



**Transportation Task Force
Meeting 1
August 22, 2007
REGIONAL CONTEXT**



What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- Statement of County policy & expression vision
- Document adopted by the County that includes:
 - Vision for Pinal County
 - Plan to manage growth, development, resources and transportation
 - Goals/policies for economic development, housing, infrastructure and environment
 - Strategies to create employment/activity centers
 - Implementation plan to achieve the vision
- Comprehensive Plans are mandated by Arizona State Statute

Where are we in the process?

- This process will update Pinal's Comprehensive Plan created in 2001
- Process will take over one year to complete
- An updated Comprehensive Plan will be adopted by the County in Fall of 2008
- Public and stakeholder involvement is critical to a successful Plan!

Where are we in the process?

Task 1: Project Initiation

Task 2: Framing Pinal County Comprehensive Plan Issues

Task 3: Pinal County Comprehensive Plan Compendium

Task 4: Setting the Vision

Task 5: Policy Framework

Task 6: Alternatives Development and Analysis

Task 7: Preferred Plan Alternative

Task 8: Draft Comprehensive Plan (60-Day Review Draft)

Task 9: Agency Review

Task 10: Implementation Plan

Task 11: Public Hearing Comprehensive Plan

Task 12: Produce Final Pinal County Comprehensive Plan

Road Shows

An introduction to the project...

Over 300 people attended Road Shows at these Pinal County Locations:

- San Manuel
- Maricopa
- Casa Grande
- Florence
- Superior
- Gold Canyon
- Red Rock
- Coolidge
- Saddlebrook



Vision Workshops

- Over 300 participants worked to create Pinal County's Vision for the Future. The Vision Statement is now being drafted.
- Arizona City
- Kearny
- Santan/Queen Creek/Johnson Ranch
- Central Arizona College
- Oracle
- Stanfield
- Gila River Indian Community

Transportation Element of Comprehensive Plan

- **Transportation Element:** Locations of **major streets** (to collector); **multimodal** as appropriate; correlated with the land use plan
- **Growth Areas Element...**areas for planned multimodal transportation and infrastructure expansion, for a **concentration of a variety of uses**, more economical infrastructure, and a rational pattern of land development
- **Growth Areas Element...**Promote timely and financially sound infrastructure expansion through the use of infrastructure **funding and financing** coordinated with development activity

Key Outcomes of “Road Show Events”

- **Agreement was highest concerning open space and transportation “Placemaking Goals”**
 - Protect miles of desert and open land
 - Provide choices for transportation and mobility
- **A Transportation element to “provide choices”**
- **A few words about Open Space**
 - Open Space Master Plan / Comprehensive Plan
 - Growth Areas element: conserve significant natural resources and open areas in the growth area, coordinated with open space outside the growth area
- **Challenge: to make the Transportation system compatible with Open Space protection**

Key outcomes of “Visioning”

- Multimodal options
- Varied opinions on future roadway system
- Energy conservation; Air Quality Protection

