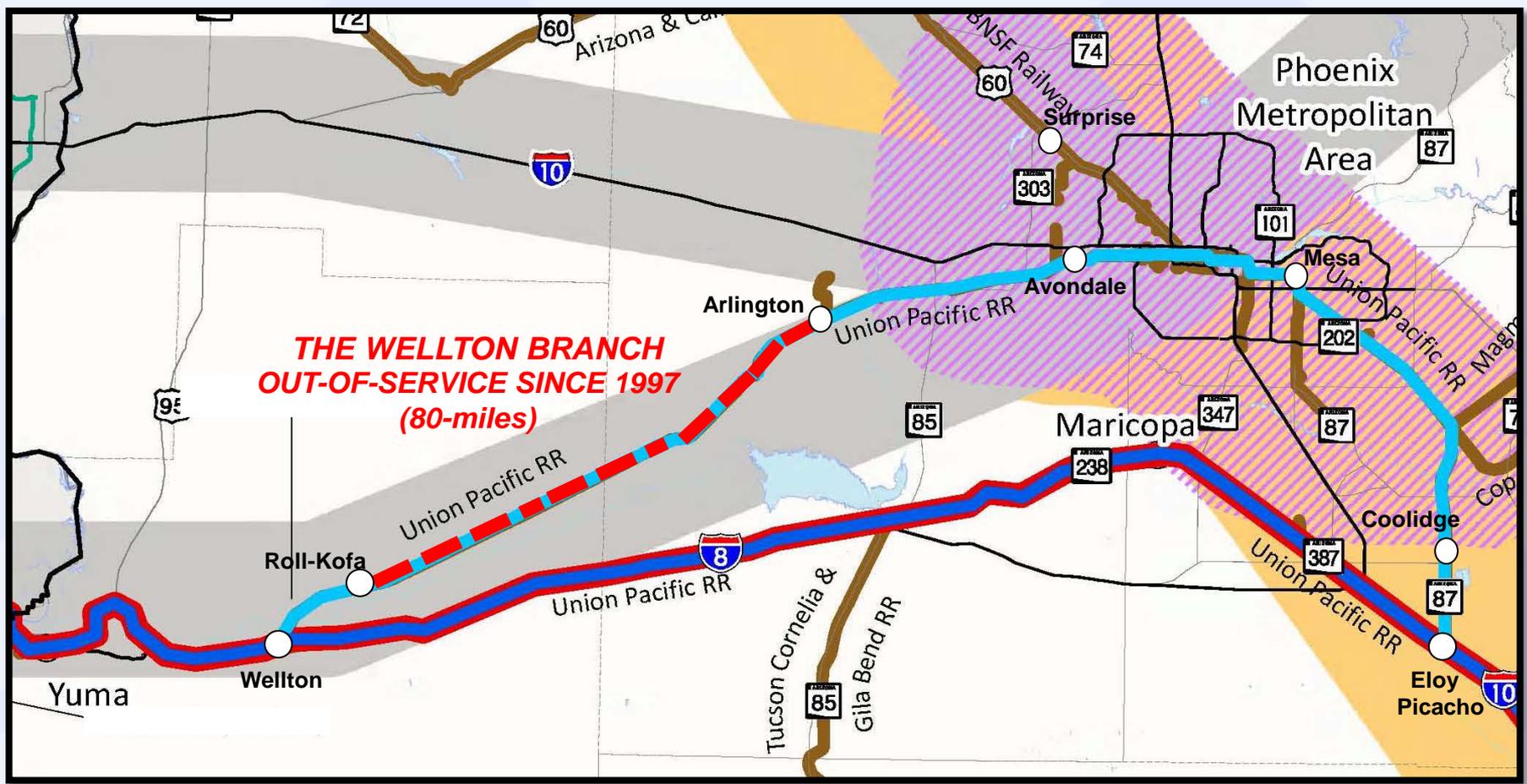
- Florida declined High Speed Rail funds in February - \$2.4 billion available in competitive grants.
- Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) requested new applicants 2 weeks ago.
- ADOT's Deadline established by FRA is Monday April 4.
- Purpose: Allows for completion of NEPA / environmental work in MAG Region, Record of Decision on selected corridor by FRA in 2014.
- ADOT already has over \$6 million for the current Intercity Rail Study.
- ADOT is requesting \$6.4 million in federal funds for 'implementation', with a 20 percent match amount of \$1.6 million. Brings total to nearly \$13 million over lifetime of study.
- MAG's potential contribution of up to \$500,000 over three years.
- PAG(Pima Assoc Of Govts) will contribute \$300,000, plus other participants.
- Hard Cash Match, no in-kind contributions considered.
- Appropriate use of MAG Region commuter rail study funds.



