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Mr. Jay Van Echo, Project Manager Interstate 11 Tier 1 EIS Study Team c/o: ADOT Communications 1655 W. Jackson Street, Mail Drop 126F Phoenix, AZ 85007

## Subject: Interstate 11 Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement Alternatives Selection Report

Dear Mr. Van Echo:

On behalf of the Pinal County I-11 Coalition and the City of Maricopa I would like to express our continued support of the Interstate 11 (I-11) Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) study effort and provide you an update on the status of the Pinal Regional Transportation Plan (PRTP).

Pinal County voters passed Propositions 416 (PRTP) and 417 (Pinal Regional Transportation Excise Tax) on November 7, 2017. The Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (PRTA) immediately began the administrative actions to coordinate the approved regional transportation plan with Pinal County's two metropolitan planning organizations. Right-of-way preservation for the West Pinal Freeway, the Pinal County I-11 Coalition's preferred alignment for the I-11, is programmed in Period 2 (Fiscal Year 2023-2027) of the 20-year PRTP, identified as Corridor Options I2 and I1 in the Alternatives Selection Report dated December 2017. The Pinal County I-11 Coalition supports these recommended corridor options for advancement to the Tier 1 EIS.

The City of Maricopa is a fast growing community that is on the cusp of major economic development. Transportation infrastructure is crucial to that development. Along with the PRTA and the Pinal County I-11 Coalition, we are wholly committed to right-of-way preservation for the West Pinal Freeway project as it promotes freight movement, links our communities, and enhances commerce within Pinal County.

Thank you for keeping us informed with the progress made on the I-11 Tier 1 EIS.

Sincerely,

Christian Price, Mayor City of Maricopa