ADOT Passenger Rail Corridor Study

Tucson to Phoenix

MAG Regional Council

May 1, 2013

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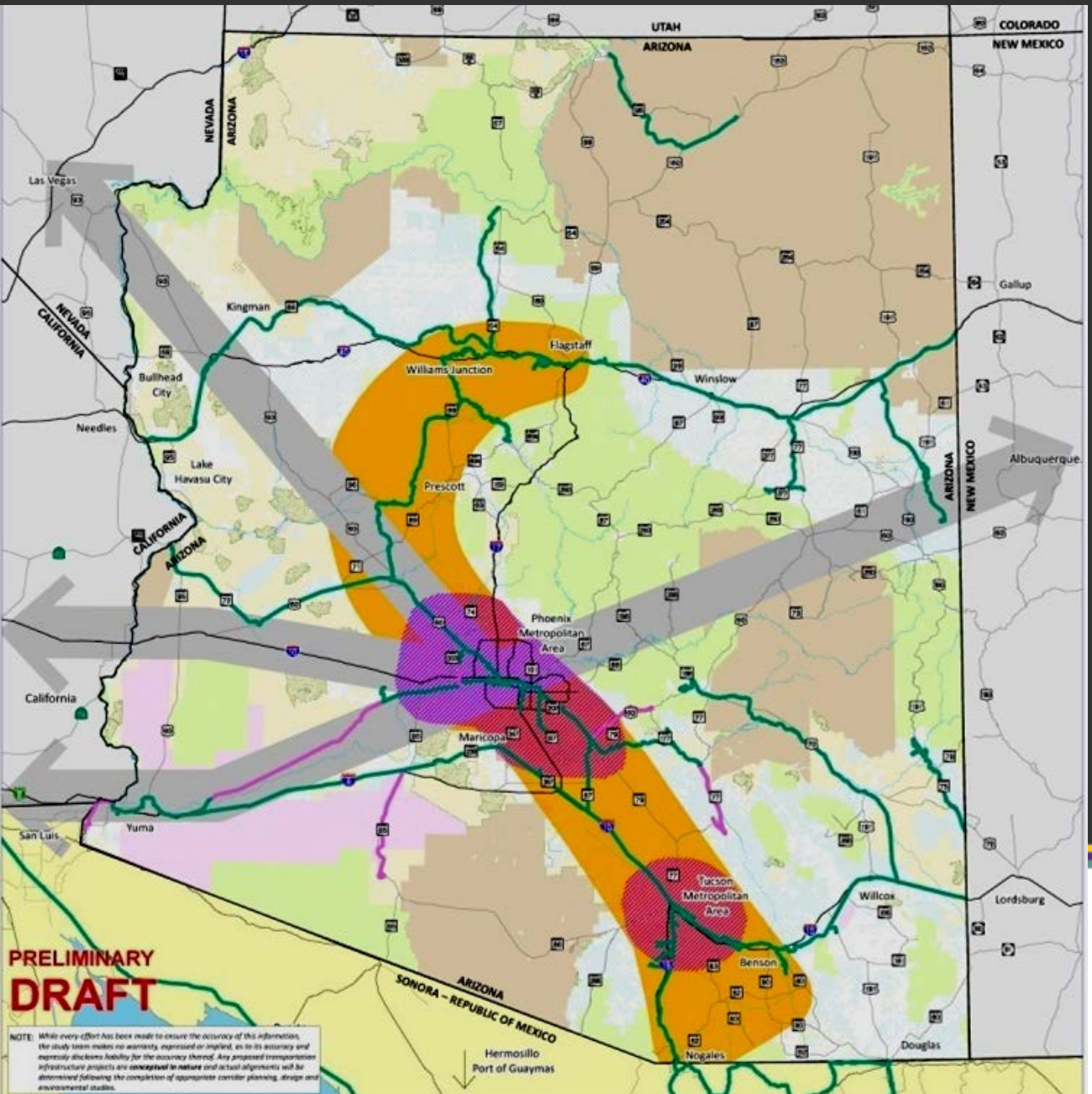
Passenger Rail Vision



