

TOWN OF  
**QUEEN CREEK**  
ARIZONA

# ADOT Passenger Rail Corridor Study

Town Council

December 5, 2012



# Background

- The ADOT Passenger Rail Corridor Study is evaluating several rail alternatives and how a bus rapid transit system can potentially meet the need for future transportation options between Tucson and Phoenix
- The Town has actively participated as a stakeholder in the development of the study.

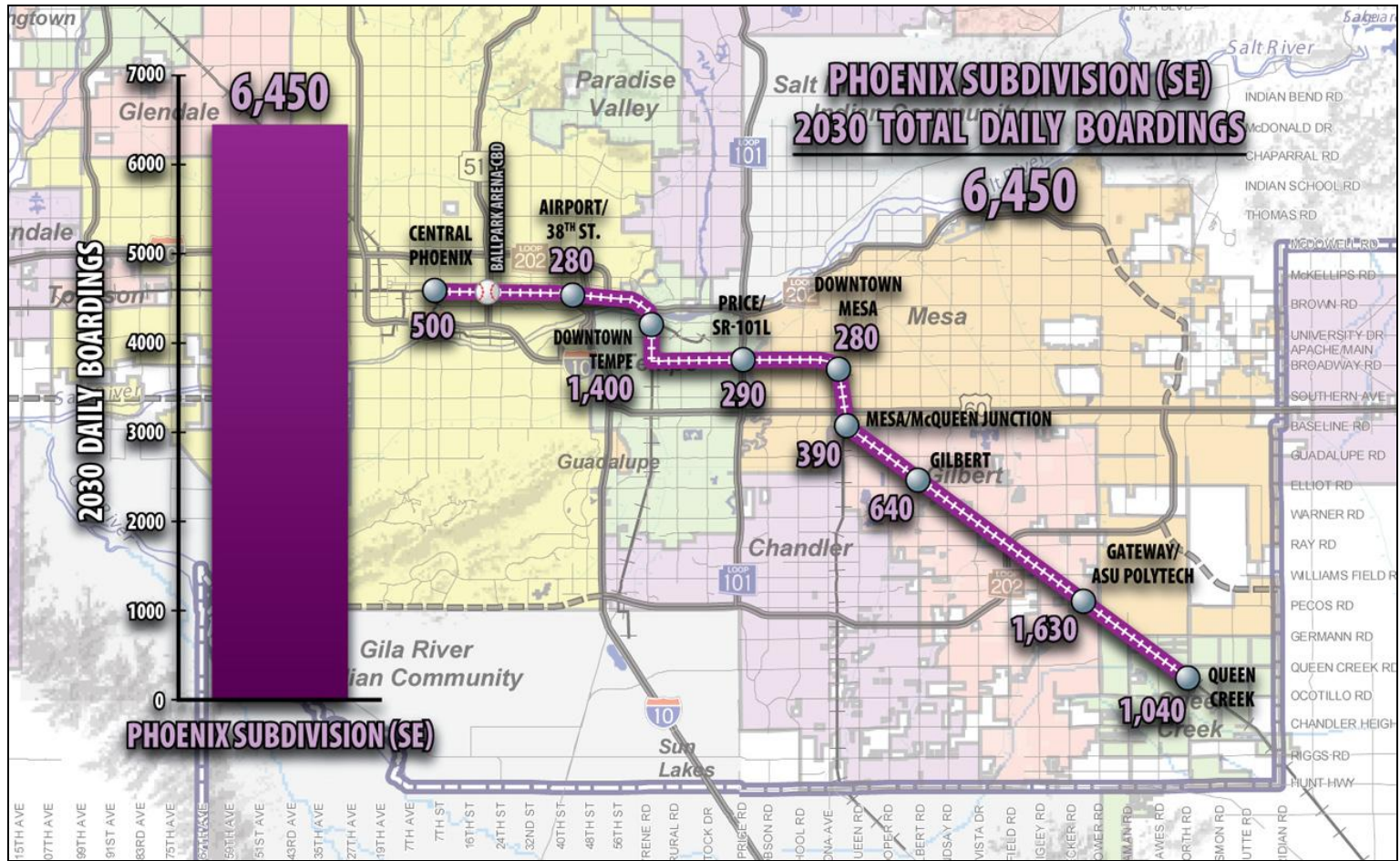


# MAG Commuter Rail Study

- Prior to work beginning on the ADOT Passenger Rail Corridor Study, the Maricopa Association of Governments completed a Commuter Rail System Study.
- The Study, adopted by the MAG Regional Council in 2010, identified a corridor in the East Valley as having the highest potential and that which should be constructed first should funding be identified for a commuter rail system.
- While the commuter rail study dealt with a different type of rail than the ADOT passenger rail study. The corridor selected for passenger rail will likely be the same corridor a commuter rail system would operate on.

