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# Statewide Transportation Planning Framework Program

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# Building A Quality Arizona

- Initiated late 2007 by State and COG/MPO Association; led by MAG
- Intensive outreach and collaboration with policymakers, stakeholders, interest groups, and the public
- Envisions the long-range (2050) transportation future and what is necessary to get there

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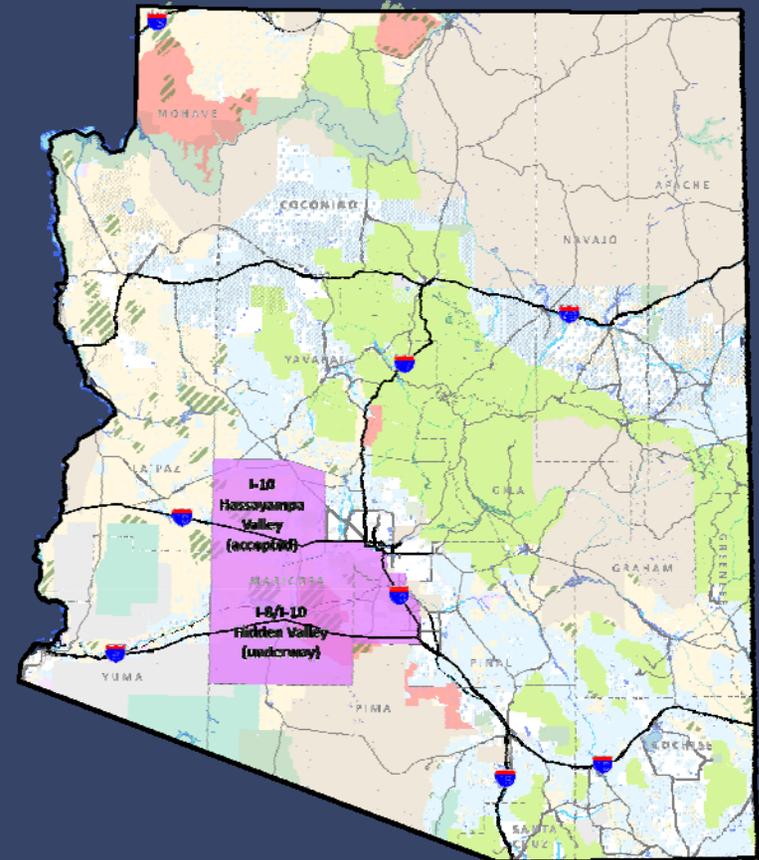


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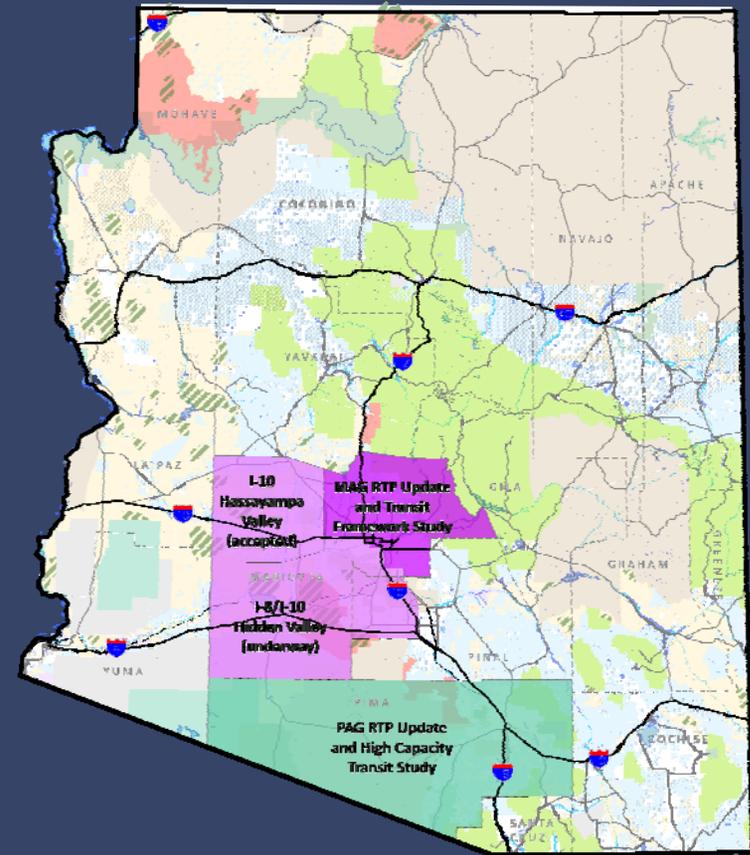