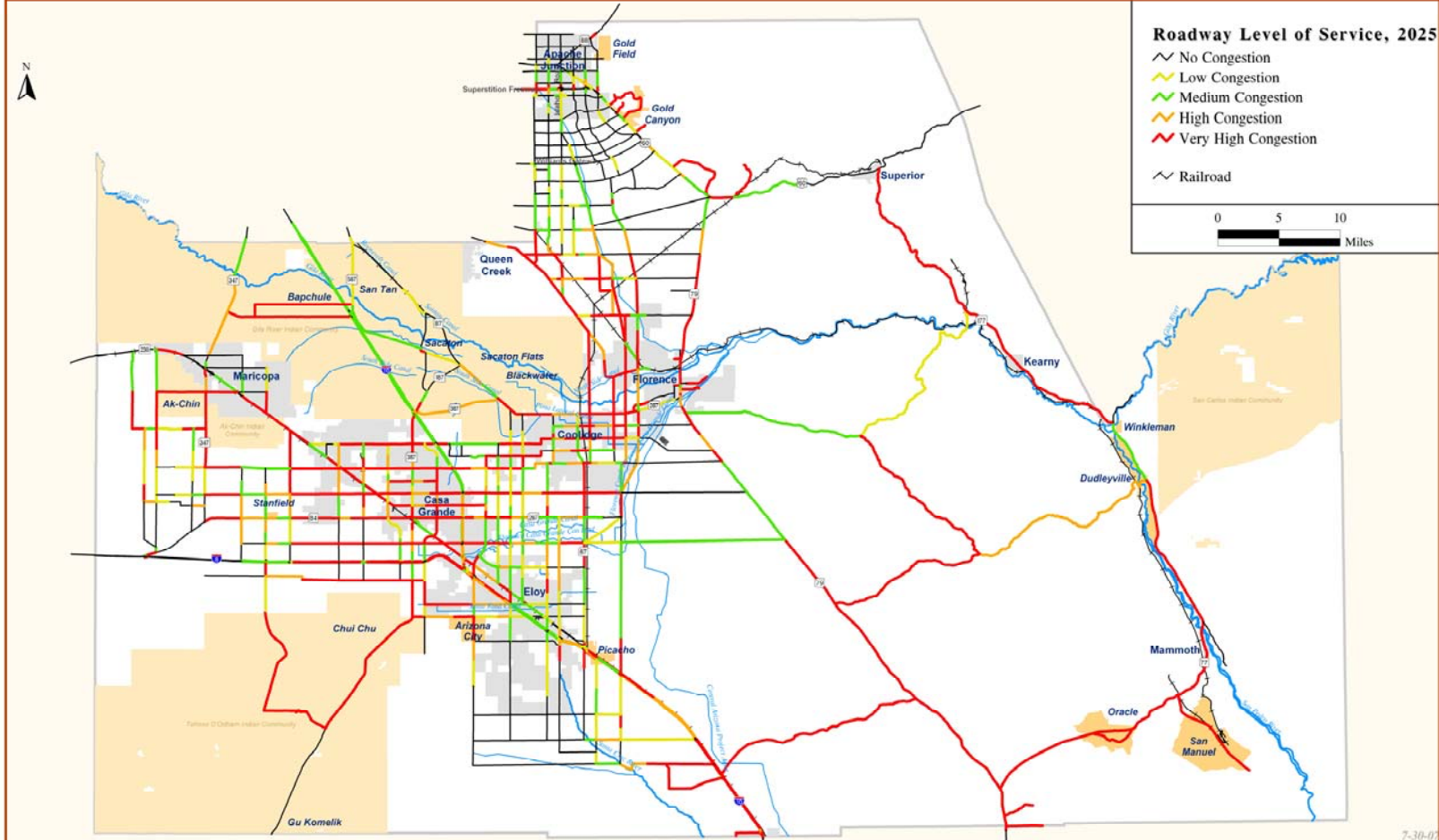


Future Travel Demand



Future Traffic Congestion

LEVEL OF SERVICE, 2025



Other Transportation Planning for Pinal County

- Small Area Transportation Studies (SATS)
 - Partnership between ADOT and a Community
 - Several recent or current SATS in the County
- Other Transportation Studies
 - Statewide or Regional; Corridor type
 - Other Corridor type
 - Multimodal or Special Studies