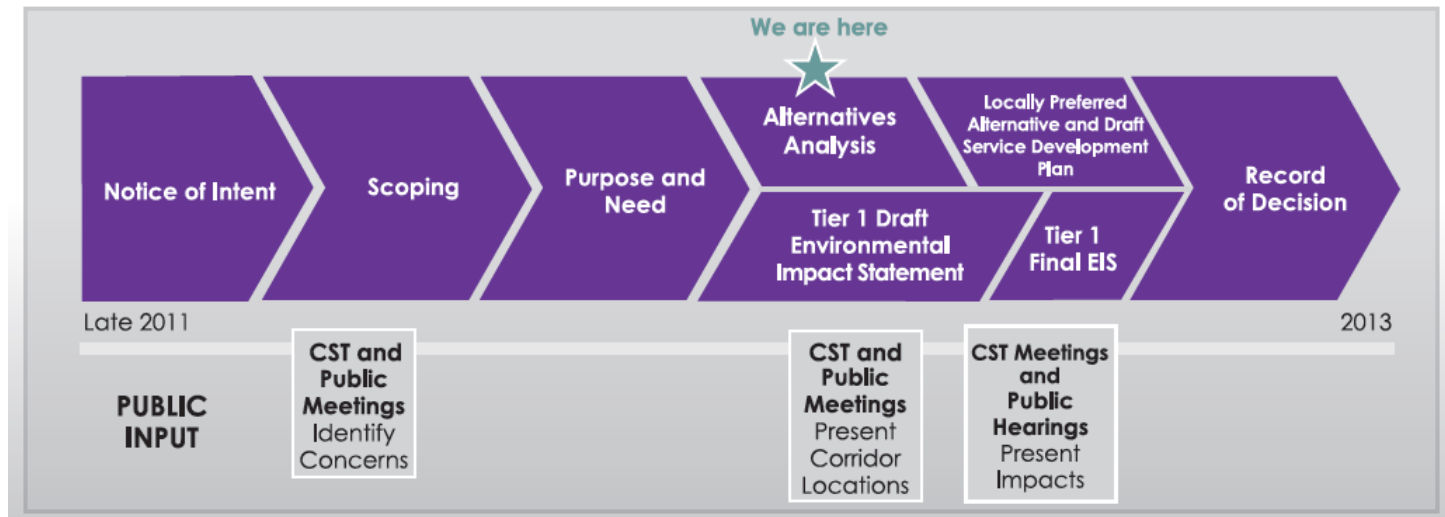


# Corridor Prioritization: Segment #1



# Passenger Rail Corridor Study

Purpose:  
Select a passenger rail corridor between  
Phoenix and Tucson