# The Wellton Branch

Union Pacific Railroad's Phoenix mainline and former Amtrak route through Phoenix.

Amtrak's current route through Maricopa.

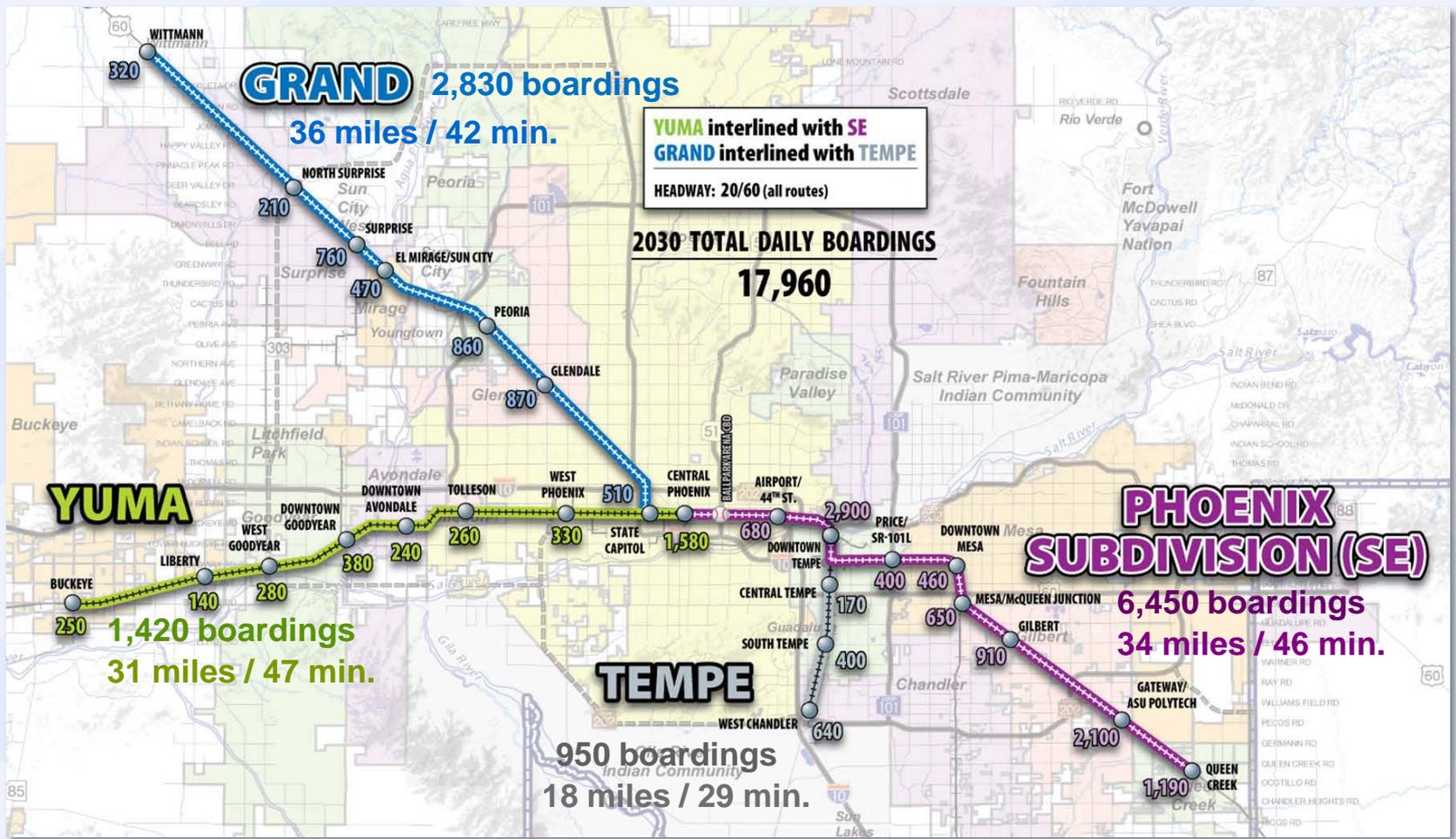


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- WHSRA members Nevada DOT / Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas) working with with Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) on high speed rail studies.
- Funding had been allocated by the FRA in late 2010 for high speed rail corridor studies between Phoenix, Los Angeles and Las Vegas, also known as **The Golden Triangle**, and additional details are forthcoming in summer 2011.





**Information, discussion and possible action to:**

**Provide matching funds over a three year period to ADOT for the proposed Federal Railroad Administration grant application, not to exceed a total of \$500,000, to complement the portion of the proposed rail line that would be in Maricopa County.**