



# **US 191, SR 266 to US 70 Public Information Meeting**

**Wednesday March 16, 2011  
Safford City Library  
Phelps Dodge Room  
808 South 7th Avenue  
Safford, AZ 85546  
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.**



# Welcome and Introductions

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## Study Team Members

### **ADOT Safford District**

- Bill Harmon

### **ADOT Predesign**

- Tazeen Dewan

### **ADOT Environmental Planning Group**

- Leslie Stafford (Consultant-EcoPlan)

### **ADOT Communication and Community Partnerships**

- CT Revere

### **Federal Highway Administration**

- Mary Frye
- Aryan Lirange

### **Consultant Project Manager - AMEC**

- Clark Clatanoff



# Agenda

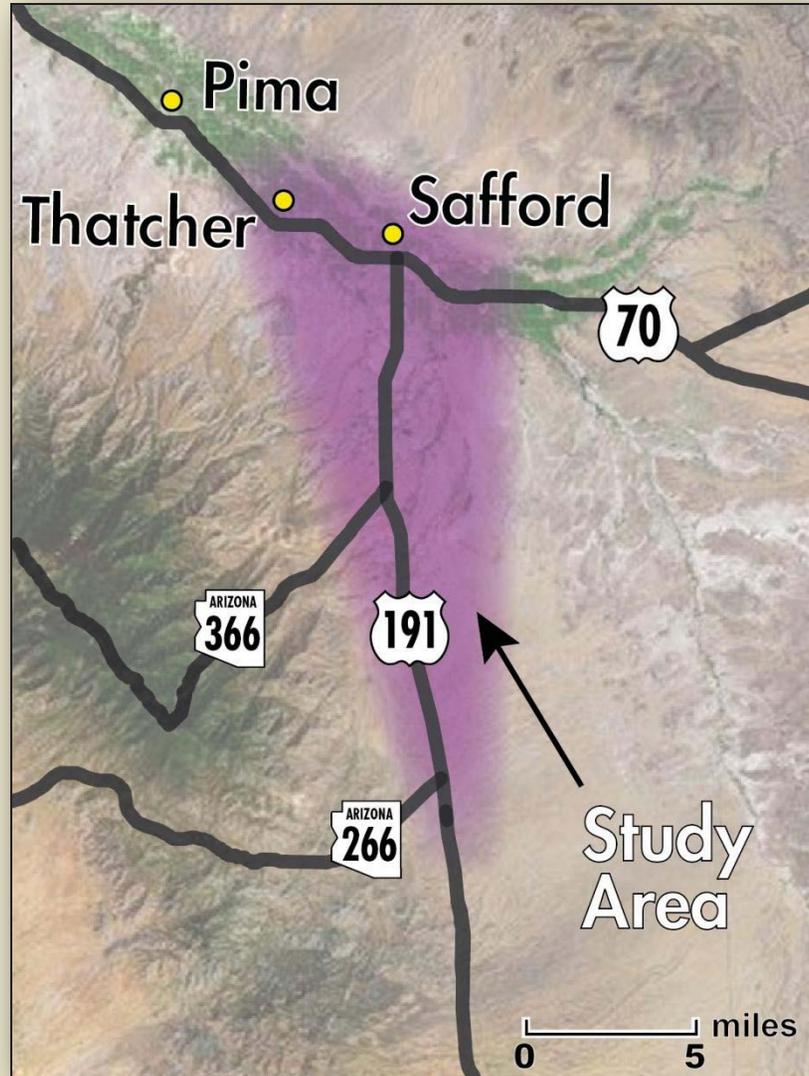
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- Review public input – September 23, 2010 meeting
- Review agency input – November 2010 and January 2011 meetings
- Present alternatives
- Next steps
- Comments and questions

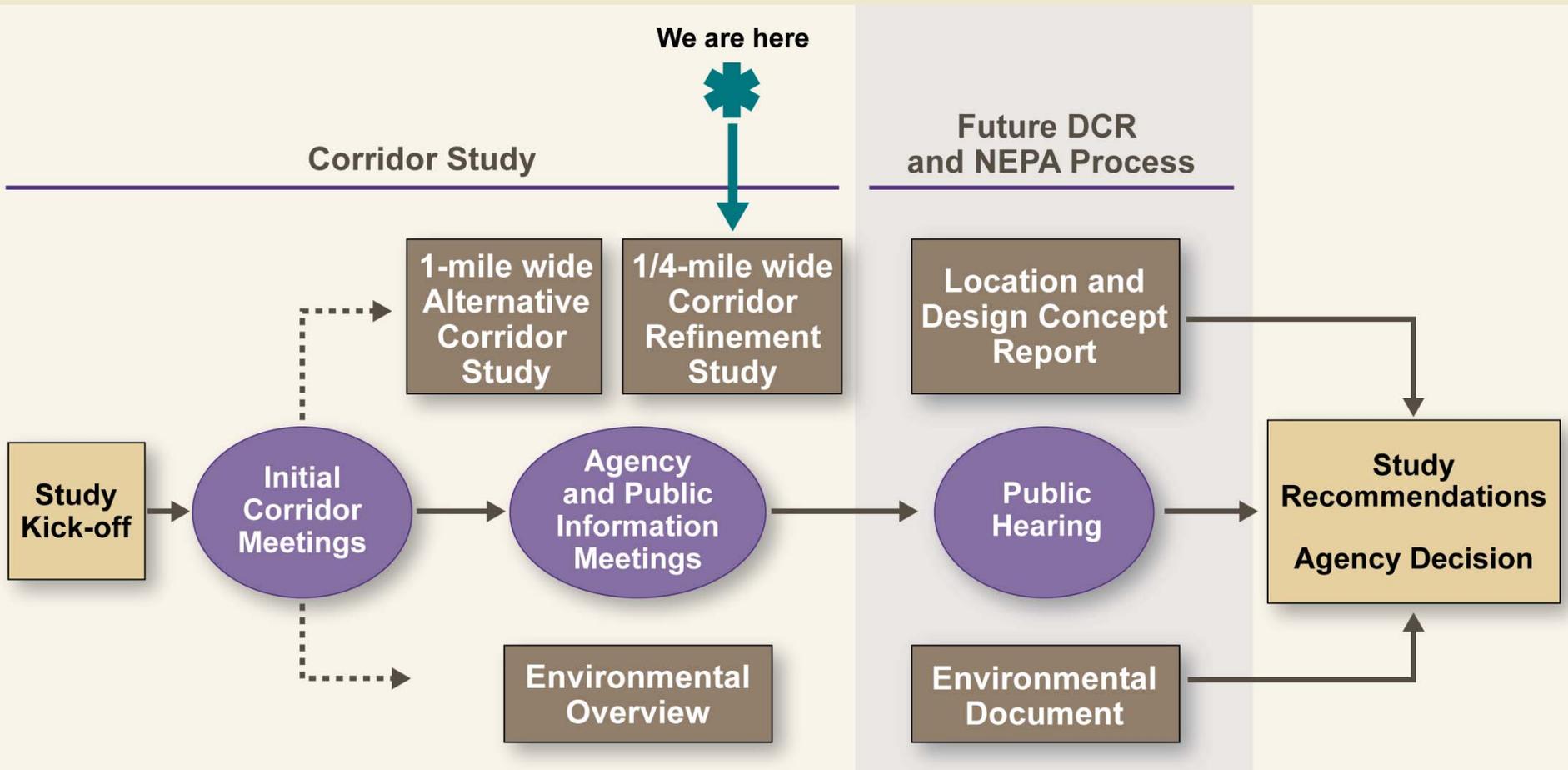


# Study Area





# Study Process

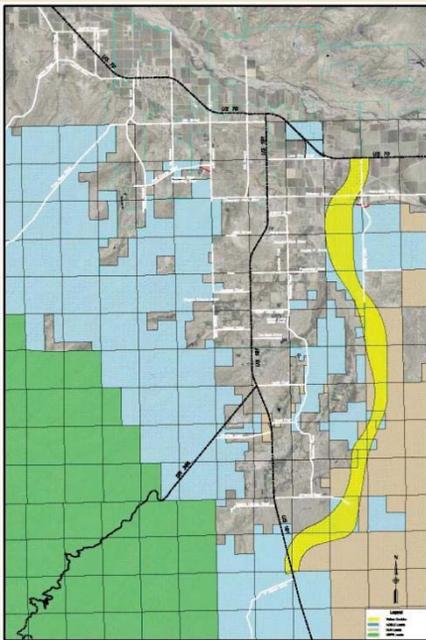




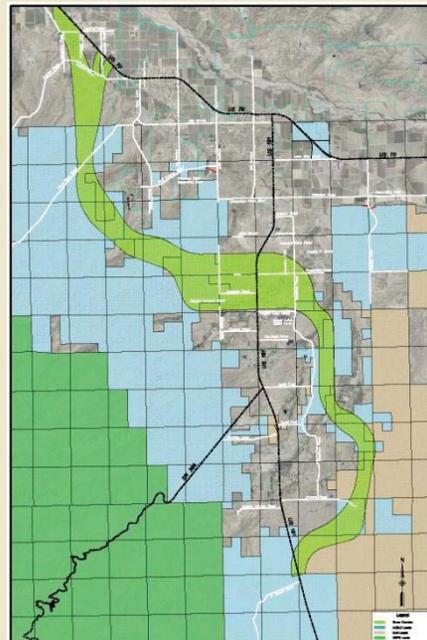
# Previous Corridors Presented



- 4 corridors presented at the September 23, 2010 Public Information Meeting



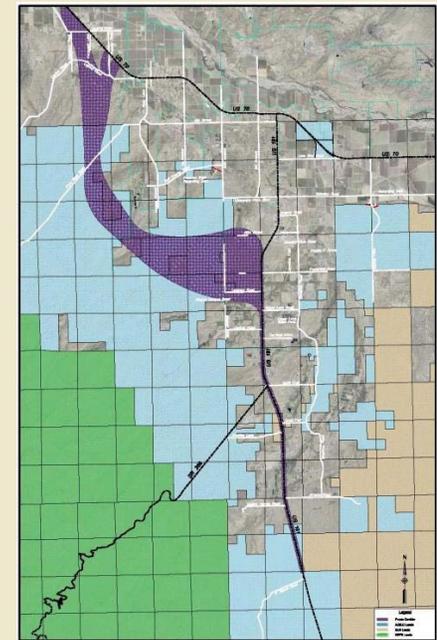
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B – East to NW  
Corridor



