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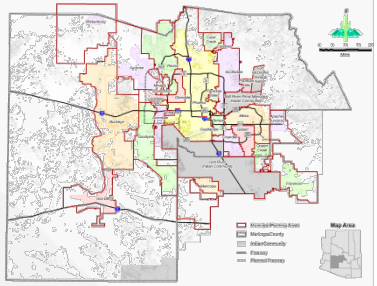

Executive Director's Report Regional Council

May 25, 2016

South Mountain Freeway Oral Arguments

- **Oral Arguments were heard May 11, 2016.**
- Parties to the law suit may hear the disposition of the case by the end of June, 2016.
- ADOT hopes to break ground by July 2016.

University Research Memorandum of Understanding

- **ASU Wins Grant**
- National Science Foundation Engineering Research Center
- $18.5 million over 5 years.
- University Research Memorandum of Understanding was approved by the Regional Council September 2013
- MAG mayors participating in site visit were critical in convincing the National Science Foundation of ASU's commitment to this center.

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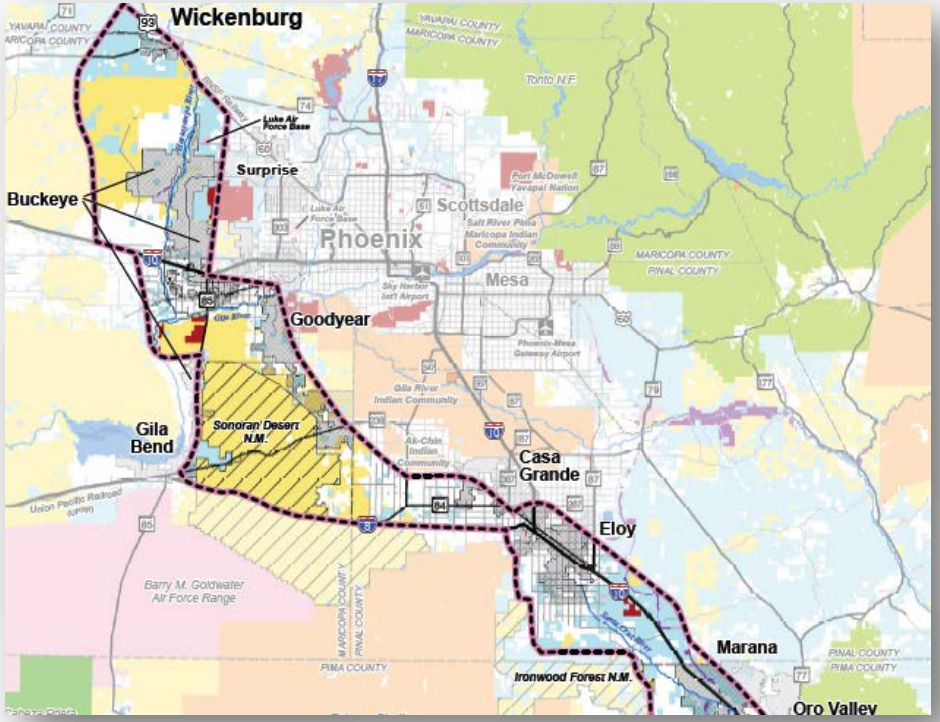
Notice of Intent to Prepare a Tier 1 EIS for Interstate 11



- FHWA as the Lead Agency and ADOT issued a formal announcement to advise the public of the Tier 1 EIS.
- The corridor is between Wickenburg and Nogales – 280 miles long.
- The study is approximately a three year process.

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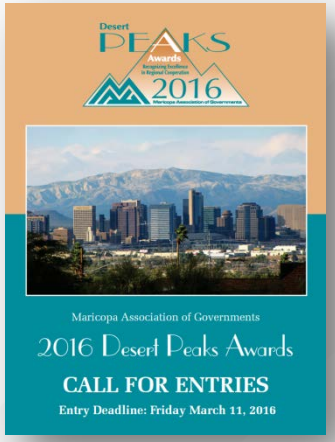

Desert Peaks 2016

- **RSVP by June 9th**
  - Regional Council meeting at 5:00 p.m.
  - Networking begins at 5:30 p.m.
  - Desert Peaks Awards begins at 6:00 p.m.
- **Desert Peaks Awards Held June 22, 2016 at Airport Marriott –1101 North 44th St.**
- **Parking at East side of Hotel**

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