# Public Participation Program



**PASSENGER RAIL CORRIDOR STUDY**  
Tucson to Phoenix

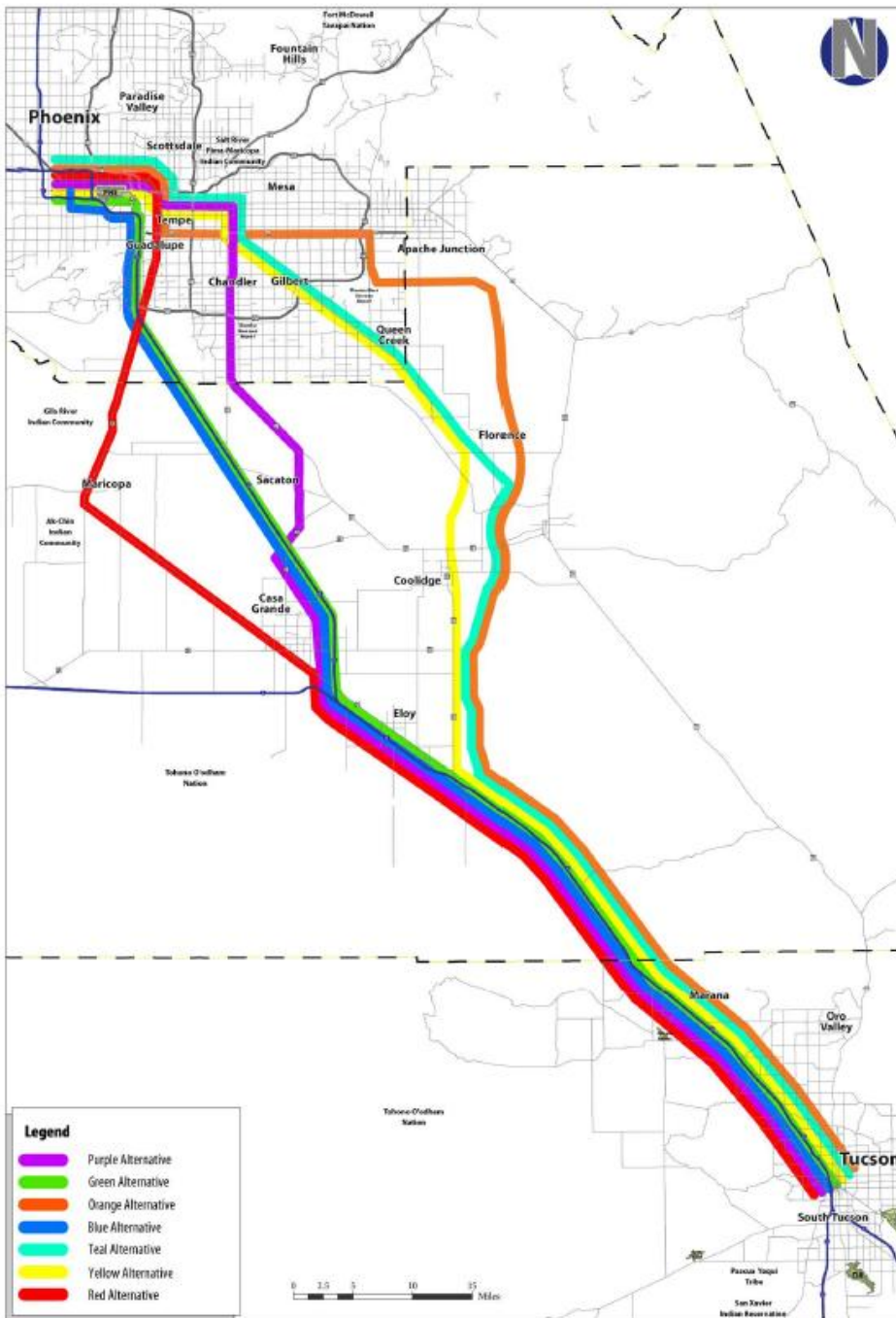
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Comment  
Forms Due  
December 15,  
2012