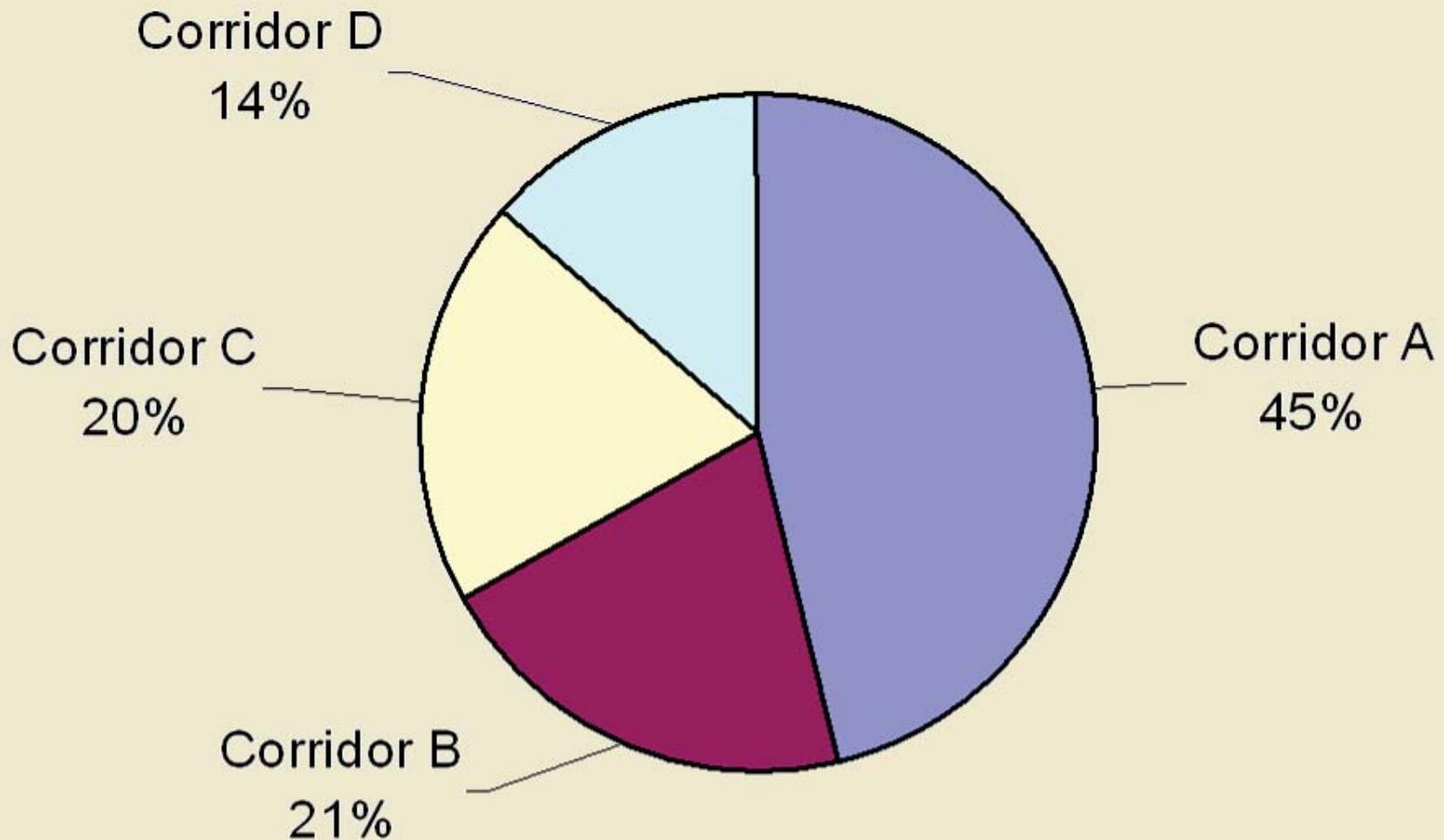
C – West Corridor



D – Existing to  
NW Corridor



# Overall Public Preference of Corridors





# Stakeholder Group Meeting Summary

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- **Meeting:** November 15, 2010
- Attendees included representatives from:
  - Graham County
  - Thatcher
  - Safford
  - Federal Highway Administration
  - ADOT



# Stakeholder Meeting Summary (Nov. 15, 2010)

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- Alternatives A and B
  - Take traffic to the east of Safford which is unfavorable as traffic generally moves west
  - Local traffic may continue to use existing US 191, rather than go east to use Alternatives A or B
  - Expected to cost more
- Alternative B conflicts with extensive floodplains
- Alternatives C and D better relieve congestion on existing city/town streets



# Alternative Refinement

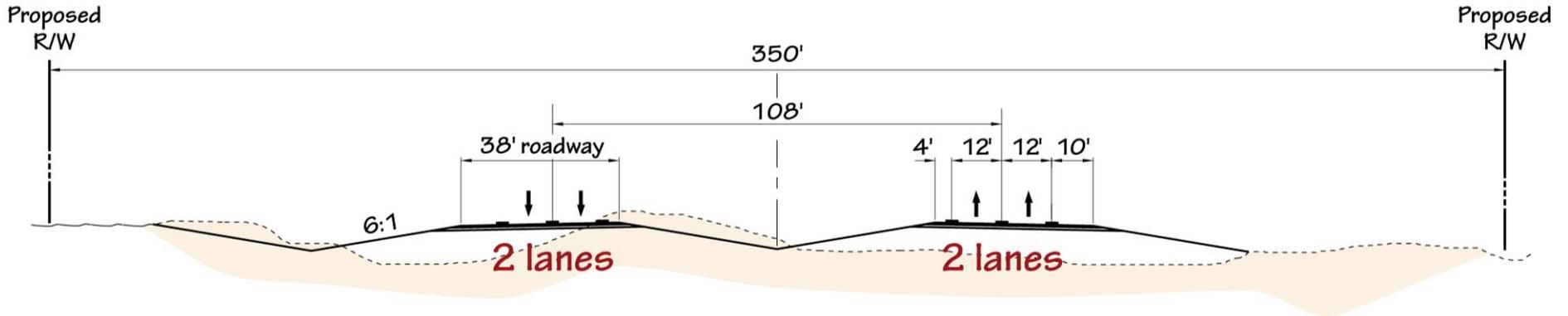
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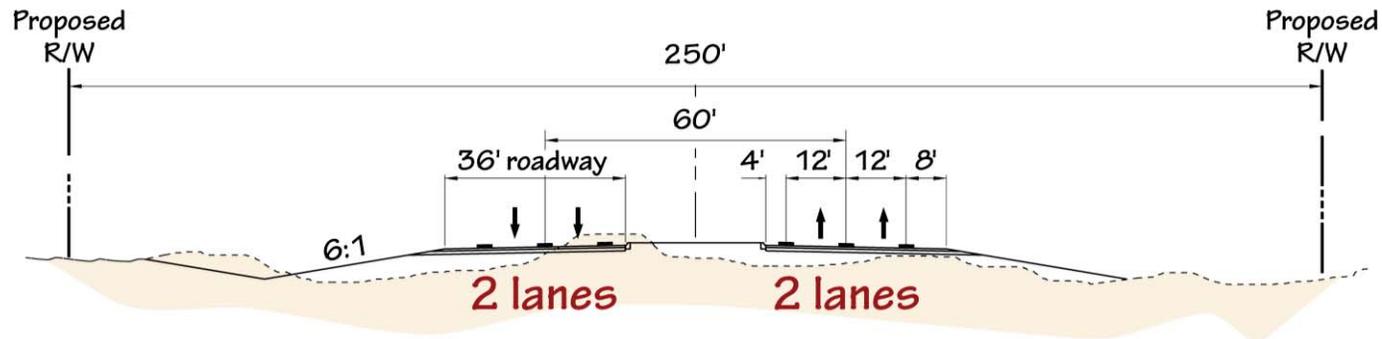
- Developed new alternatives following fall 2010 outreach activities
  - US 70 corridor now part of the study
  - Portions of Alternatives A, C and D used
- Developed the following new alternative names to avoid confusion with previous alternatives
  - East, west and existing US 191
  - North and south US 70



# Proposed Roadway Configurations



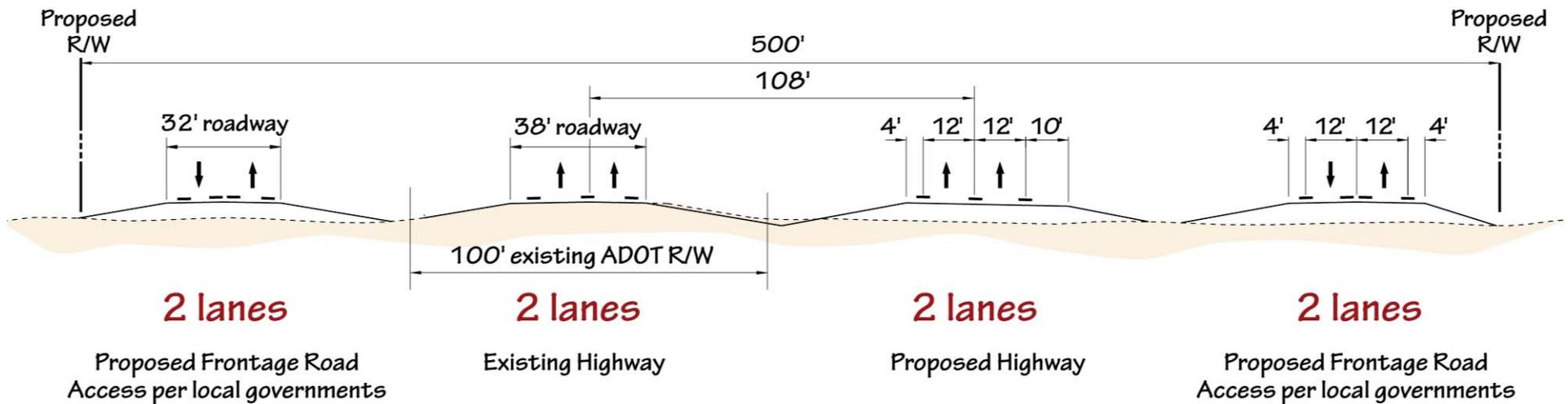
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Urban Arterial Freeway—Signalized Intersection Access