- Statewide Transportation Framework Study
- State Rail Plan
- Intercity Rail provides transit backbone for Sun Corridor

U.S. Department of Transportation
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Federal Transit Administration
ADOT

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Passenger Rail Corridor Study Process

- Alternative Analysis (AA)
- Environmental Impact Statement (Tier 1)
- Service Development Plan

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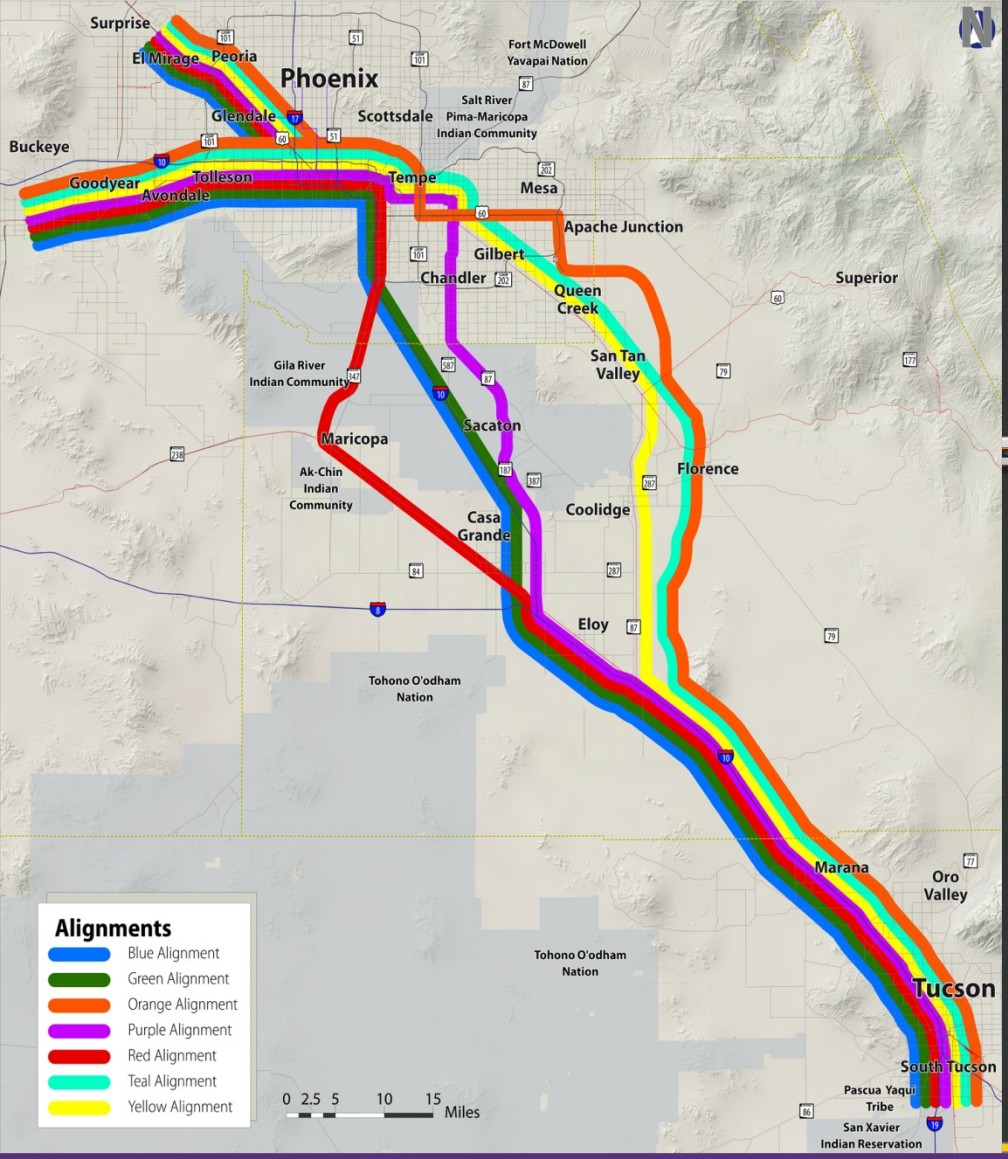

