

# Auxiliary Interstate Highway • 1-10 to I-19



*An economic catalyst poised for growth in the Sonoran Desert*

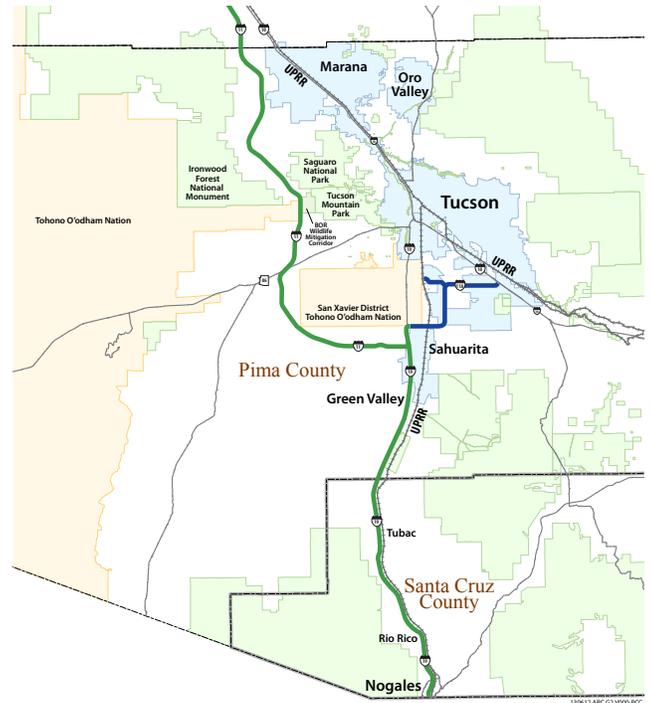
Many potential economic centers wait for the right elements to fall into place to begin development. The Sonoran Corridor area is an already vibrant economic region. This link will accelerate its future as a national economic powerhouse.

## **The assets already in place:**

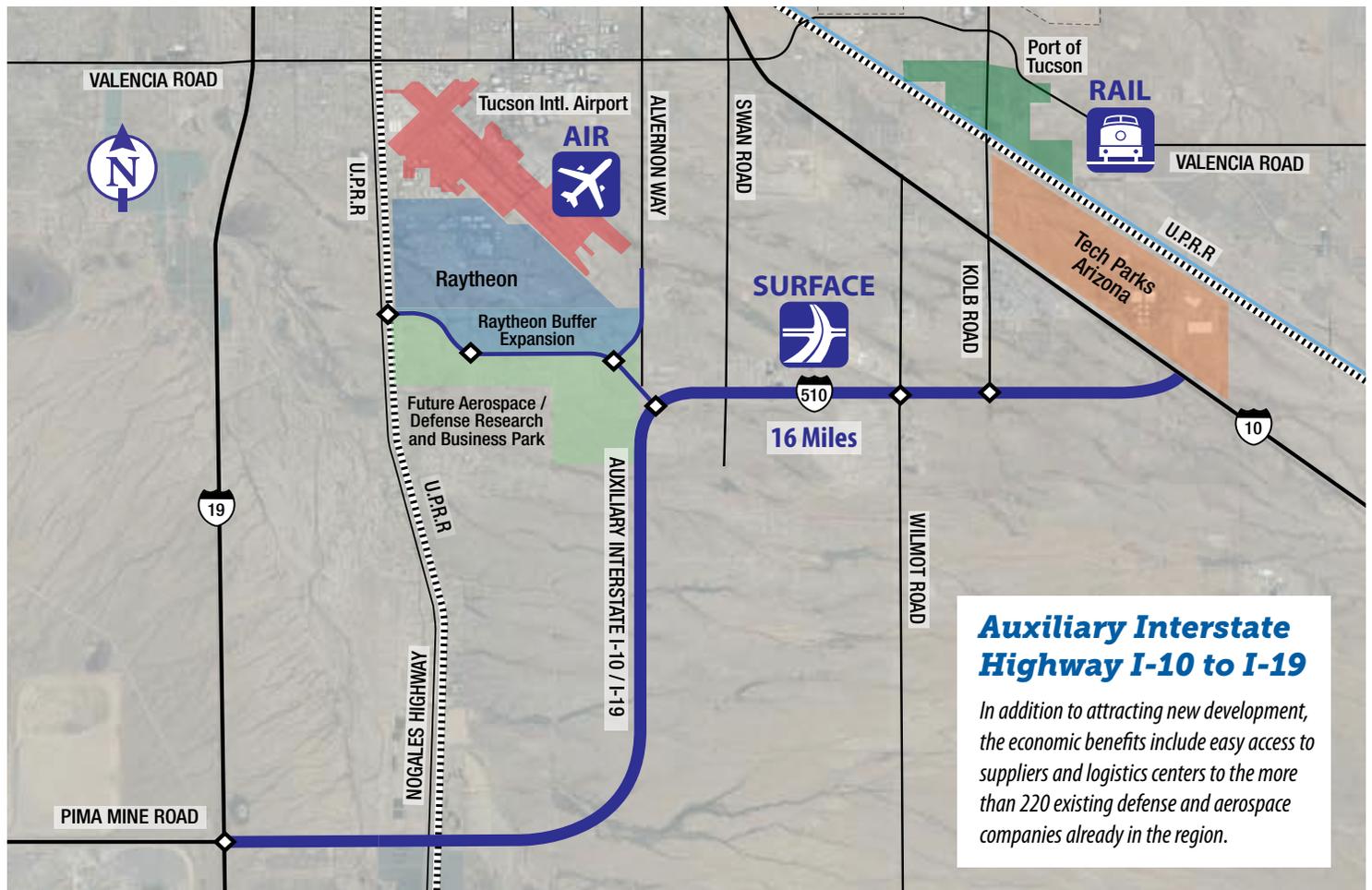
- Rail lines east and west
- Rail service south to and from Mexico
- National and international air service at Tucson International Airport
- Raytheon Missile Systems
- University of Arizona Science and Tech Park with almost 2,000,000 square feet of high-tech office, R&D and laboratory facilities
- The Port of Tucson, Arizona's largest intermodal center
- Interstate highway access west, east and south to Mexico (less than 60 miles away)
- Land identified, planned and zoned for commercial and industrial development (without residential impact), including the future Aerospace/Defense Research and Business park

