

TOWN OF
QUEEN CREEK
ARIZONA

ADOT Passenger Rail Corridor Study Alternatives

Town Council
April 17, 2013



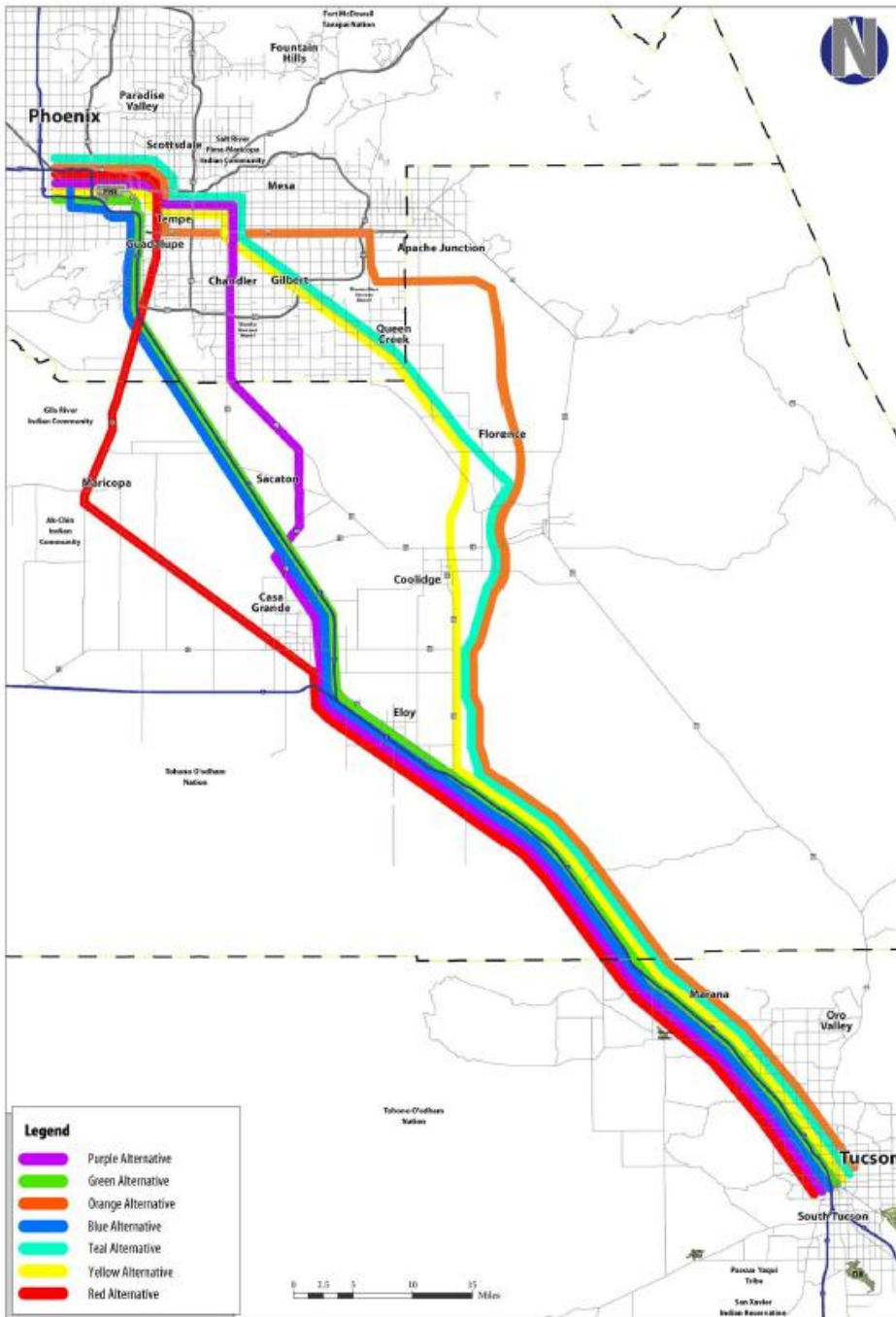
Background

- The ADOT Passenger Rail Corridor Study is evaluating 7 rail and bus alternatives for a rapid transit system between Phoenix and Tucson
- Public hearings and presentations to review option last fall
- Council presentation on Dec. 5 and letter from Town to ADOT on Dec. 12 supporting the **YELLOW** and **TEAL** route alternatives
- Alternatives serve Queen Creek, but also rated highest on the MAG commuter rail study
- Second evaluation of alternatives completed following public input