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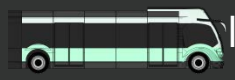
-  I-10 Bus Alternative (Blue)
- Six (6) Rail Alternatives

- UPRR Alternative – Share R/W (Yellow)
- Non-UPRR Alternatives
  - I-10 (Green)
  - N-S Corridor & US60 (Orange)
- Combination Alternatives
  - UPRR Southeast Branch (Teal)
  - UPRR Tempe Branch (Red)
  - UPRR Chandler Branch (Purple)

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OUTREACH

834 Emails Received

9 Media Interviews Conducted

25 Social Media Posts

20 Events and Festivals Attended

31 Do-it-Yourself Kits Distributed

30 Newspaper Coverage/Stories

8,750 ADOT Online Video Views

6 Radio Coverage/Stories

11 Formal Letters Received

8 Public Open Houses

6,675 Completed Comment Forms

3,500 Information Booklets Distributed

21 Television Coverage/Stories

25,449 Website Views

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What would be your

preferred travel choice

between Tucson and Phoenix?

77.4%
Train

21.2%
Personal Vehicle

0.8%
Air

0.6%
Bus

0.3%
Bike

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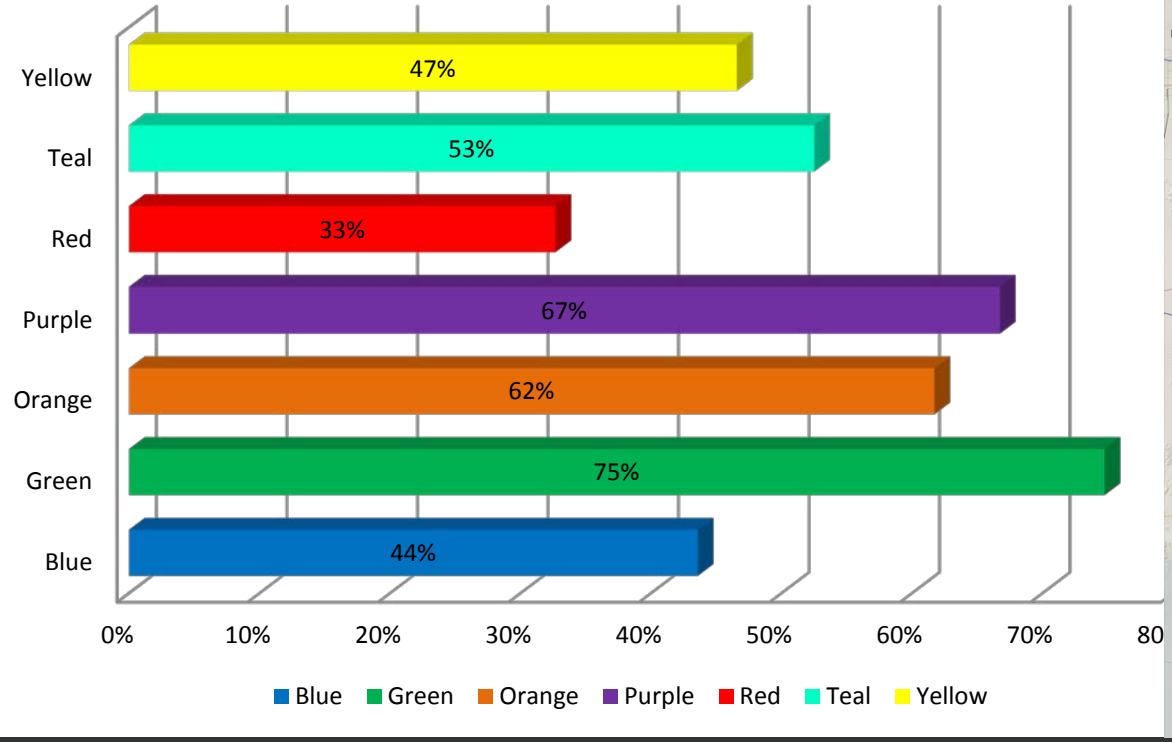
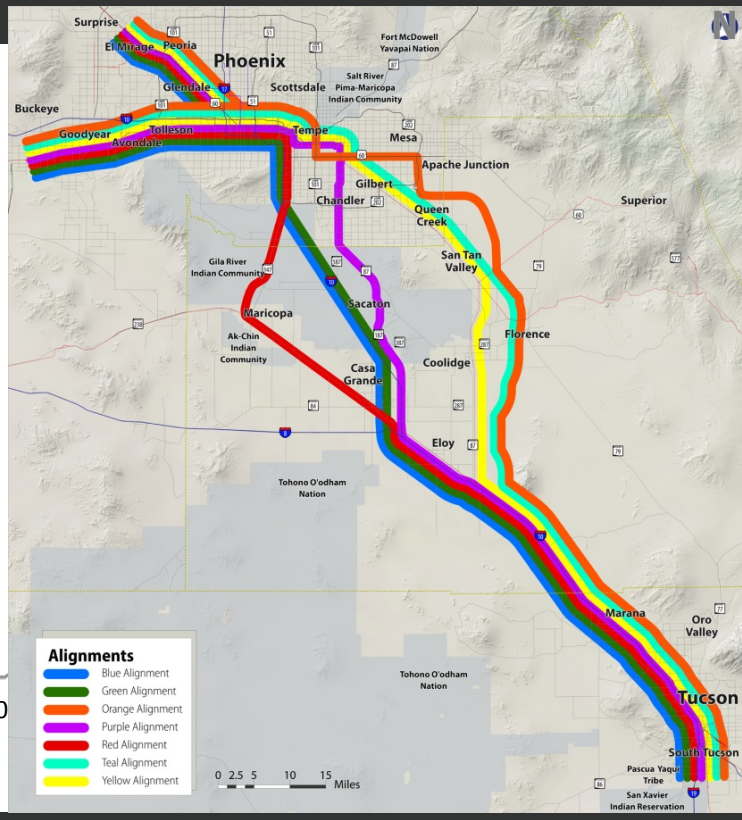
Public Alternative Preference (Normalized)