**Public Participation Workbook**

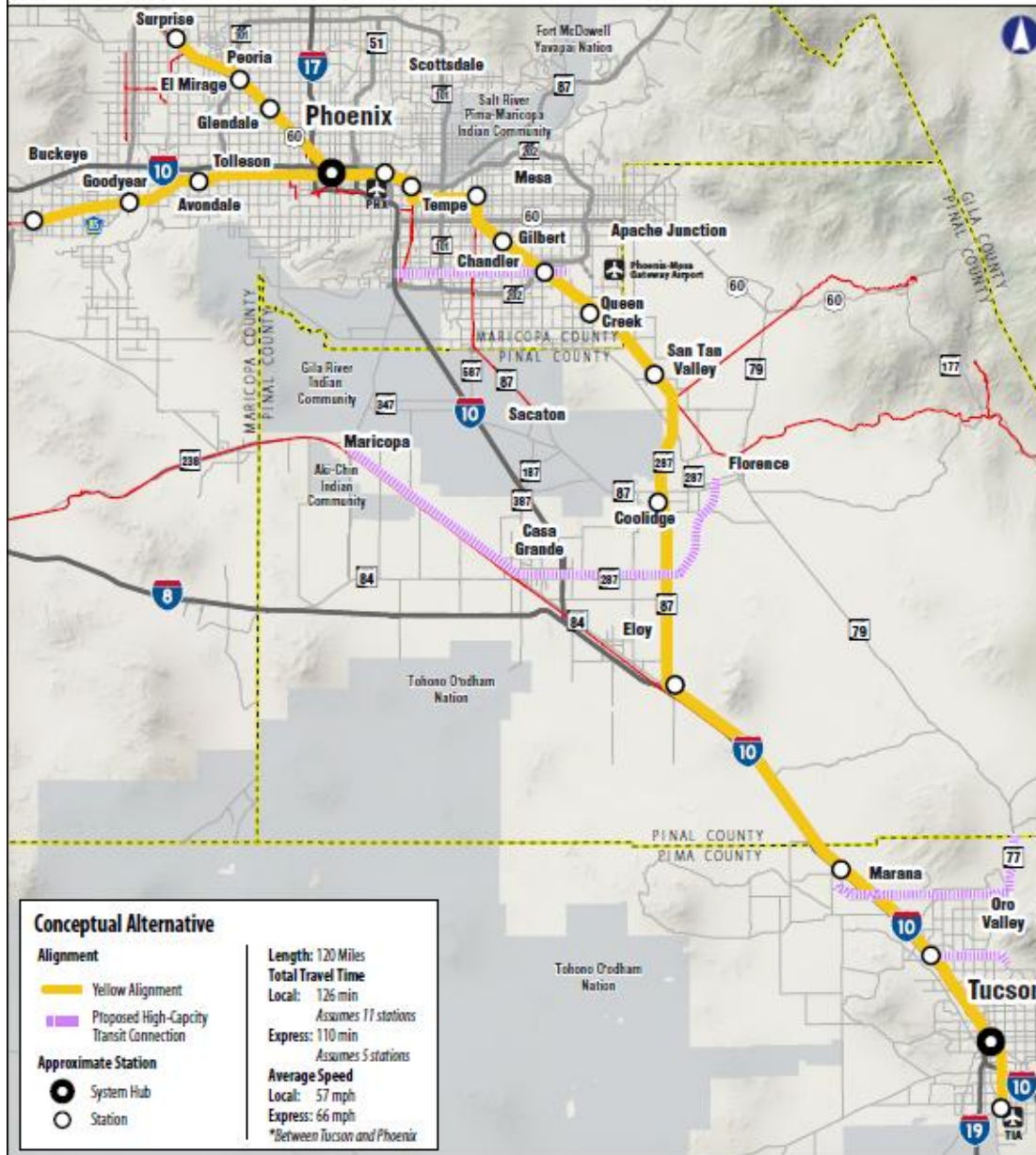




# Seven Initial Alternatives



**Description** Rail alternative using only Union Pacific Railroad rights-of-way connecting Tucson International Airport, Pinal County, the East Valley, Phoenix Sky Harbor, downtown Phoenix and the West Valley, and including a link to the Northwest along the Burlington Northern - Santa Fe Railroad.