Passenger Rail Corridor Study Project Status

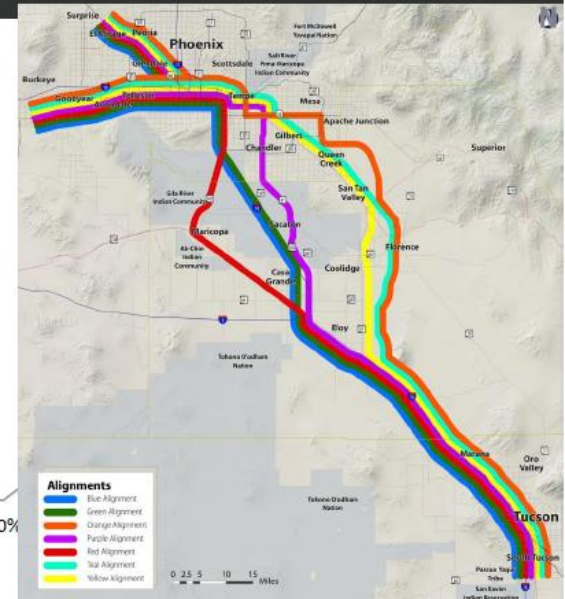
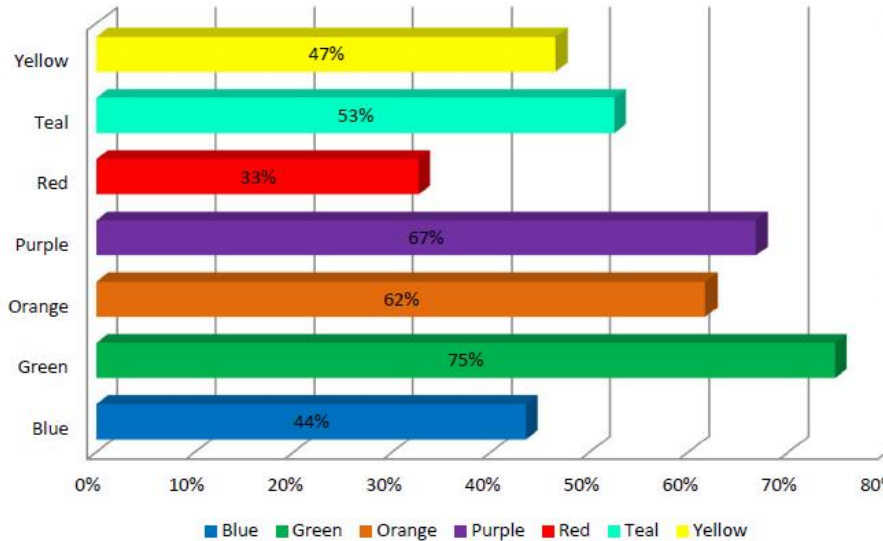