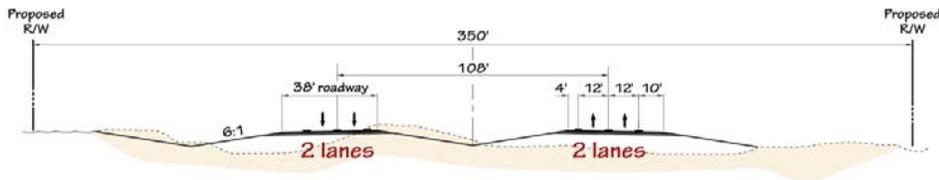
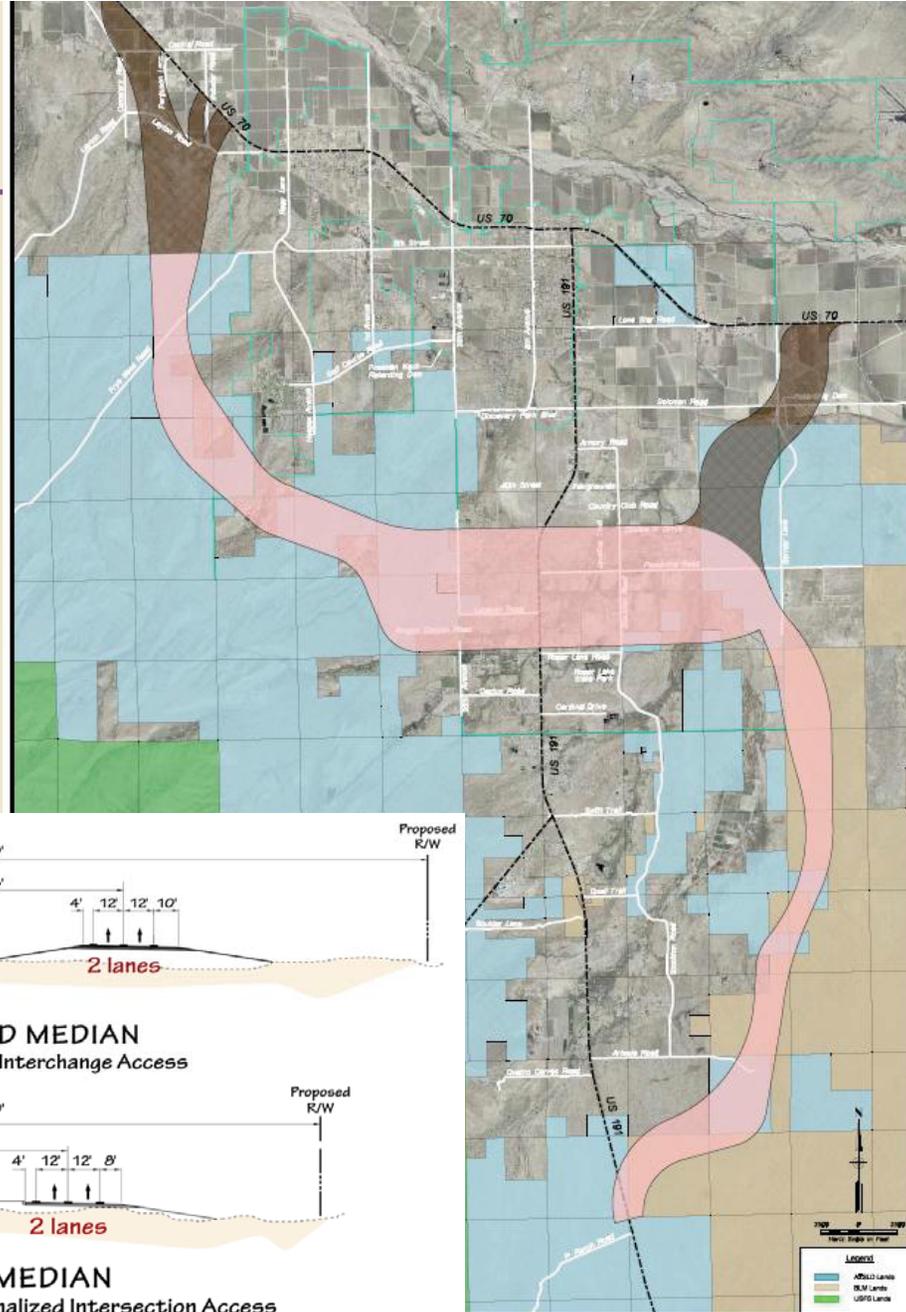
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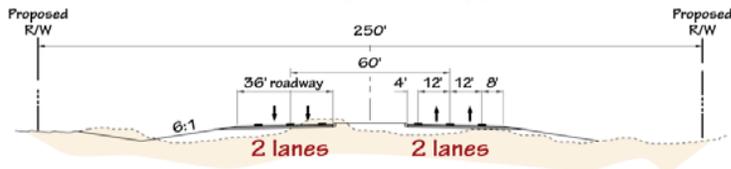
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# East US 191 – South US 70 Alternative



