



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I-11 LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGES (PEL) STUDY

1 What is the I-11 Las Vegas Metropolitan Area Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study?

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 I-11 Las Vegas Metropolitan Area PEL was initiated in early 2021, utilizing information and analysis already underway, to identify and evaluate reasonable corridor alternatives considered for I-11 through the Las Vegas metropolitan area. The result of the PEL process will select an I-11 corridor through the Las Vegas metropolitan area, between the Arizona border on US 93 and the vicinity of Kyle Canyon Road on US 95. A thorough review and evaluation of initial corridor alternatives have identified a western and a central corridor alternative to be advanced for further study. An eastern corridor alternative will no longer be considered for further analysis in the PEL study.

2 Why did the project change from a Tier 1 EIS?

Earlier this year, in January 2021, the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) determined that a focused PEL study will achieve the same objectives to identify a recommended corridor alternative through the Las Vegas metropolitan area within a shorter time period than a Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement, in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). It should be noted that a PEL study was conducted in the 2014 Intermountain West Corridor Study (IWCS) within a much larger, regional study area in Nevada and Arizona to identify general corridor alternatives for the I-11 facility. The IWCS was not specifically focused on the Las Vegas metropolitan area; however, it did provide preliminary concepts for further study within the Las Vegas metropolitan area that have been a foundation of the current PEL.

3 What is the purpose of a PEL study?

PEL studies are conducted to link transportation planning and the environmental process. For federally funded projects, a PEL study lays the groundwork for the future studies that may be used during the NEPA process. The PEL study develops the project purpose and need, defines the important issues, identifies critical environmental concerns, and recommends corridor alternatives to be further evaluated in the NEPA process. Through coordination with local, regional, state, and federal partners, including regulatory agencies and public stakeholders, the PEL recognizes potential risks of impacts related to the identified corridor alternatives.

4 What is the purpose of this project?

The purpose of the I-11 Corridor within the Las Vegas metropolitan area 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.



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5 What is the PEL process?

The PEL process creates valuable opportunities for stakeholder and public input into the planning process and documentation to streamline next steps in the project as corridor alternatives are developed and evaluated. The I-11 project team will evaluate and process all comments received during the PEL process. The PEL process also ensures:

- Reasonable transportation corridor alternatives are considered
- Community input and involvement play a key role
- Environmental and community effects are disclosed

6 What are the proposed corridors?

Two corridor alternatives are currently being studied. The Western Corridor Alternative would extend westerly along existing I-11 from the Nevada/Arizona border to the I-215/I-515 Henderson Interchange, and then follow I-215 and CC 215 west and north through the Las Vegas metropolitan area. The Central Corridor Alternative would extend westerly along existing I-11 from the Nevada/Arizona border to the I-215/I-515 Henderson Interchange, and then follow I-515 and US 95 through the center of the Las Vegas metropolitan area.

7 When will construction start and how long will it take?

Selection of the I-11 corridor and delivery of the final PEL report is scheduled for May 2022. Project-specific environmental reviews, in compliance with NEPA, will then be required prior to the construction of any I-11 improvements along the selected corridor. I-11 construction will not begin on any part of the corridor any sooner than 8 years from now. Additionally, the project's construction timeline will be dependent upon available funding.

8 How and when will the project be funded?

The timeline for the NEPA process, design, and construction of the Project is dependent upon the potential improvements to be made along the I-11 corridor and the availability of funds.

9 How can the community participate?

NDOT is committed to providing transparent and timely public involvement opportunities. There are numerous opportunities for public participation, including in-person and online public meetings and a telephone town hall. Ongoing engagement throughout the project is in the best interest of stakeholders and the overall community. Check our website regularly for ongoing engagement opportunities or participate in an *in-person* meeting near you.

August 31: 4 – 7 p.m.

- Sahara West Library
9600 W Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89117

September 1: 4 – 7 p.m.

- Centennial Hills Community Center YMCA Fun Zone
6601 N Buffalo Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89131

September 7: 4 – 7 p.m.

- Lifeguard Arena, Center Ice Room
222 S Water Street, Henderson, NV 89015

September 14: 4 – 7 p.m.

- RTC Southern Nevada, Conference Room 108
600 S Grand Central Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89106

September 16: 2:30 – 5:30 p.m.

- Windmill Library
7060 W. Windmill Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89113



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