Seven Initial Alternatives

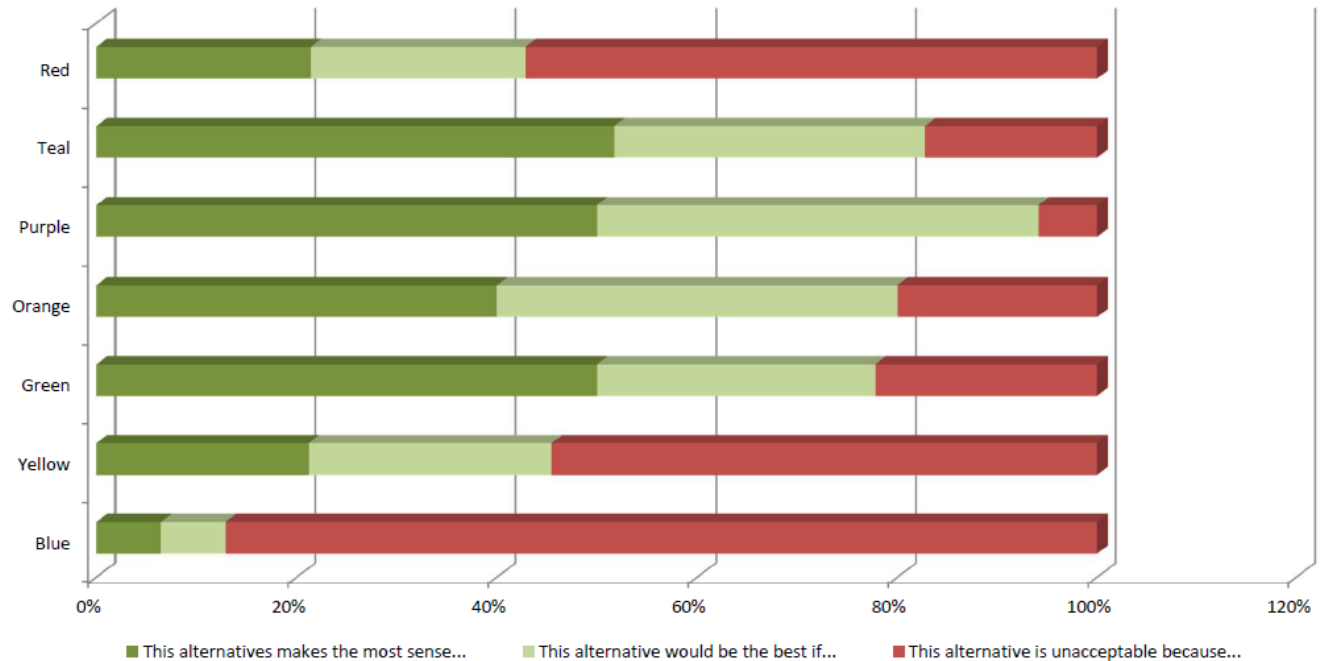
Public Route Alternative Preferences

Public Alternative Preference (Normalized)



