

RESOLUTION NO. 19-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARICOPA, ARIZONA, ENDORSING THE PINAL COUNTY I-11 COALITION'S SUPPORT FOR THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AND ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S INTERSTATE 11 TIER 1 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND PRELIMINARY SECTION 4(F) EVALUATION.

WHEREAS, in November 2014, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), Nevada Department of Transportation, Maricopa Association of Governments, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada, and other key stakeholders completed an initial two-year feasibility study known as the Interstate 11 (I-11) and Intermountain West Corridor Study; and,

WHEREAS, in May 2016, FHWA and ADOT issued a Notice of Intent to commence with a three-year Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement to select a corridor alternative for I-11 between Nogales and Wickenburg; and,

WHEREAS, the I-11 Corridor Study Area is 280 miles long and the environmental review process examines and evaluates the No Build Alternative and a 2,000-foot wide Project Area for three Build Corridor Alternatives in which the I-11 alignment could be located; and,

WHEREAS, the I-11 Corridor Study Area traverses the counties of Santa Cruz, Pima, Pinal, Maricopa, and Yavapai within central and southern Arizona; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Maricopa endorses Pinal County I-11 Coalition's support of the environmental review process for the location of I-11 in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and other regulatory requirements; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Maricopa also endorses Pinal County I-11 Coalition's support for Option I2 (Barnes Road alignment) of the recommended alternative in the Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement and Preliminary Section 4(f) Evaluation (Draft Tier 1 EIS) and Option I1 (Montgomery Road alignment) identified in the Alternative Selections Report dated December 2017 as they are consistent with the West Pinal Freeway programmed for right-of-way preservation in Phase II of the Pinal Regional Transportation Plan approved by Pinal County voters in 2017.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona hereby endorses Pinal County I-11 Coalition's support of the following:

- 1) The environmental review process for the location of I-11; and,
- 2) Option I2 (Barnes Road alignment) of the recommended alternative in the Draft Tier 1 EIS and Option I1 (Montgomery Road alignment) identified in the Alternative

Selections Report dated December 2017 as these options are consistent with the West Pinal Freeway programmed for right-of-way preservation in Phase II of the Pinal Regional Transportation Plan approved by Pinal County voters in 2017; and,

- 3) Options I2 and I1 are in accordance with other local and county level plans and provide alternate, high capacity routes to serve planned growth and economic centers in western Pinal County while avoiding the planned development and expansion of the Lucid Motors and Tractor Supply Distribution Center in Casa Grande as depicted in Exhibit A; and,
- 4) Options I2 and I1 best meet the Purpose and Need of the Draft Tier 1 EIS as they promote freight movement, link communities, and strengthen economic development and job growth within Pinal County.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is effective upon approval and execution of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona this 21st day of May 2019.

Christian Price
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Vanessa Bueras, CMC
City Clerk

Denis Fitzgibbons
City Attorney