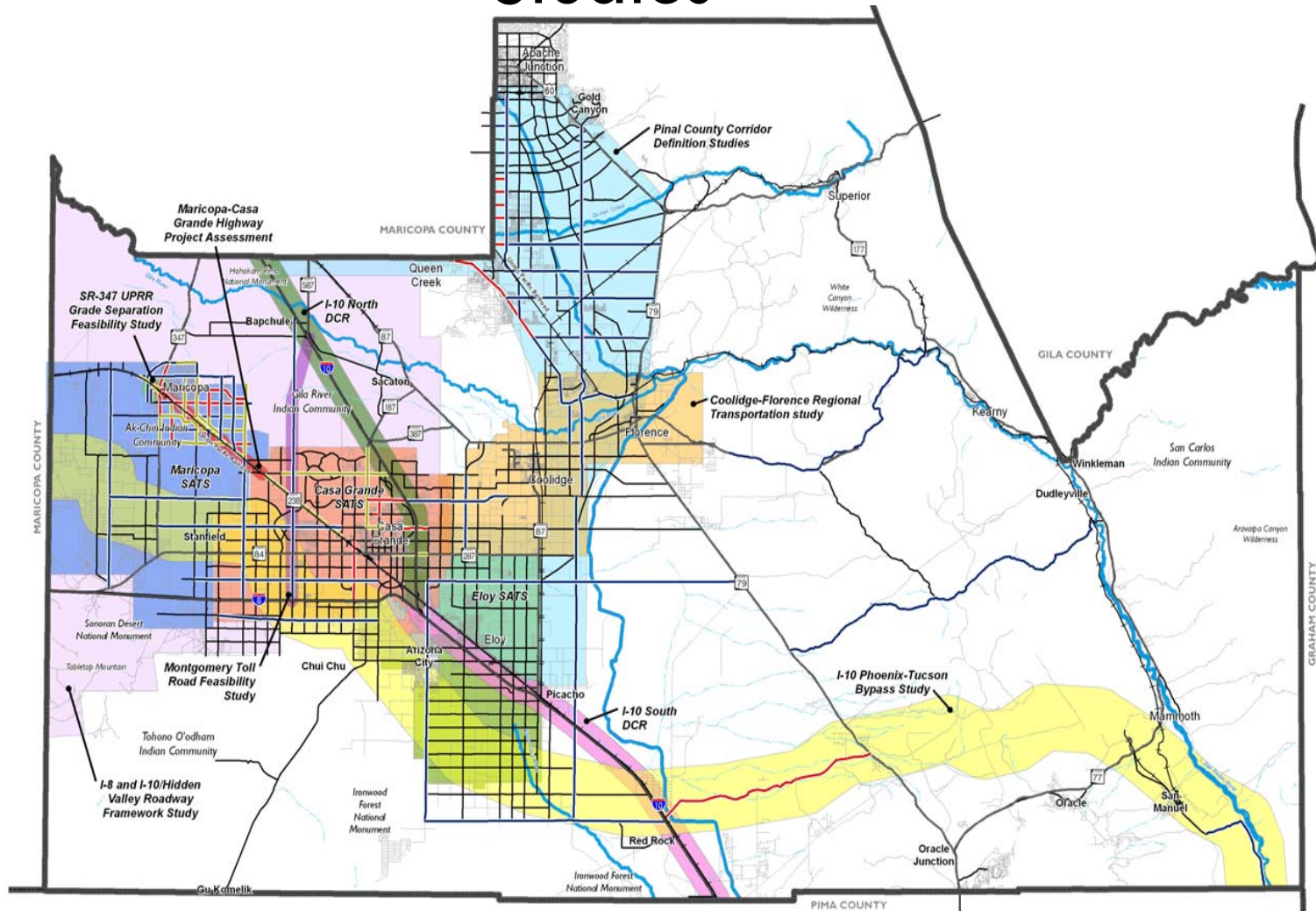
Small Area Transportation Studies and Other Local Plans

- Relationship to Comprehensive or General Plan
- Current or recent SATS in the County:
 - Recently Completed SATS
 - Pinal County; City of Casa Grande; Town of Queen Creek
 - Underway, SATS
 - City of Coolidge and Town of Florence; City of Eloy; City of Maricopa (an update of a 2005 SATS)
- Other Local Plans
 - Ak-Chin Indian Community;
 - Gila River Indian Community

Other Transportation Studies

- Pinal County: Regionally Significant Roads for Safety and Mobility
- ADOT Pinal County Corridor Definition Study
- Maricopa-Casa Grande Highway Project Assessment
- SR-347 UPRR Grade Separation Feasibility Study
- Montgomery Toll Road Feasibility Study
- I-8 and I-10/Hidden Valley Roadway Framework Study
- I-10 North DCR; I-10 South DCR
- I-10 Phoenix-Tucson Bypass Study
- Multimodal Freight Analysis Study
- High Speed Passenger Rail Strategic Plan 2007
- MAG Commuter Rail Strategic Plan

Areas Covered by Other Transportation Studies



Surface Transportation Summary

- **Initial Conclusions**

- Rapid population growth will continue
- Increased travel demand will also continue
- Effective partnerships have been developed among Pinal County, local jurisdictions, Tribal Governments, and private enterprises
- Significant amount of planning and implementation of multimodal transportation facilities is underway

Airport Feasibility Study

Assumptions

- Pinal County Continued Growth
- Tucson Enplanements 2 million in 2005
- Growth Limited at Sky Harbor
- Williams Gateway East Valley Reliever

Airport Feasibility Study

Initial Conclusions

- Traffic Potential Similar to Tucson
- Need for Airport in 2030 – 2035 Timeframe
- Site issues: Airspace, Environment, Land Acquisition
- Partner with FAA, CAAG, and ADOT for Further Study and Market Assessment

Creating the Transportation-Land Use Connection



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Source: Marc Pearsall



Source: City of Coolidge



Next Steps for Transportation Task Force

- Today's discussion
- Focus of other two meetings of the Task Force:
 - September meeting: Transportation system for Economic Development Activity Centers
 - November meeting: Comprehensive Plan alternatives...Transportation “reasonableness review”