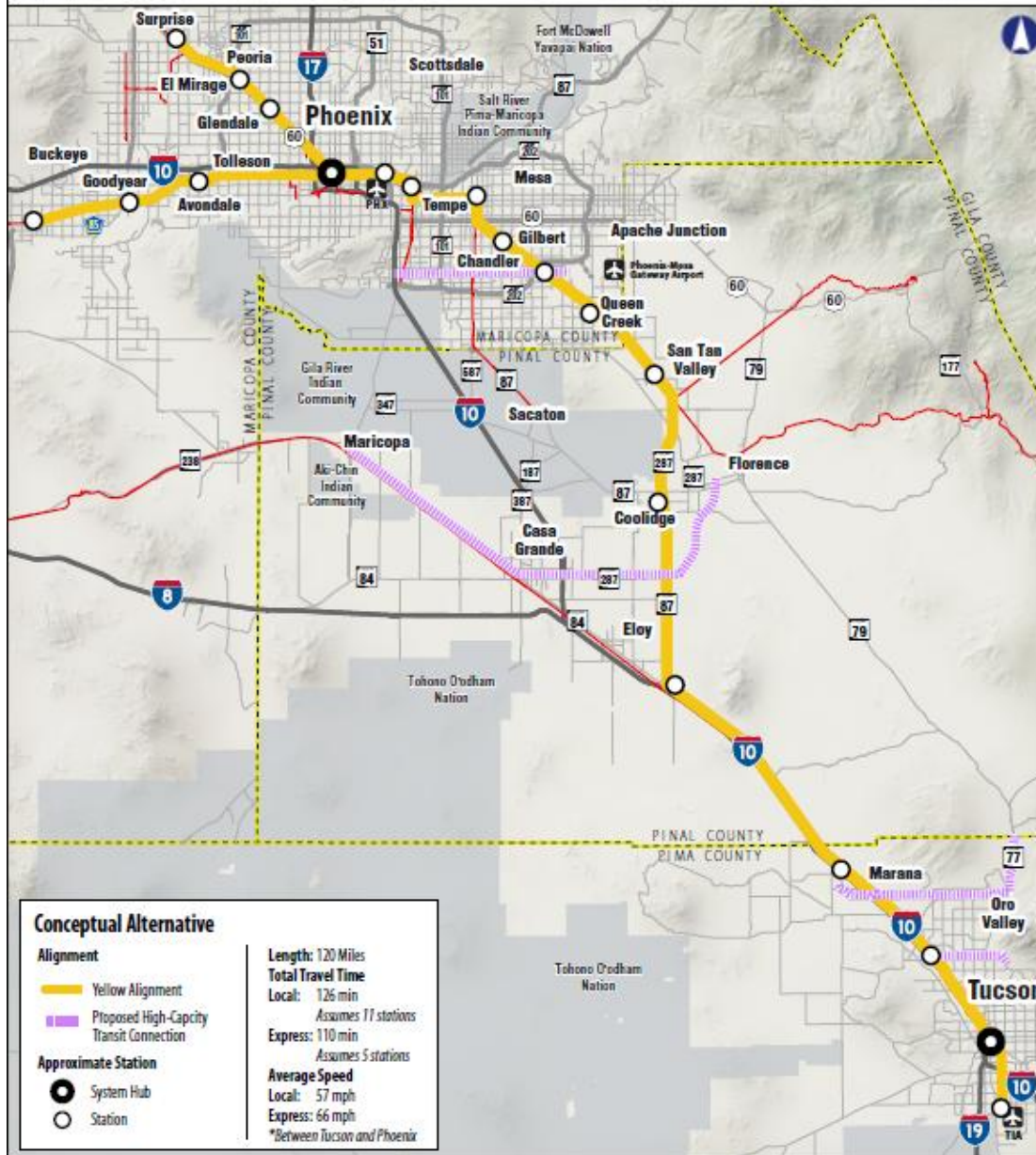
Agency Route Alternative Preferences

Corridor Support Team: Agency Input





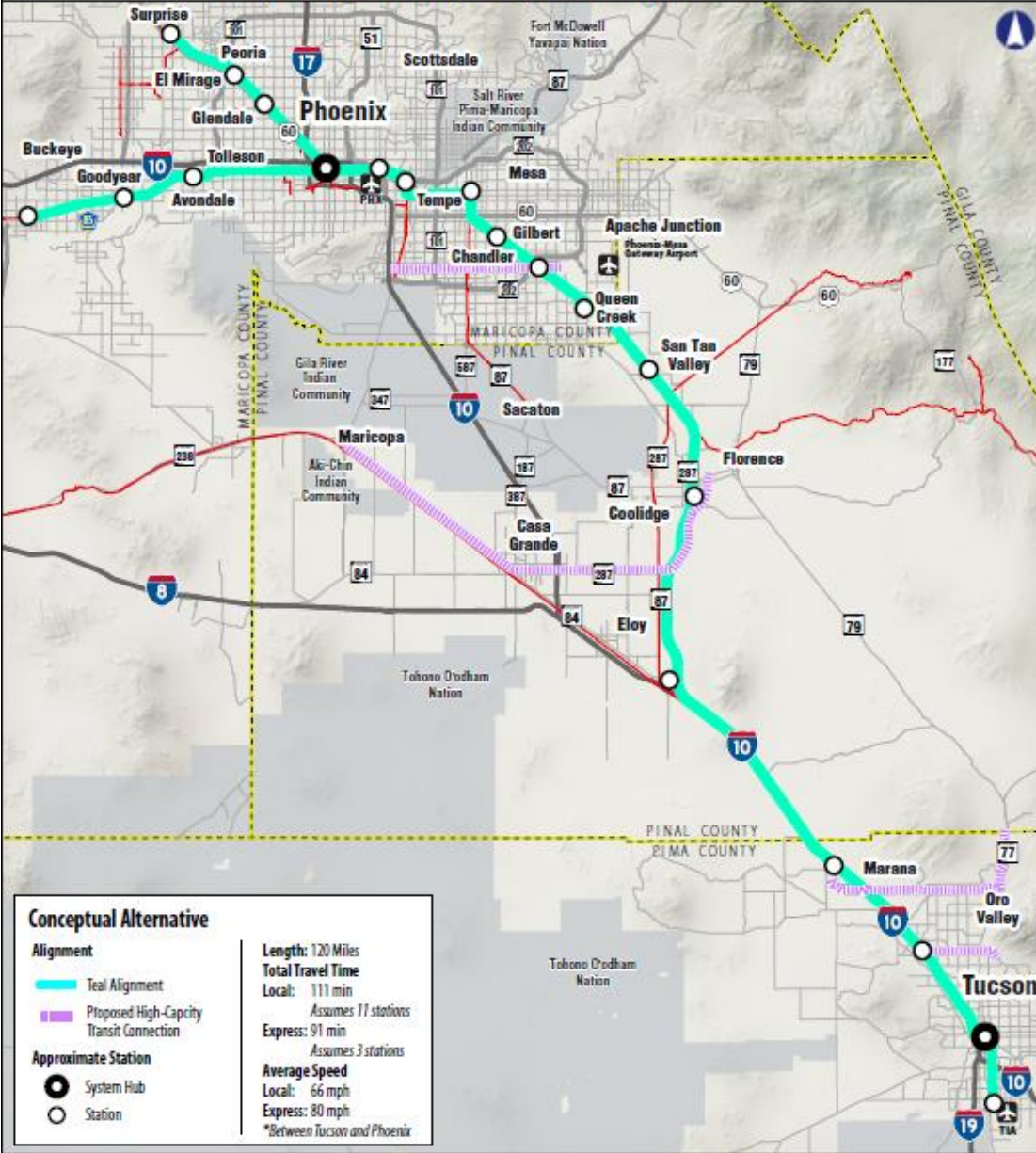
Description Rail alternative using only Union Pacific Railroad rights-of-way connecting Tucson International Airport, Pinal County, the East Valley, Phoenix Sky Harbor, downtown Phoenix and the West Valley, and including a link to the Northwest along the Burlington Northern - Santa Fe Railroad.



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

Alternative Route Evaluation

Summary of Level 2 Evaluation Matrix

Criteria	Alternatives						
	Blue	Yellow	Green	Orange	Purple	Teal	Red
	I-10 Busway	UP Tracks	I-10 Rail	Central Pinal/ E. Valley	I-10/ UP Chandler Branch	North-South Corridor/ E. Valley	Western Pinal/ UP Tempe Branch
Community Acceptance and Accessibility	◐	◐	○	●	◐	●	○
Environmental	●	○	●	○	◐	○	◐
Financial Feasibility	●	◐	○	○	○	◐	○
Operating Characteristics	○	○	◐	●	◐	◐	◐
Mobility	○	○	◐	●	◐	◐	◐
Safety	○	○	●	●	◐	◐	◐
Overall Rank	◐	○	◐	●	◐	◐	◐



East Side – West Side



Next Steps

- ADOT April 23 meeting – begin narrowing to two route alternatives
- Selection of two routes for further review
- Preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- Public Comment period (fall 2013)
- Final EIS published (winter 2013)
- Secure project funding – there is currently no construction funding available



Staff Recommendation

- Council approve Resolution 941-13 endorsing the **YELLOW** and **TEAL** route alternatives
- Submit the Resolution to ADOT
- Staff and Council to promote use of the **YELLOW** and **TEAL** alternatives
- Coordinate our efforts with Gilbert (who also supports the yellow and teal alternatives)



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Thank You

Questions?