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# Arizona 2050 Transportation Vision

Arizona's **integrated, multimodal transportation system** provides residents and the traveling public with **mobility choices (rail, transit, auto, air, pedestrian and bicycle)** that reflect the high value that Arizonans place on our unique southwestern lifestyle, the extraordinary places we call home, and the natural resources that define us as a state. In recent decades, **innovation and technology have changed the way we travel** with the introduction of new modes to Arizona, as well as improved fuel efficiencies and expanded use of alternative fuels. Through **coordinated land use decision-making** and wise investments in state-of-the art infrastructure, Arizonans have broad transportation choices.

We now move people and goods safely and efficiently in a way that **promotes sustainable growth and preserves our natural environment**, while continuing to position Arizona for economic opportunities and diversification based on our unique assets. Arizona's statewide transportation system **connects communities, people and commerce** to enhance our **quality of life**, while ensuring that future generations can enjoy an even better Arizona.



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# Guiding Principles

- Support safe and efficient mobility and access
- Promote a sustainable development pattern that links land use and transportation
- Support economic growth
- Consider Arizona's environment and natural resources
- Support energy independence (security) and climate change initiatives
- Improve overall quality of life





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# Collaborative Planning Process

- Stakeholder interviews
- Focus groups
- Community workshops held jointly with COGs/MPOs
- Website and online workshops
- Regular interest group briefings
- Common interest workshops
- Local elected official consultations
- Regional Technical and Rail Technical Advisory Teams
- Regional Advisory Team
- Framework Management Committee
- Framework Policy Committee



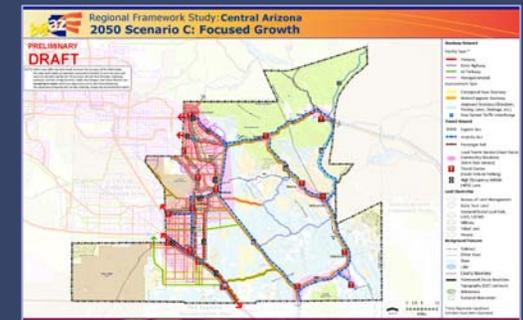
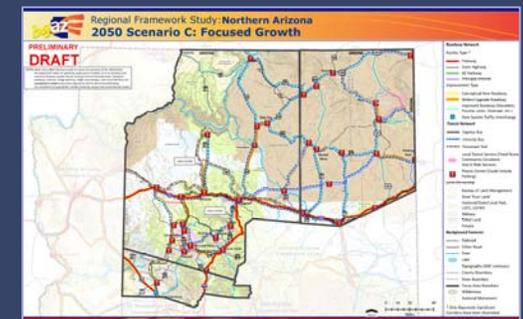
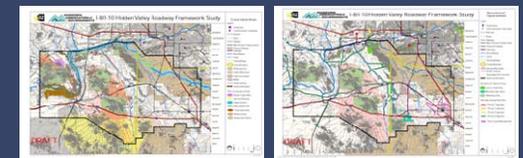


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# Transportation Future Scenarios

- Environmental scan completed to understand existing/future conditions
- Regional framework studies, combined with strategic directions and MAG/PAG studies, became foundation for statewide scenarios
- Scenarios express mixes of transportation investments
  - Scenario A: Personal Vehicle Mobility
  - Scenario B: Transit Mobility
  - Scenario C: Focused Growth
- 2050 Statewide Recommended Scenario will be basis for LRTP, and updates





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# Scenario A: Personal Vehicle Mobility

- Predominant emphasis on personal vehicle use
- Vehicle technology and efficiency evolve over time
- Modest increase in transit investment
- Land use patterns remain like today