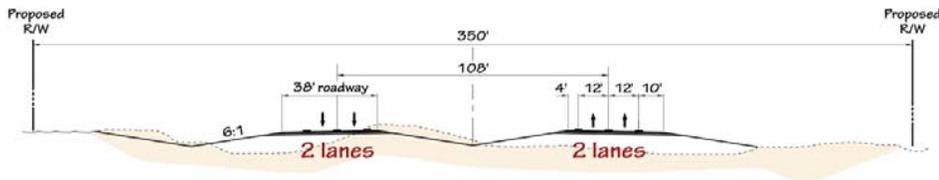
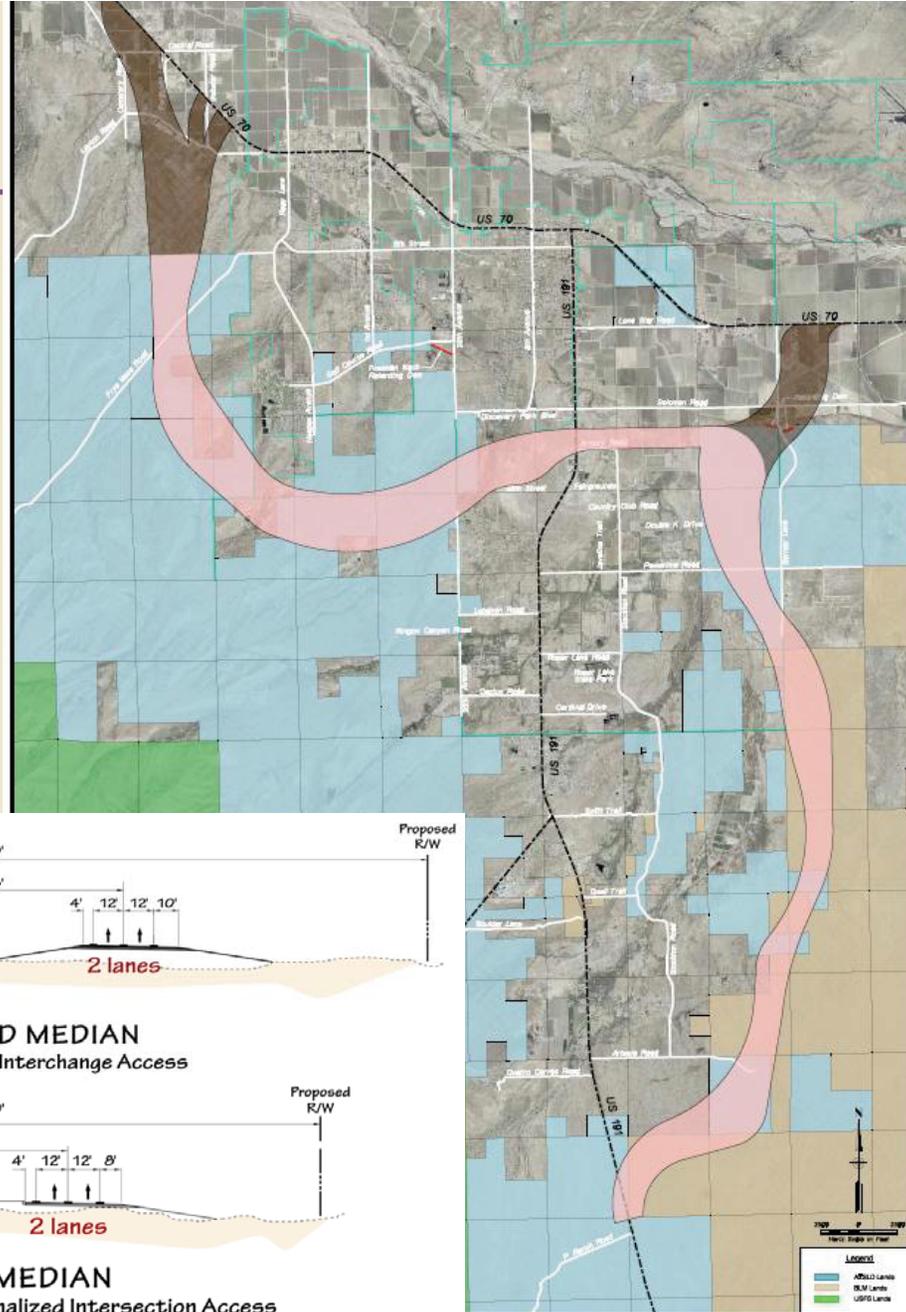
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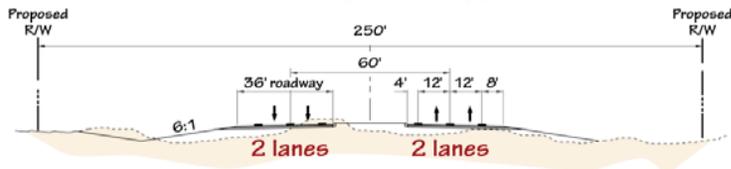
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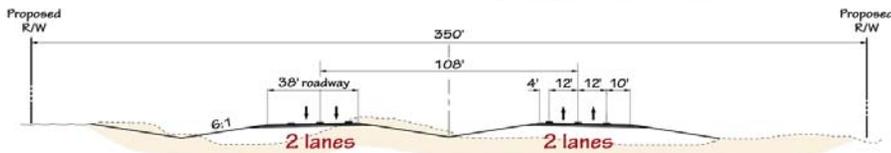
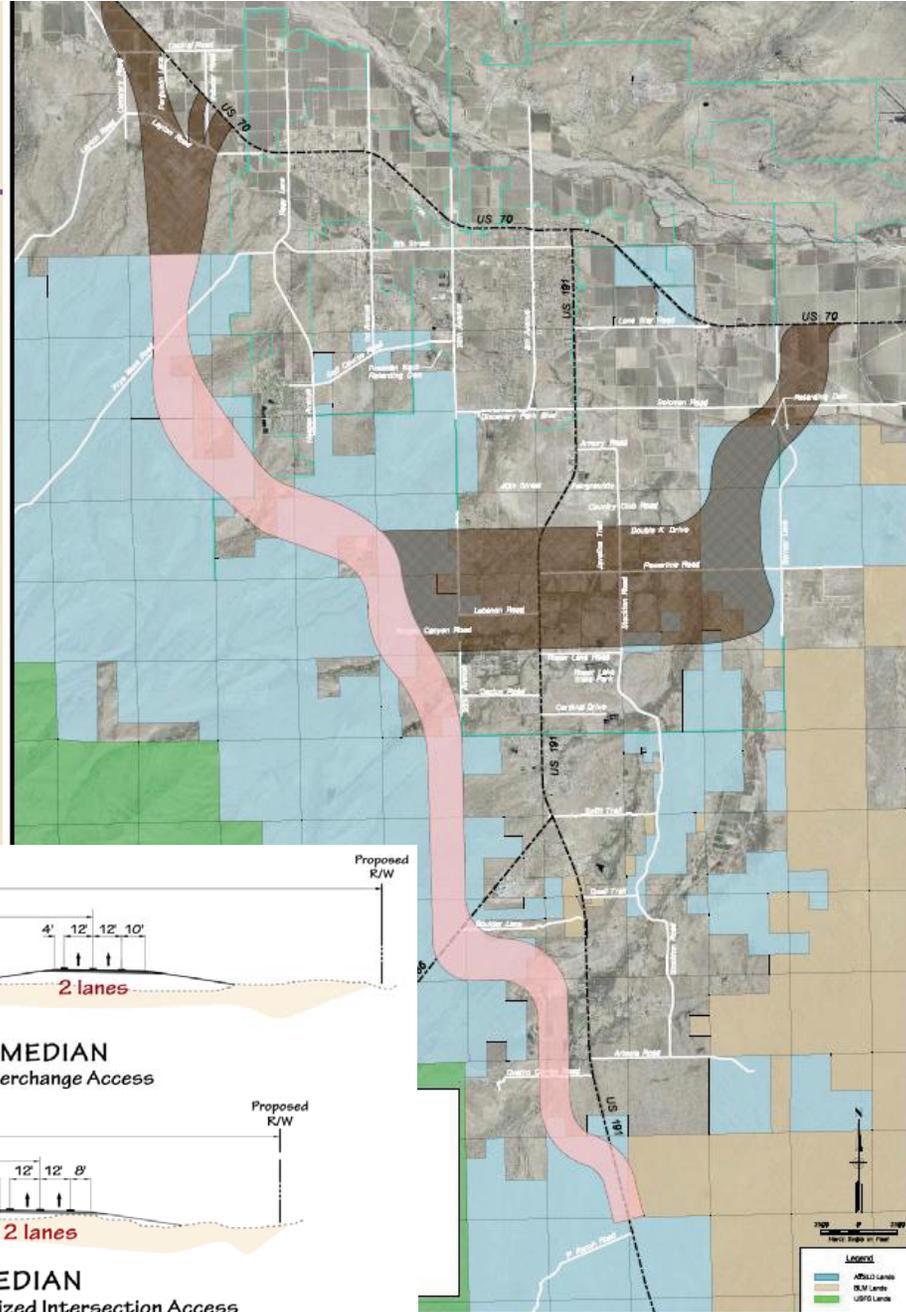
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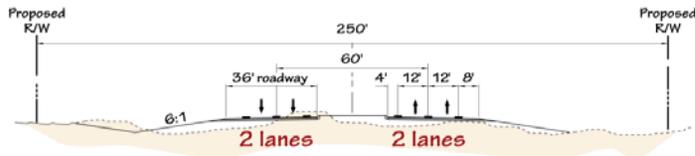
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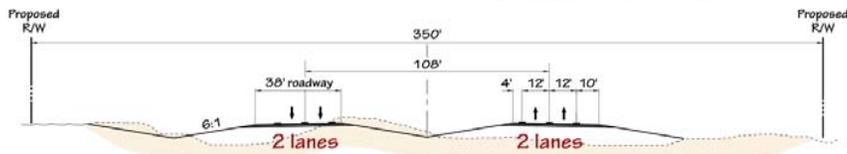
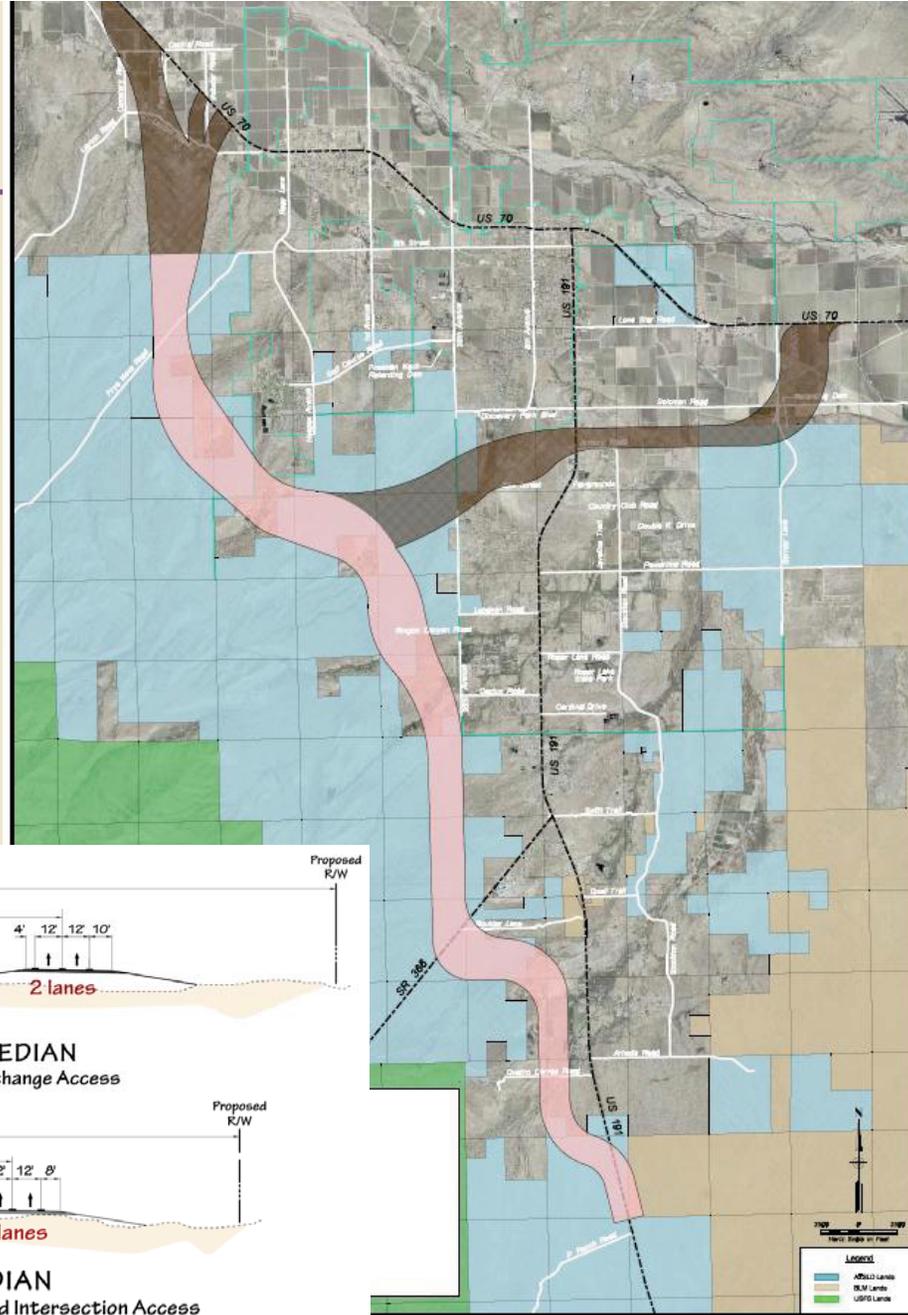
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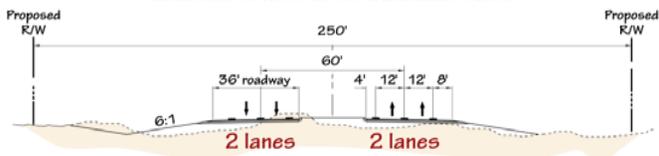
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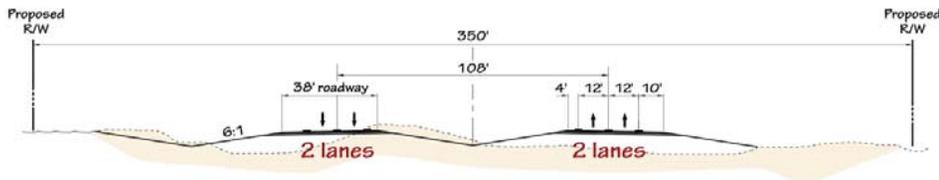
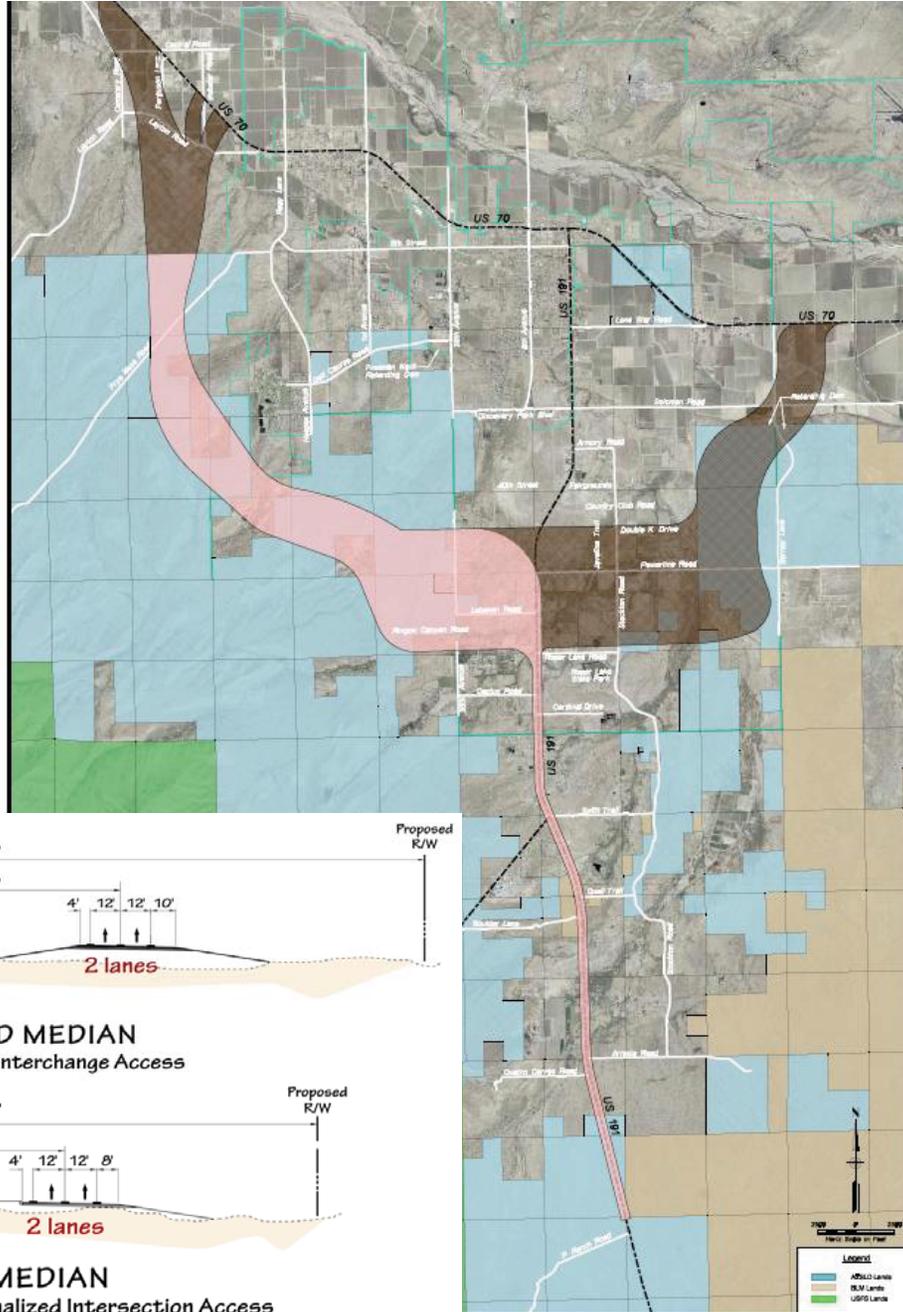
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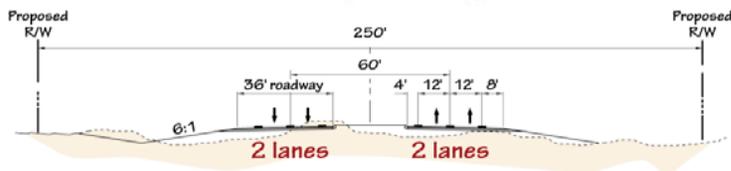
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# Existing US 191 – South US 70 Alternative