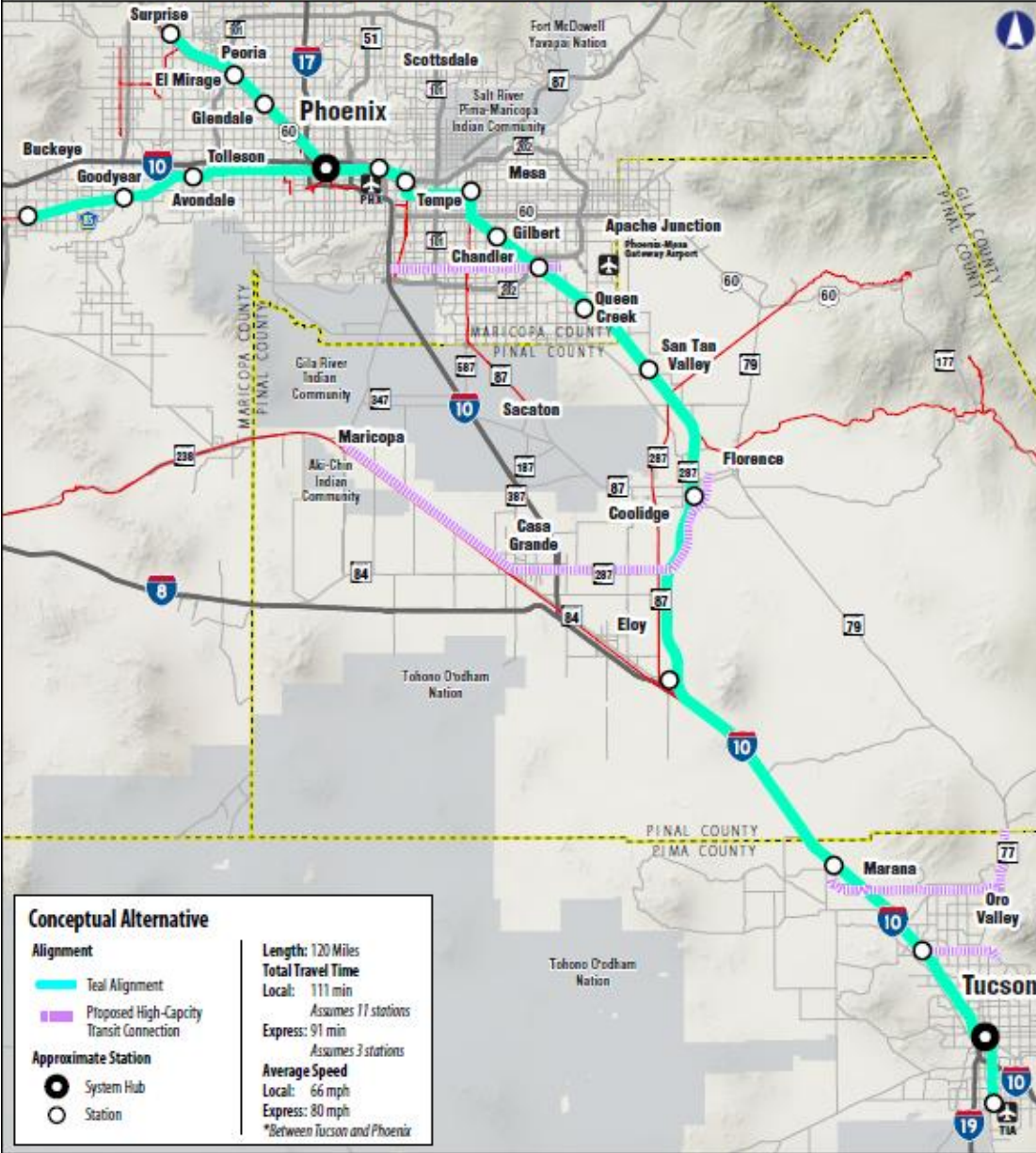


# Yellow Alternative





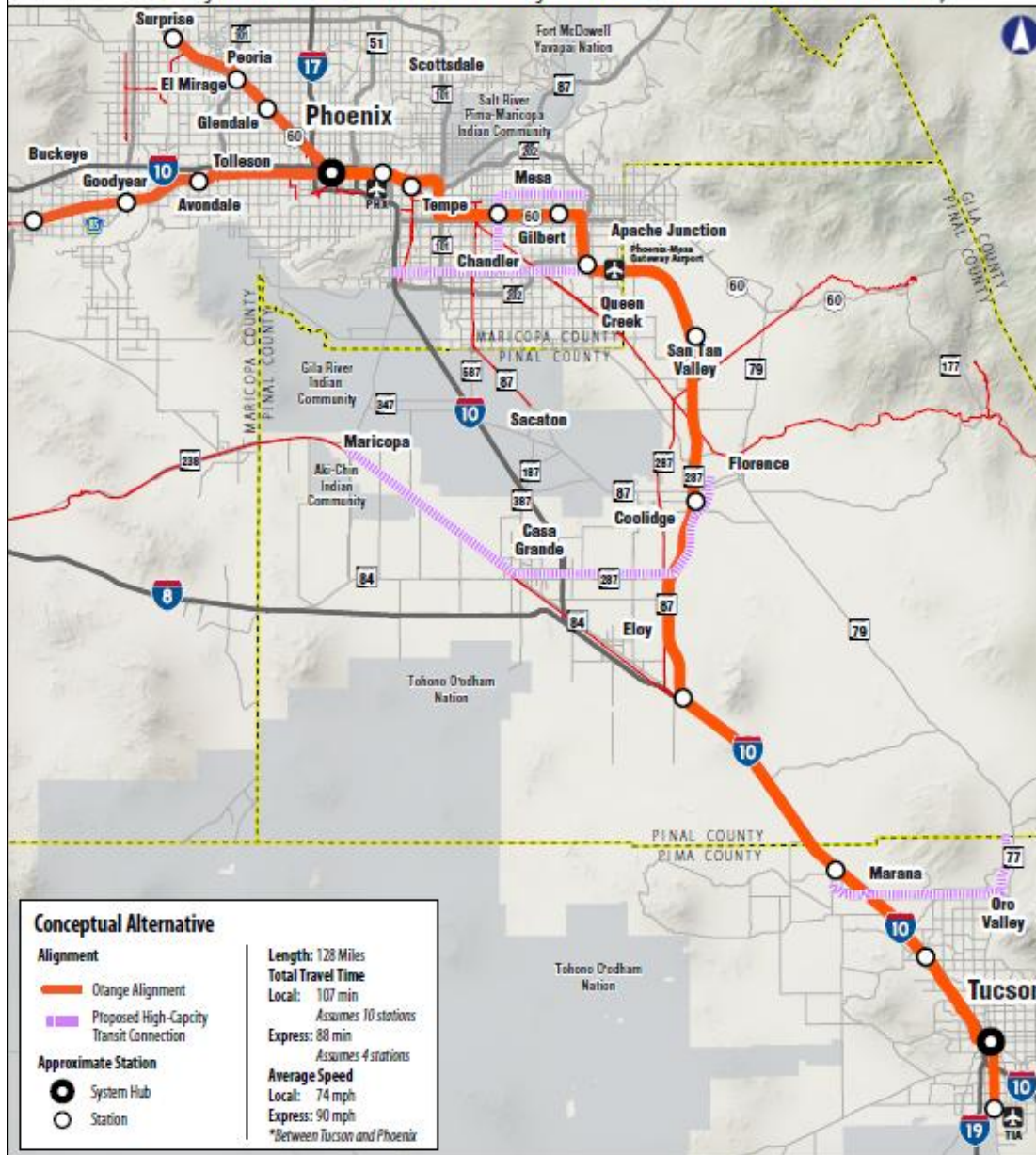
**Description** Rail alternative generally using I-10, the proposed North-South Corridor in Pinal County and the Southeast and Wellton branches of the Union Pacific Railroad, connecting Tucson International Airport, Pinal County, the East Valley, Phoenix Sky Harbor, downtown Phoenix and the West Valley, and including a link to the Northwest along the Burlington Northern - Santa Fe Railroad.



# Teal Alternative



**Description** Rail alternative generally using I-10, the proposed North-South Corridor in Pinal County, a proposed transit corridor in Superstition Vistas and US 60 connecting Tucson International Airport, the East Valley, Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport, Phoenix Sky Harbor, downtown Phoenix and following the Union Pacific Railroad Wellton Branch and Burlington Northern - Santa Fe Railroad to the West and Northwest Valley.