## **The remaining link...**

is this Auxiliary Interstate Highway, a high-speed, limited-access corridor that connects this area with I-19 to the west and I-10 to the east. The project has already received local support with over \$17 million of funds spent and committed from Pima County and its regional partners.



*The Auxiliary Highway is a critical transportation link and economic catalyst for southern Arizona's growth in the coming decades.*



## The project takes advantage of the labor force and other economic assets

- Access to existing residential communities with affordable housing and strong infrastructures in place
- Existing Foreign Trade Zone
- The University of Arizona, one of the top ranked research universities in the United States

In addition to attracting new development, consider the economic benefits of easy access to suppliers and logistics centers to the more than 220 existing defense and aerospace companies already located in the region.

## Transportation benefits

An additional benefit accrues immediately on project completion. It will relieve the current overburdened I-10 / I-19 transition which is projected to overwhelm the current infrastructure by 2020.

Commercial trucks traveling between I-19 and I-10 will save 10.8 miles per vehicle per trip and with projected volumes of 1600 daily trips, total fuel savings alone are estimated at approximately \$20,000 per day and growing.

## Request

With significant local resources already committed, we're asking for a designation as an Auxiliary Highway from I-10 to I-19, which will enable Federal and State assistance for implementation.

## The Traffic Case

Projected traffic volumes through the current interchange system will rapidly become unmanageable without this projected Auxiliary Interstate Highway.



Tucson International has 3 active runways, the longest of which is over 11,000 feet. It has full 24-hour port of entry facilities for both cargo and passengers, including customs and immigration services.



Arizona's largest port of entry, Mariposa, is less than 60 miles to the south. The I-19 / I-10 route already handles high volumes of imported and exported goods. Trade projections show a rapidly increasing volume in the next decades.



The Port of Tucson is the largest intermodal center in the state and highlights the area's flexibility in transportation. Rail, air, or truck services are available in a conveniently concentrated area.