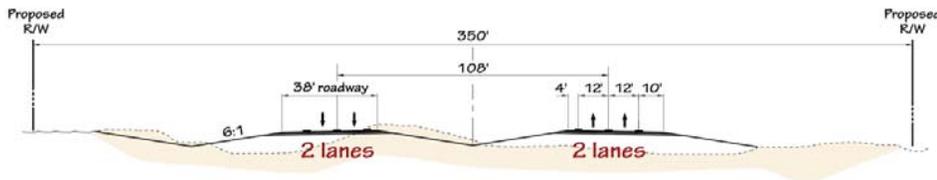
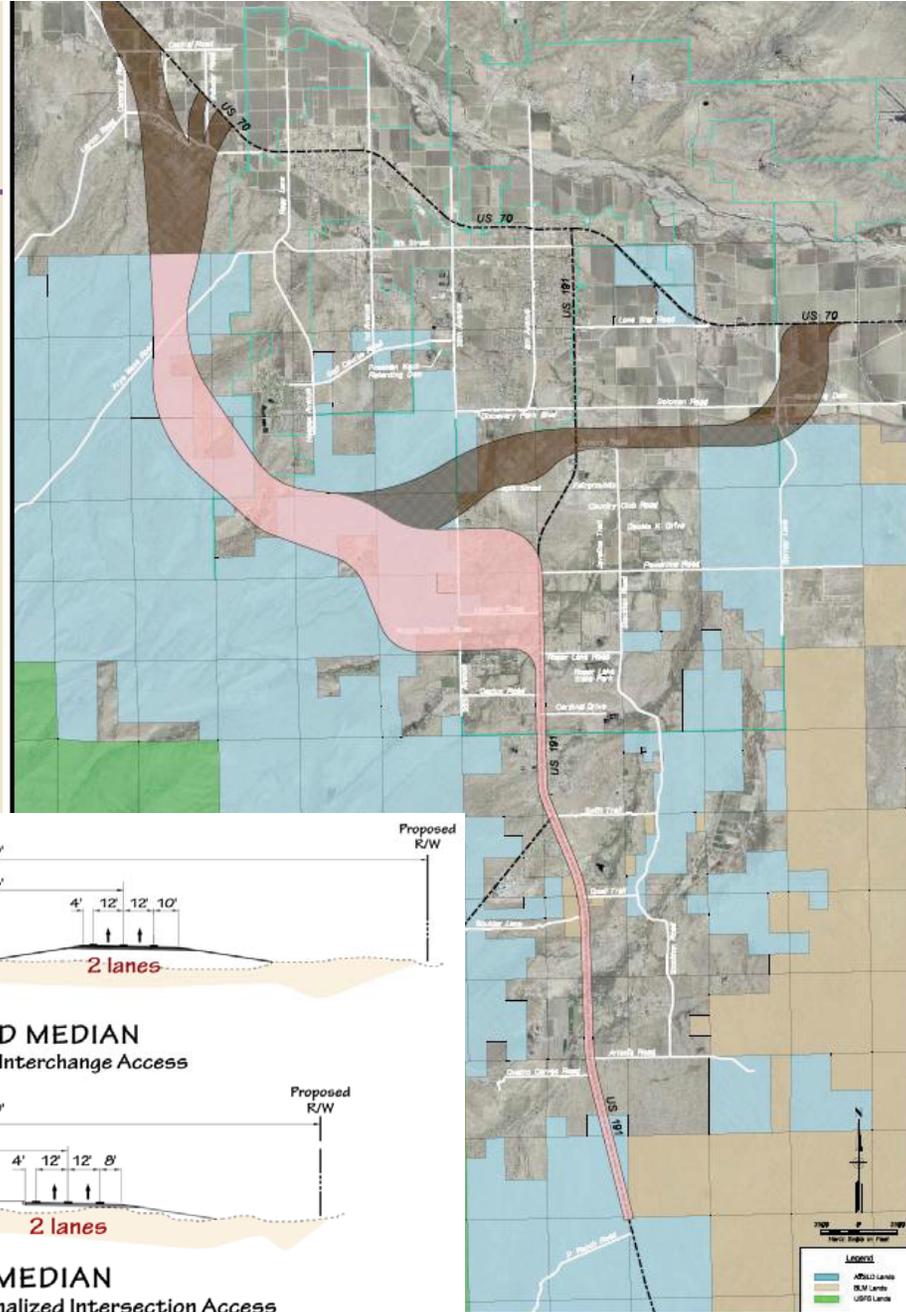
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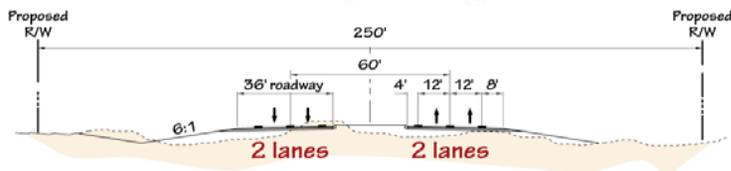
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# Second Stakeholder Group Meeting Summary

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- **Meeting:** January 24, 2011
- Attendees included representatives from:
  - Graham County
  - Pima
  - Thatcher
  - Safford
  - ADOT