# Orange Alternative

# Initial Alternative Evaluations

Criteria	ALTERNATIVES						
	Blue	Green	Orange	Purple	Red	Teal	Yellow
Community Acceptance and Accessibility	◐	○	●	◐	○	●	◐
Environmental	●	●	○	◐	◐	○	○
Financial Feasibility	●	○	○	○	○	◐	◐
Operating Characteristics	○	◐	●	◐	◐	◐	○
Mobility	○	◐	●	◐	◐	◐	○
Safety	○	●	●	◐	◐	◐	○



# Events

Visit our booth. Discuss the study. Provide your voice.

ADOT and project team members will be available at the events listed below to provide information about the Passenger Rail Corridor Study between Tucson and Phoenix.

## Coolidge Days

October 6, 2012 • 10am - 3pm  
Location: San Carlos Park- Coolidge  
For more information: 520-723-4551

## Tucson Meet Yourself

October 12-14, 2012 • 11am - 5pm  
Location: Downtown Tucson  
For more information: <http://www.tucsonmeetyourself.org/>

## CityScape Phoenix Lunch Hour

October 17, 2012 • 11am - 1pm  
Location: Washington and 1st Avenue, Downtown Phoenix  
For more information: 602-327-1800

## Stagecoach Days

October 20, 2012 • 3pm - 9pm  
Location: Pavana Park, Maricopa  
For more information: <http://www.maricopa4fun.com/>

## Gilbert Fall Music and Halloween Festival

October 27, 2012 • Noon - 9pm  
Location: Freestone Park, Gilbert  
For more information: <http://www.gilbertaz.gov/events/Fall%20Festival2012%20Flyer.pdf>

## Casa Grande Art in the Alley

November 6, 2012 • 5:30pm - 9pm  
Location: "The Alley" between 2nd and 3rd St. behind the Cook-e-Jar- Casa Grande  
For more information: <http://www.cgmainstreet.org/events/art-in-the-alley.html>

## Mesa 2nd Friday Night Out

November 9, 2012 • 6pm - 10pm  
Location: Between Center and Robson on Main in Mesa  
For more information: 602-327-1800

## U of A on the Mall

November 10, 2012  
5 hours prior to U of A vs. Colorado kickoff (TBA)  
Location: University of Arizona Campus  
For more information: 602-327-1800

## Tucson Second Saturdays

November 10, 2012 • 6pm - 10:30pm  
Location: Downtown Tucson  
For more information: 602-327-1800

## Rock the Block

November 10, 2012 • Noon - 8pm  
Location: DR A.J. Chandler Park  
For more information: 602-327-1800

## ASU on the Mall

November 14, 2012 • 10am - 2pm  
Location: Arizona State University Campus  
For more information: 602-327-1800

## 28th Annual Gilbert Days 5k and 1-Mile Run and Family Expo

November 16, 2012 • 4:30pm - 7pm  
Location: Freestone Park, Gilbert  
For more information: <http://www.gilbertaz.gov/events/GilbertDays/Gilbert%20Days%205k%20Flyer2012.pdf>

## Harvest Festival at Encanto Park

November 17, 2012 • 10am - 7pm  
Location: Encanto Park, Phoenix  
For more information: <http://www.enchantedisland.com/specialevents.php>

## Marana Holiday Festival and Tree Lighting

December 1, 2012 • TBD  
Location: Municipal Complex Courtyard, Marana  
For more information: 602-327-1800

## F.Q. Story Historic District Home Tours

December 2, 2012 • 11am - 5pm  
Location: Downtown Phoenix  
For more information: 602-327-1800

## Mesa Arts Festival

December 8 and 9, 2012 • 10am - 5pm  
Location: Mesa Arts Center  
For more information: <http://www.mesaartscenter.com/index.php/events/free-events/2011mesaartsfestival>



# Public Meetings

[www.azdot.gov/passengerrail](http://www.azdot.gov/passengerrail)

# Next Steps

## Contact Us

Please submit your comments through December 15, 2012.

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Questions?

