



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I-11 TIER 1 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

1 What is the Interstate 11 Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement Project?

The Interstate 11 (I-11) Corridor is envisioned as a new major north-south multimodal corridor that will provide enhanced transportation mobility and goods movement while creating a foundation for robust economic vitality for the region.

The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is advancing the development of the I-11 Corridor by identifying a preferred corridor that will extend through the Las Vegas metropolitan area between the Arizona border on US 93 and Kyle Canyon Road on US 95.

Potential corridors will be evaluated with the intent to obtain a Record of Decision (ROD) from FHWA, which will select a single corridor to build future I-11 projects.

2 What is the purpose of the project?

The purpose of the I-11 Corridor within the Las Vegas Valley is to:



Provide a high-capacity, access-controlled transportation corridor



Provide the link through the Las Vegas Valley for a continuous I-11 that connects major metropolitan areas and markets in the Intermountain West Corridor with Mexico and Canada



Support improved regional mobility for people and freight by reducing congestion and improving travel efficiency



Facilitate efficient mobility for emergency access, evacuation, and national defense



Enhance opportunities within the Las Vegas Valley for economic development



Improve access to activity centers within the Las Vegas Valley

The purpose and need will continue to be refined as we receive input from the public, agencies, and other stakeholders.

3 Will COVID-19 affect this project?

During these unprecedented times such as the current COVID-19 health mandate for “social distancing” and quarantines, NDOT and its partners will lean on online engagement and virtual engagement methods and strategies that allow project and communications to continue forward while creating effective dialogue with constituents.

4 What is a Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement?

A Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is a process outlined by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), that requires the environmental analysis of proposed actions prior to making decisions, including constructing highways and other federal-aid facilities.

A Tier 1 EIS evaluates broad corridors, not project level footprints. It will identify potential risks of impacts related to the identified alternatives.



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5 When will construction start and how long will this project take?

Currently, the NDOT Interstate 11 (I-11) Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Project is in its scoping phase. During this phase, the project team will begin identifying and developing corridor alternatives, identifying potential impacts to our community's resources, and identifying project-related concerns through the proactive partnership of various agencies and local entities.

6 What is the difference between a Draft Tier 1 EIS and a Final Tier 1 EIS?

The Draft Tier 1 EIS includes the Purpose and Need for the I-11 Corridor, evaluates potential impacts of each corridor alternative, and identifies a Preferred Corridor Alternative. The Draft EIS will be available for public review and comment prior to the development of the Final Tier 1 EIS. Public comments and responses from the Draft Tier 1 EIS will be incorporated into a Final Tier 1 EIS, conducting any further analysis, as necessary.

The Final EIS will include a phased implementation plan to guide the Selected Corridor Alternative through future environmental reviews. FHWA will issue a Record of Decision (ROD) upon acceptance of the Final Tier 1 EIS. The ROD formalizes the official decision on the Selected Corridor Alternative or the No Build Alternative.

7 How is this project being funded?

This project is dependent upon the availability of federal funds.

8 How can I stay informed?

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