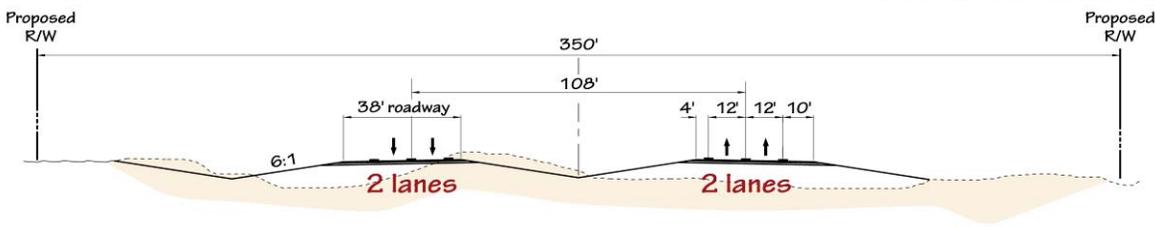
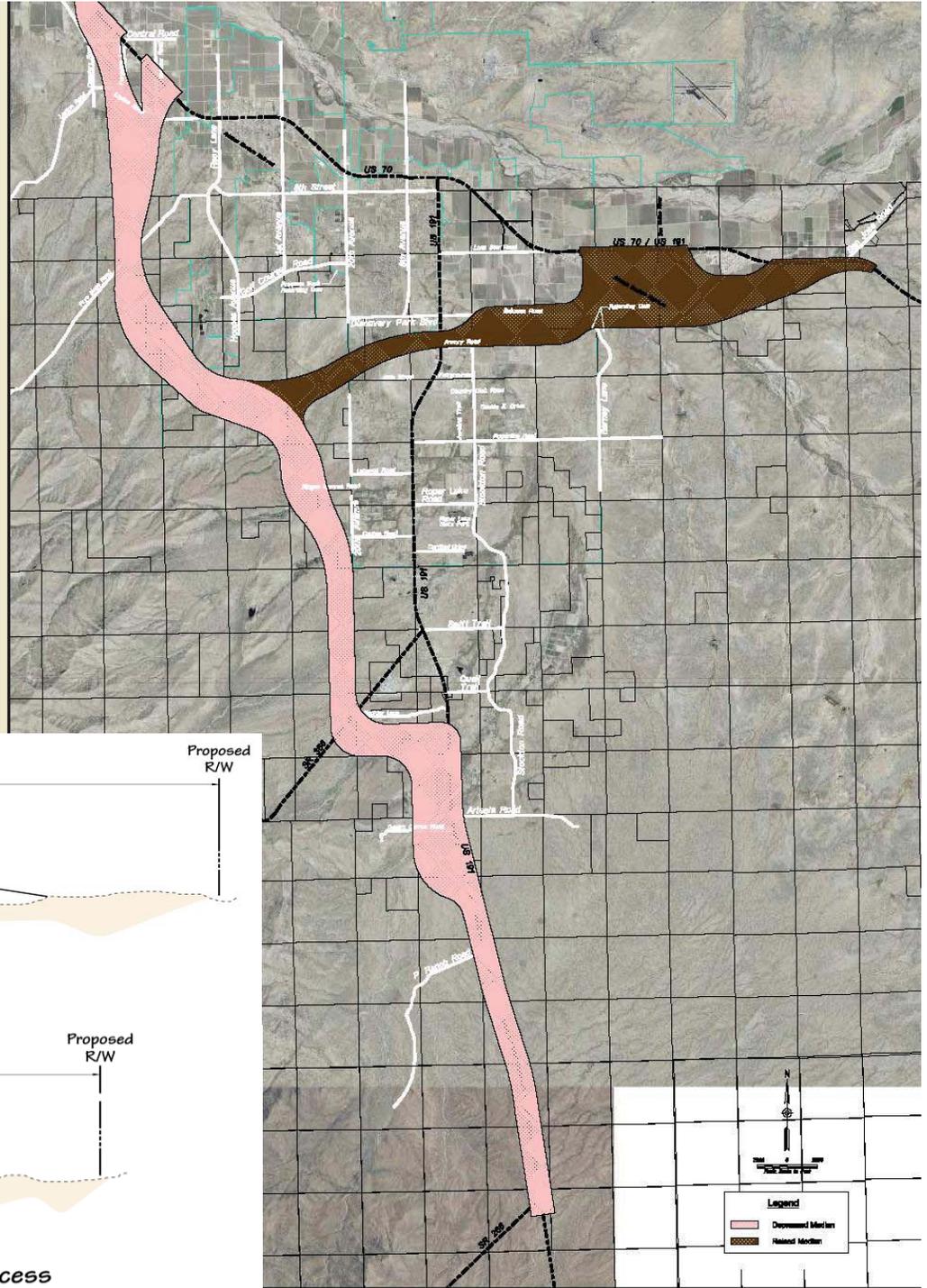
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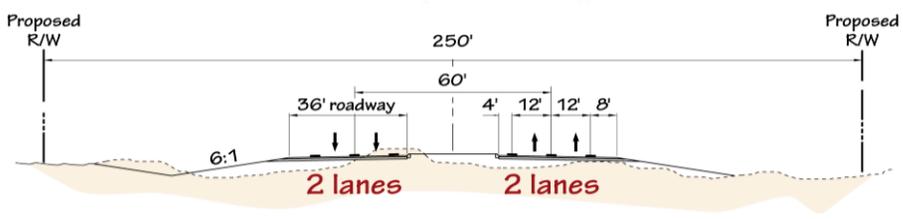


- Remove from consideration:
  - East US 191 Alternatives
  - South US 70 Alternatives
- Study further and refine:
  - West US 191 – North US 70 Alternative
  - Existing US 191 – North US 70 Alternative

# West US 191–North US 70 Alternative

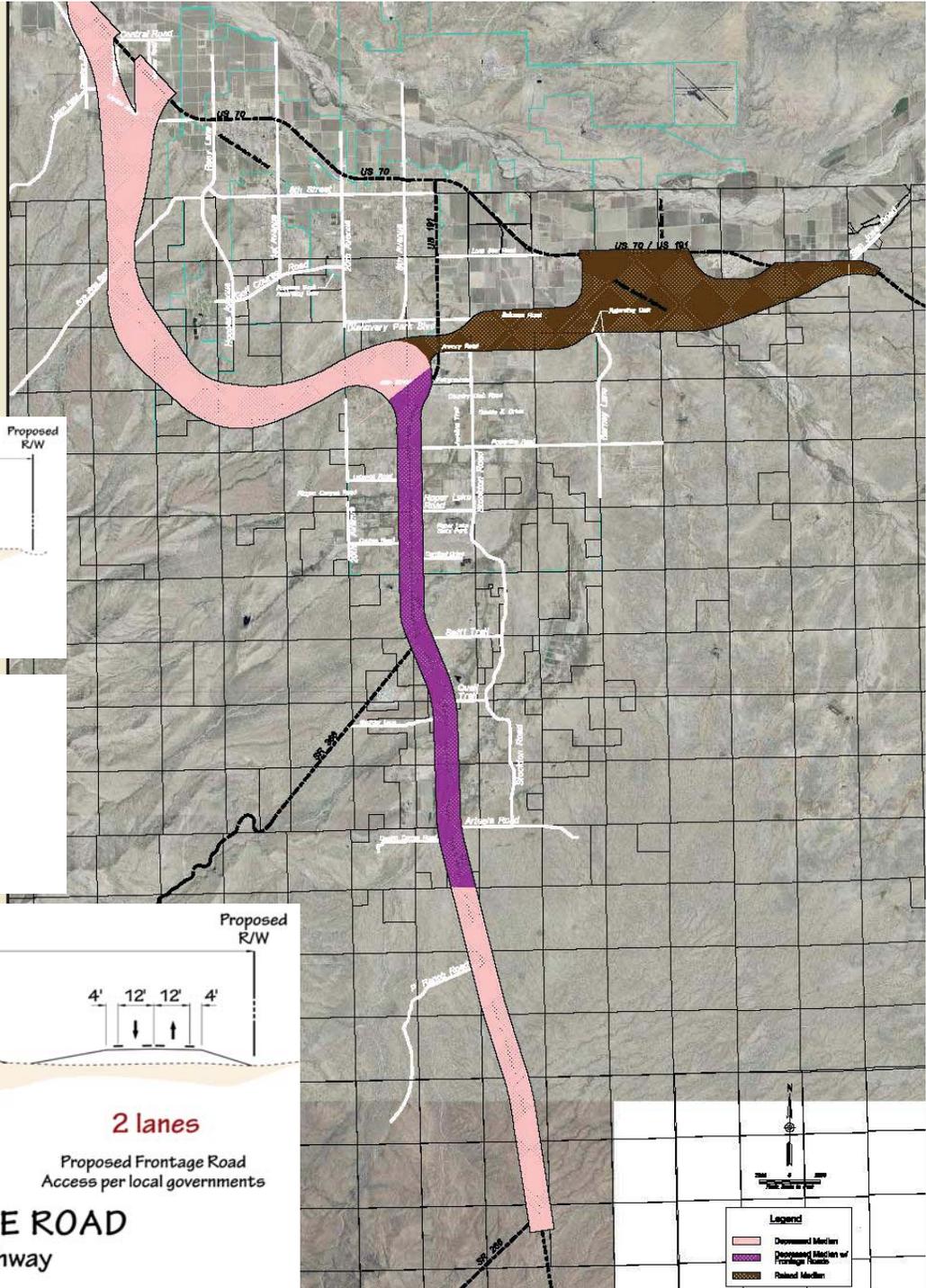
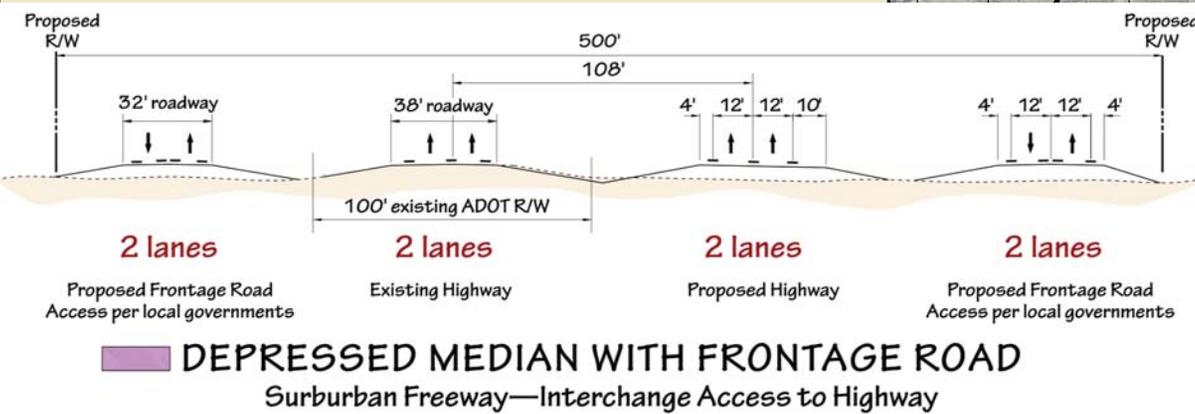
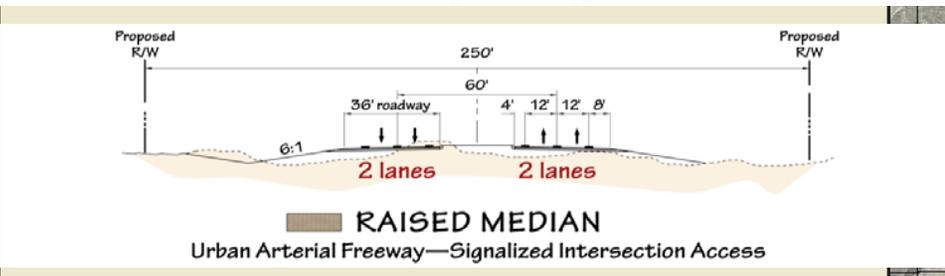
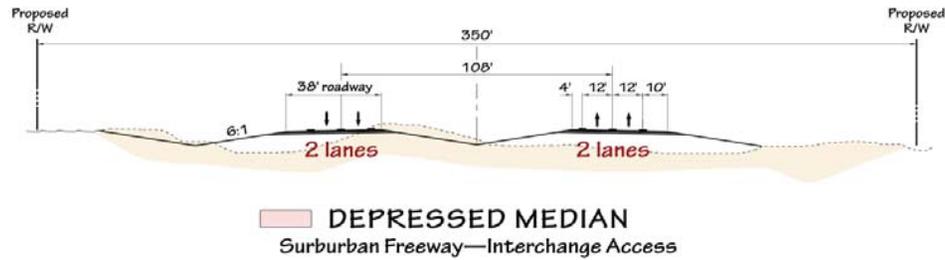