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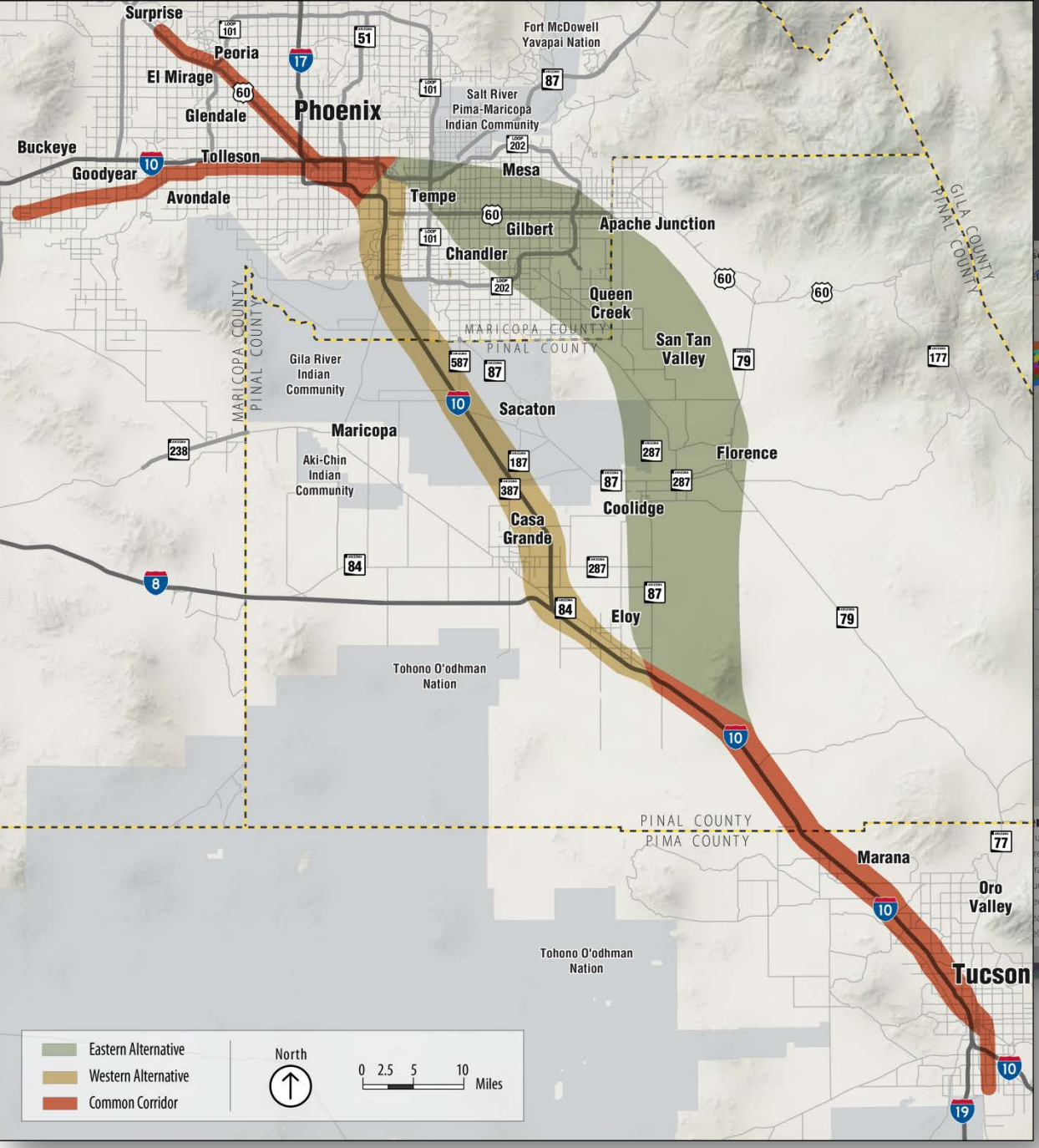
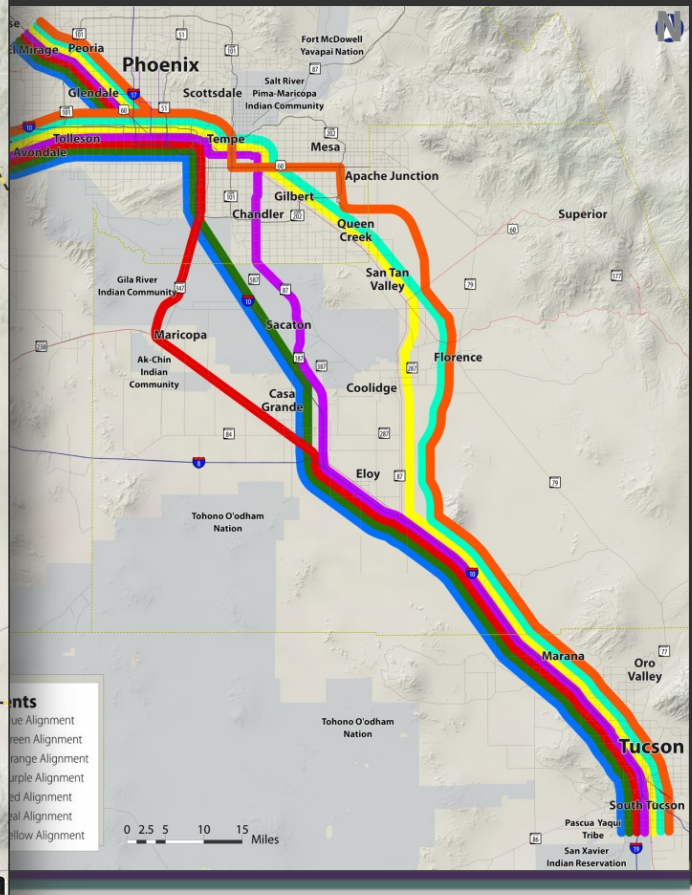
Preliminary through December 10, 2012 (online only)

Final Alternatives





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Schedule and Next Steps

- Coordination and Support from local agencies
- Spring: Final Alternatives for EIS
- Fall 2013: Draft EIS
- Fall 2013: 45 day public comment period and public hearings
- Winter 2013: Final EIS

Thank You.
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