

INTERSTATE 11 THROUGH THE AVRA VALLEY?

ADOT MEETINGS MAY 2 & 3 - Time to speak up!

As part of a three-year, \$15 million study to identify a "preferred alternative" route for a new interstate highway in Southern Arizona, I-11, the Arizona Dept. of Transportation is holding another series of public meetings to unveil its alternatives. Reports say that two of three potential routes are through the Avra Valley. One is likely the route proposed by County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry which would include an elevated highway at Mile Wide and Sandario due to insufficient right-of-way; I-11 needs a 2,000 foot ROW.

ADOT has not given these meetings much publicity, probably because the last round of meetings had over 500 people participate and oppose I-11 or an I-11 route through the Avra Valley. **Local meetings are Tuesday, May 2 at Tucson's Riverpark Inn, 777 W. Cushing Street (off the I-10 Frontage Road south of Congress) and Wednesday, May 3 at Marana Middle School cafeteria, 11285 W. Grier Road. Meetings start at 5 p.m.**

I-11 IS ABOUT JOBS - IN MEXICO! I-11 planners state their commitment to "nearshoring" and "integrative manufacturing" in their "Purpose and Need Final Memorandum" posted online February 28. "Nearshoring" is attracting US companies from China to Mexico, where wages are even lower, and "integrative manufacturing" means R&D in the US with manufacture and assembly in Mexico. Read it for yourself at i11study.com, click on Arizona, and then on Reports.

I-11 WILL DESTROY EXISTING AMERICAN JOBS along the present I-10 corridor as truckers are forced on a longer route to the west. Shipping is to be attracted to the expanding Port of Guaymas from the West Coast of the US.

I-11 WILL HURT TOURISM at Saguaro National Park, Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Ironwood National Monument, Kitt Peak, Tucson Mountain Park, etc. costing even more jobs.

I-11 WILL RUIN THE AVRA VALLEY, turning it from a place of rural peace for thousands of families into a polluted, noisy hazardous cargo route, unsafe and unhealthy, with more smuggling.

I-11 THREATENS WILDLIFE from desert tortoises to bighorn sheep.

I-11 VIOLATES PIMA COUNTY POLICY as stated in Supervisor's Resolution 2007-343.

I-11 THROUGH THE AVRA VALLEY COSTS ABOUT 2/3 MORE THAN DOUBLE-DECKING JUST SIX MILES OF I-10. ADOT's own numbers show that double-decking I-10 from Ruthrauff to I-19 would save taxpayers nearly \$2 billion.

COMMENT AT THE MEETINGS OR ONLINE AT i11study.com. DEADLINE IS JUNE 2.

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