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# Existing US 191–North US 70 Alternative





# No Build Alternative

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# Environmental Process

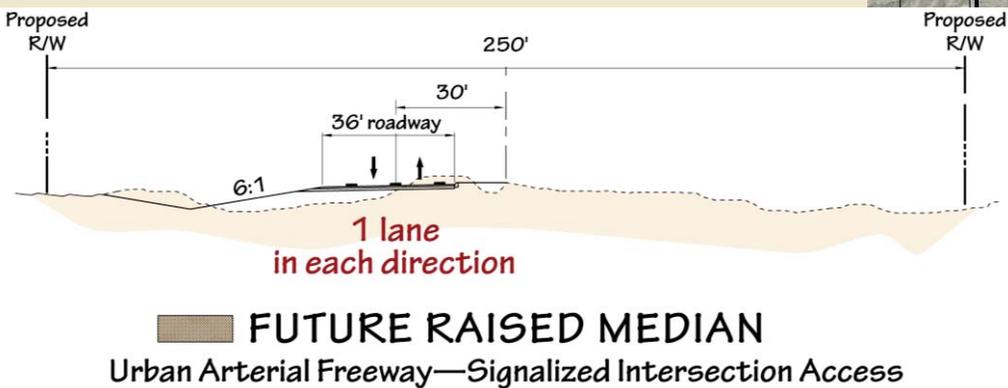
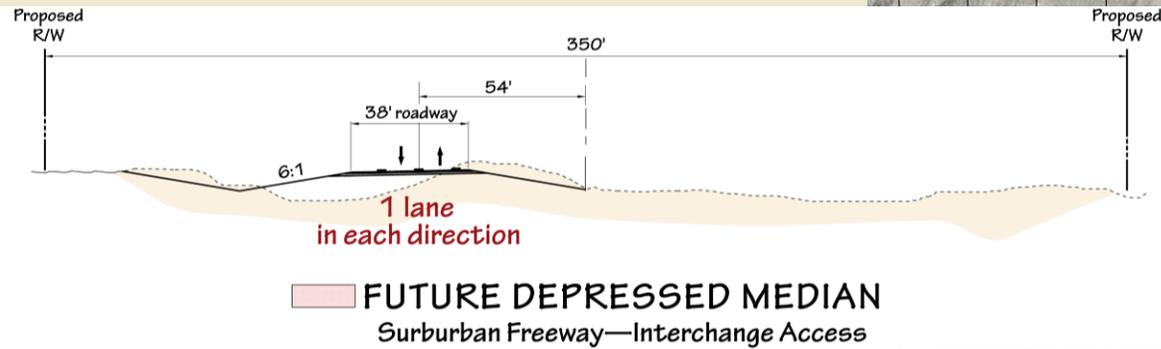
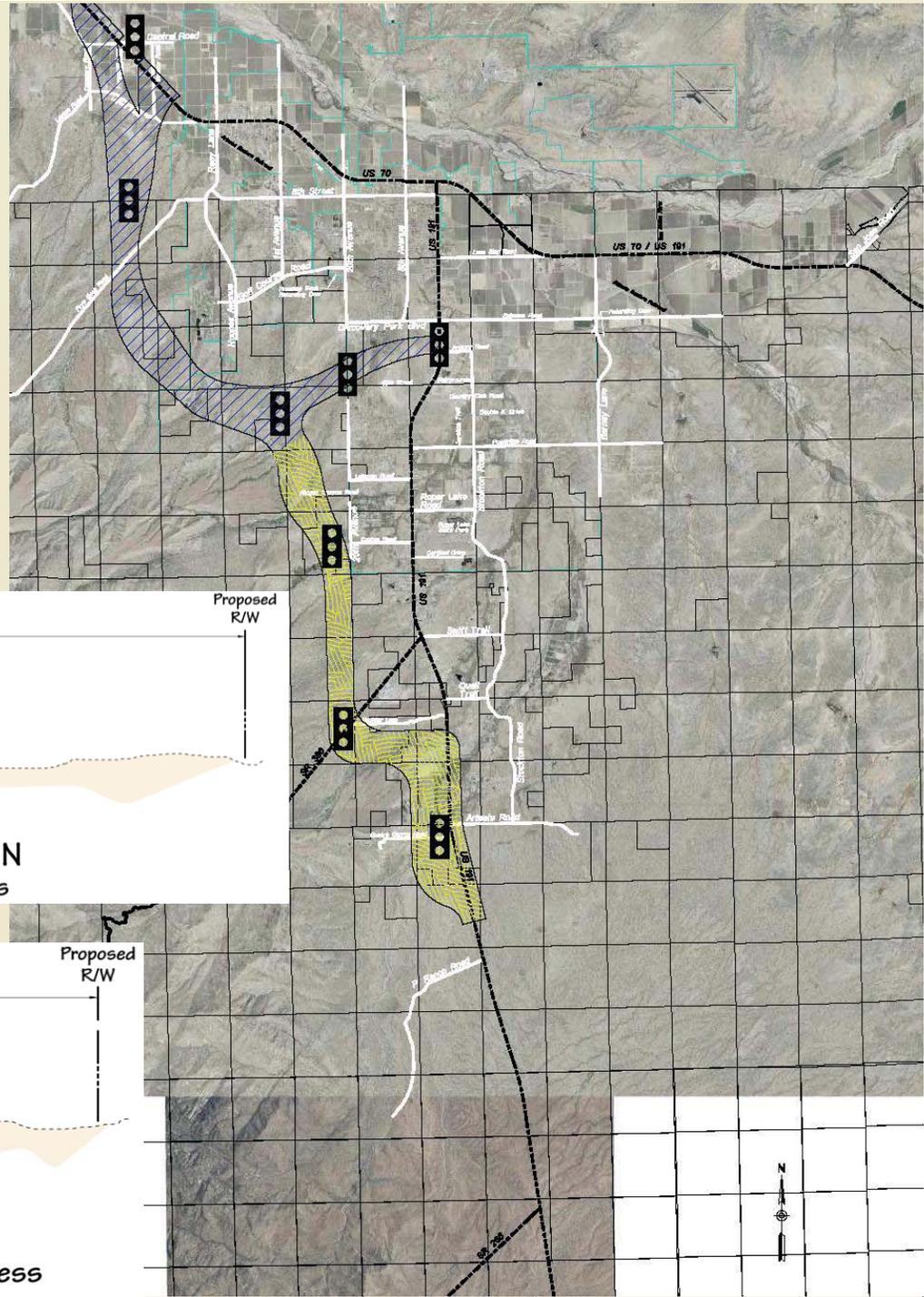
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- Collect and document existing conditions on physical, biological, and cultural/historic environment
- Solicit participation from local, state and federal government agencies
- Solicit input from public, property owners, businesses and other stakeholders
- Identify constraints and opportunities for corridors being considered

# Example – Phase 1

-  Phase 1A, 2-lane
-  Phase 1B, 2-lane
-  Traffic Signal  
(Location & Timing Determined in the Future w/ Local Agencies)