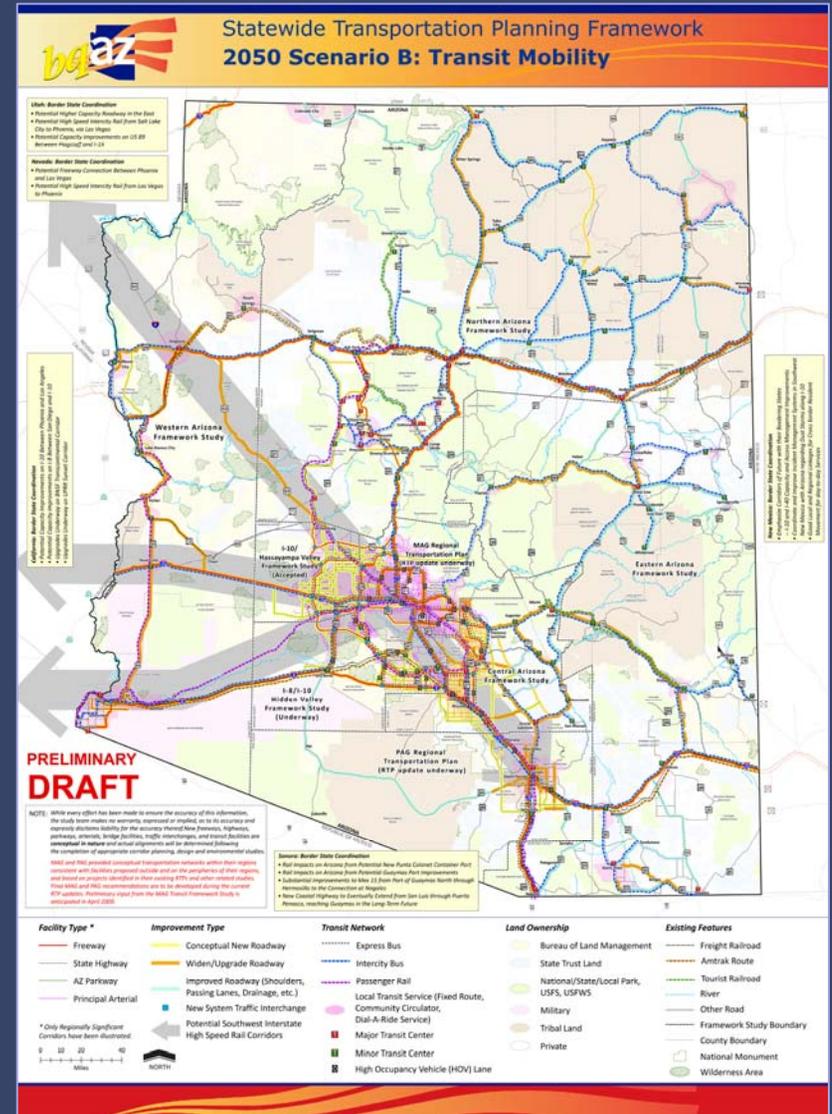




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# Scenario B: Transit Mobility

- Emphasis on enhanced transit use
- Shift to using transit for regular trips (work, school, shopping, etc.)
- Provides more travel choices
- Land use patterns remain like today



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# Scenario Common Features

- Roadways
  - Private auto is predominant mode
  - Enhanced capacity on all Interstates
  - High-capacity alternatives to I-17
  - High-capacity bypass south/west of metro Phoenix (CANAMEX corridor)
- Transit/Rail
  - Enhanced transit, to varying degrees
  - Expanded connectivity to activity centers and tribal communities
- Other Considerations
  - New and improved facilities in Sun Corridor Megapolitan region
  - Coordination with bordering states and Mexico





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# Strategic Rail Opportunities

- Passenger Rail
  - Commuter rail in MAG and PAG regions
  - Intercity rail between Phoenix and Tucson; megapolitan extensions
  - Options for high-speed rail
- Freight Rail
  - Improvements to Class I rail lines (UPRR and BNSF)
  - Assistance to short line railroads
  - Economic development opportunities
  - New rail corridors
- Organization/Governance