# Example - Phase 2



Phase 2A, 4-lane



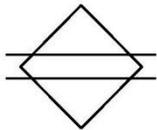
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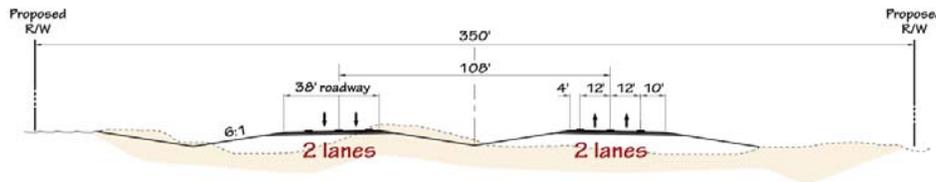
Phase 2C, 4-lane



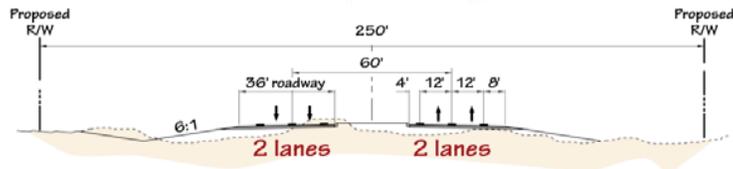
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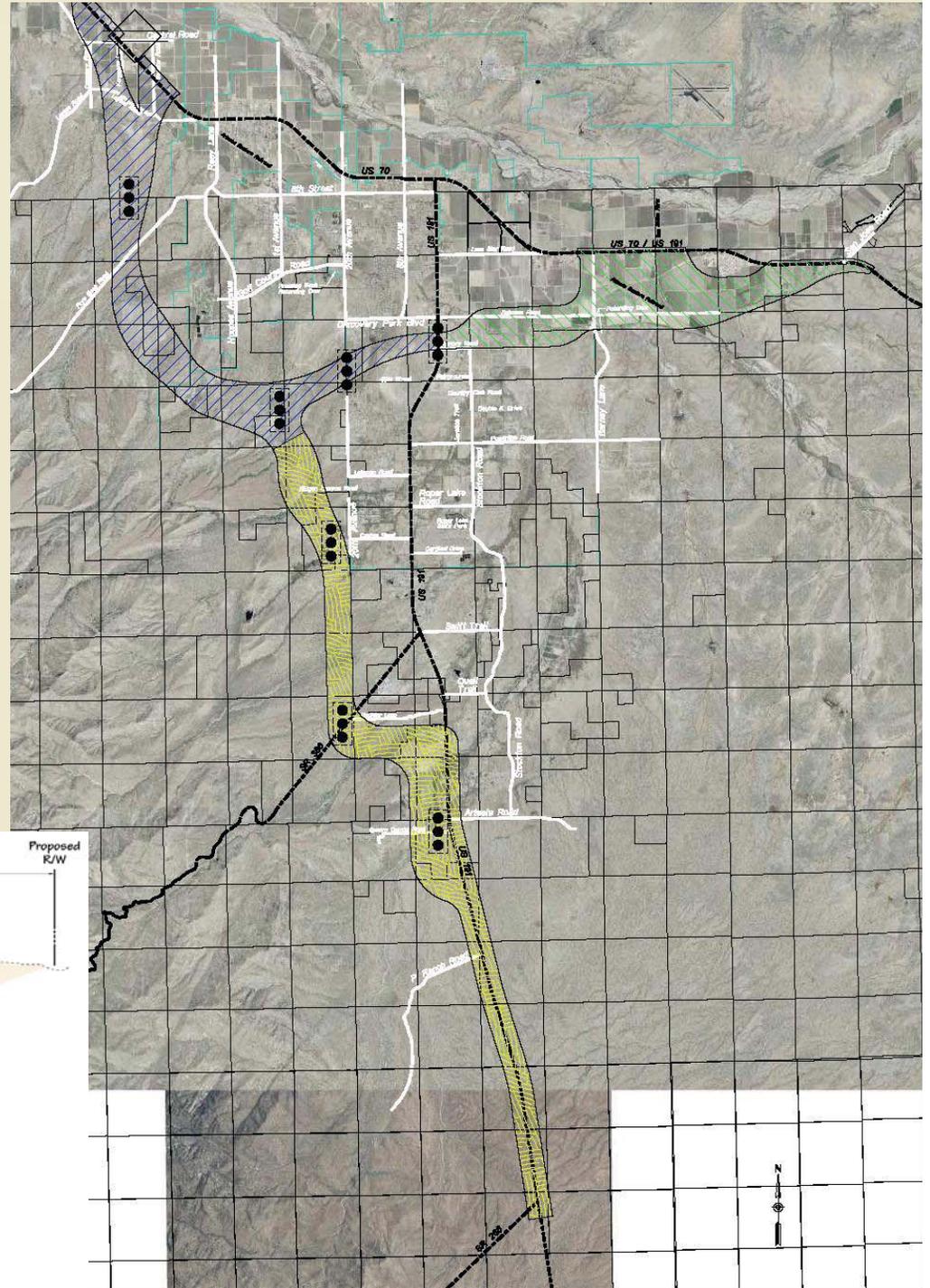
Traffic Interchange  
(As Warranted)



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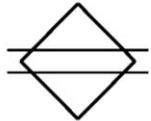
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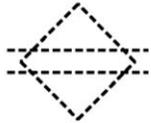
# Example-Phase 3



Phase 3A, 4-lane



New Traffic Interchange  
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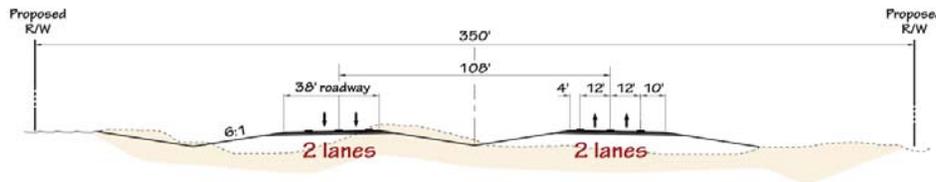
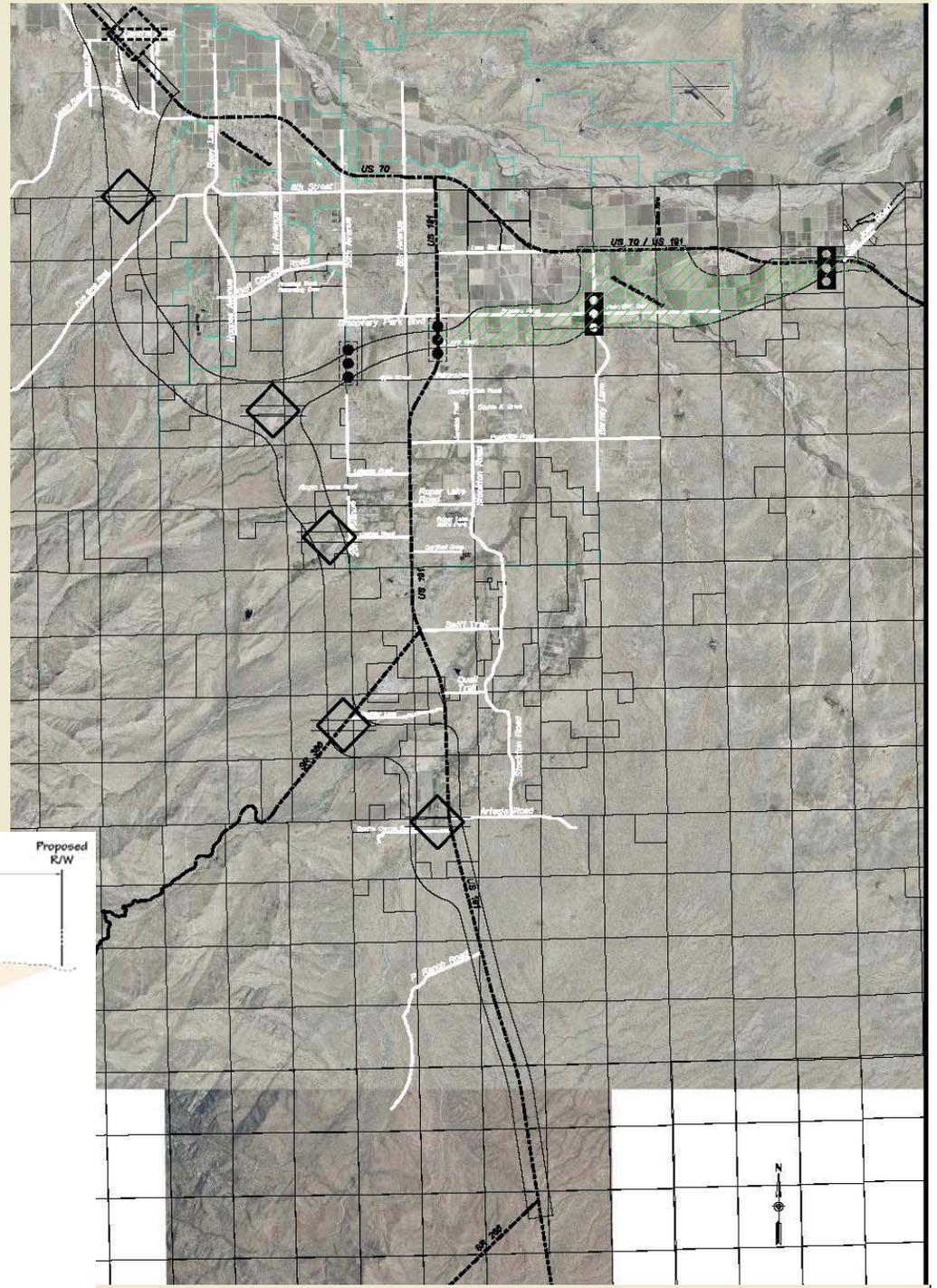
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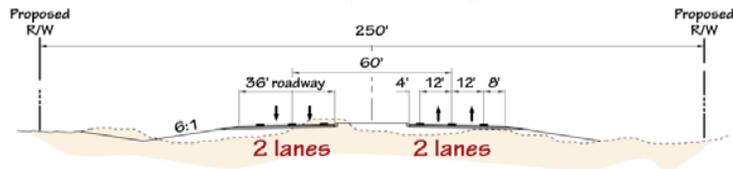
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Existing Traffic Signal



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# Questions and Comments