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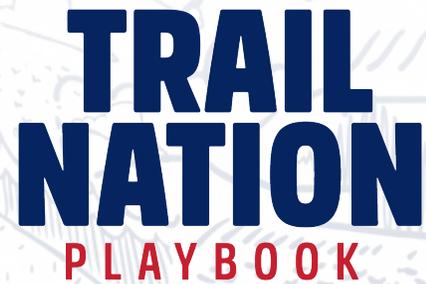
Building Collaborative Relationships: Bridging the Gap Between Planning and Advocacy



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rails-to-trails
conservancy



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PROJECTS



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Washington, D.C. Region*



*Baltimore Greenway
Trails Network*



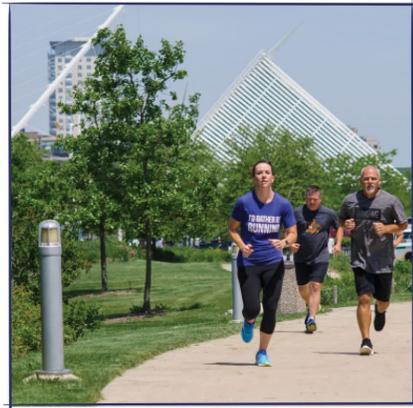
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*Industrial Heartland
Trails Coalition*



*Route of the Badger
Southeastern Wisconsin*



*Bay Area Trails
Collaborative*



*Caracara Trails
Southeastern Texas*



The Miami LOOP

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MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING IN ARIZONA AND THE IMPORTANCE OF A REGIONAL SALES TAX

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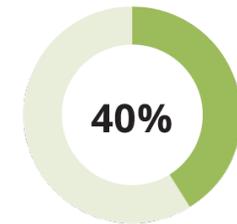
MAG region by the numbers:



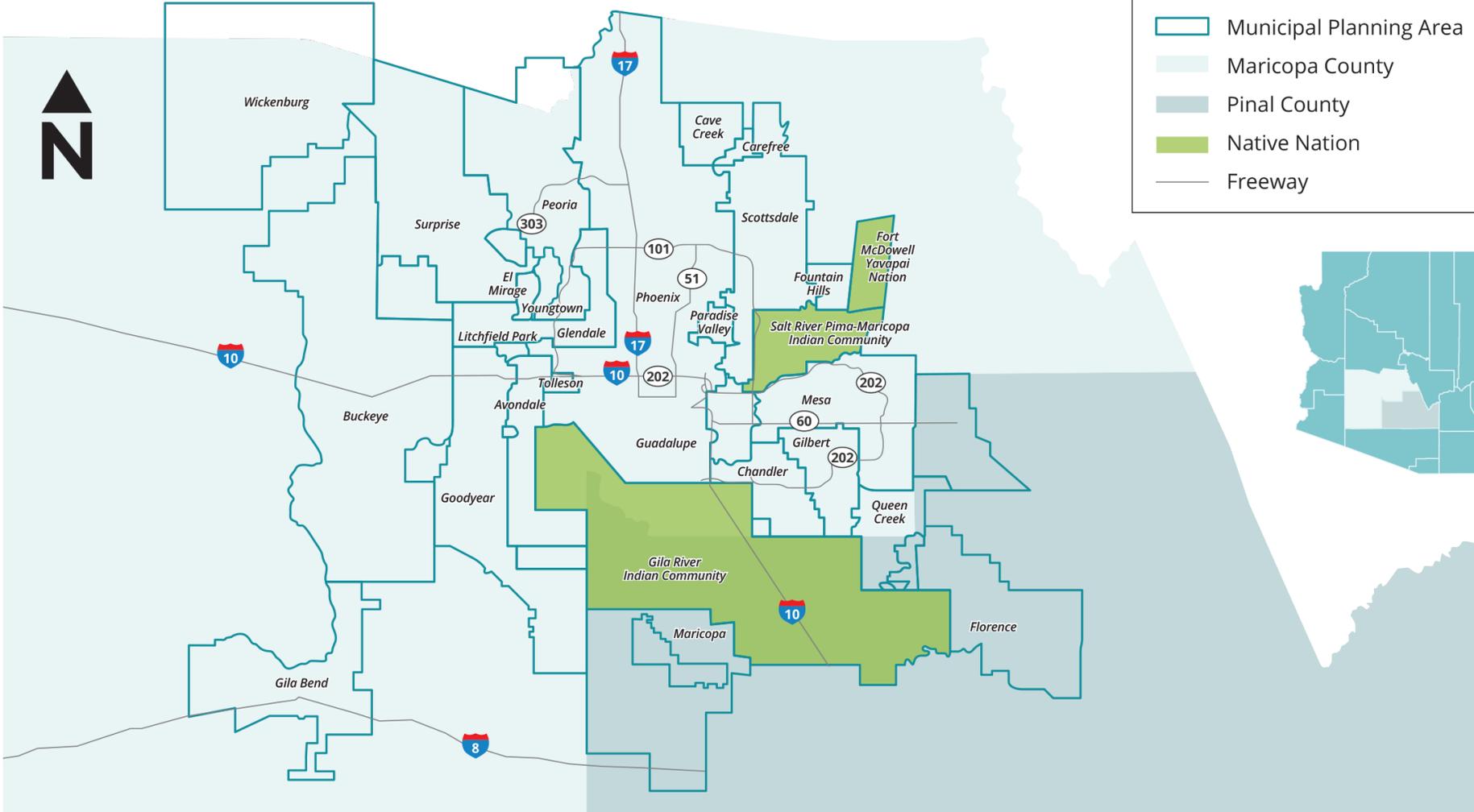
Currently about
4,970,000
residents
(70% of Arizona)



By 2060, about
7,237,000
residents



are under
the age of
30



Bikeways

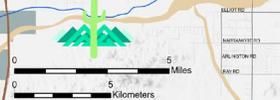
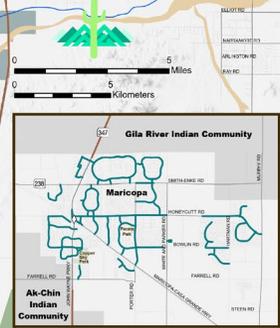
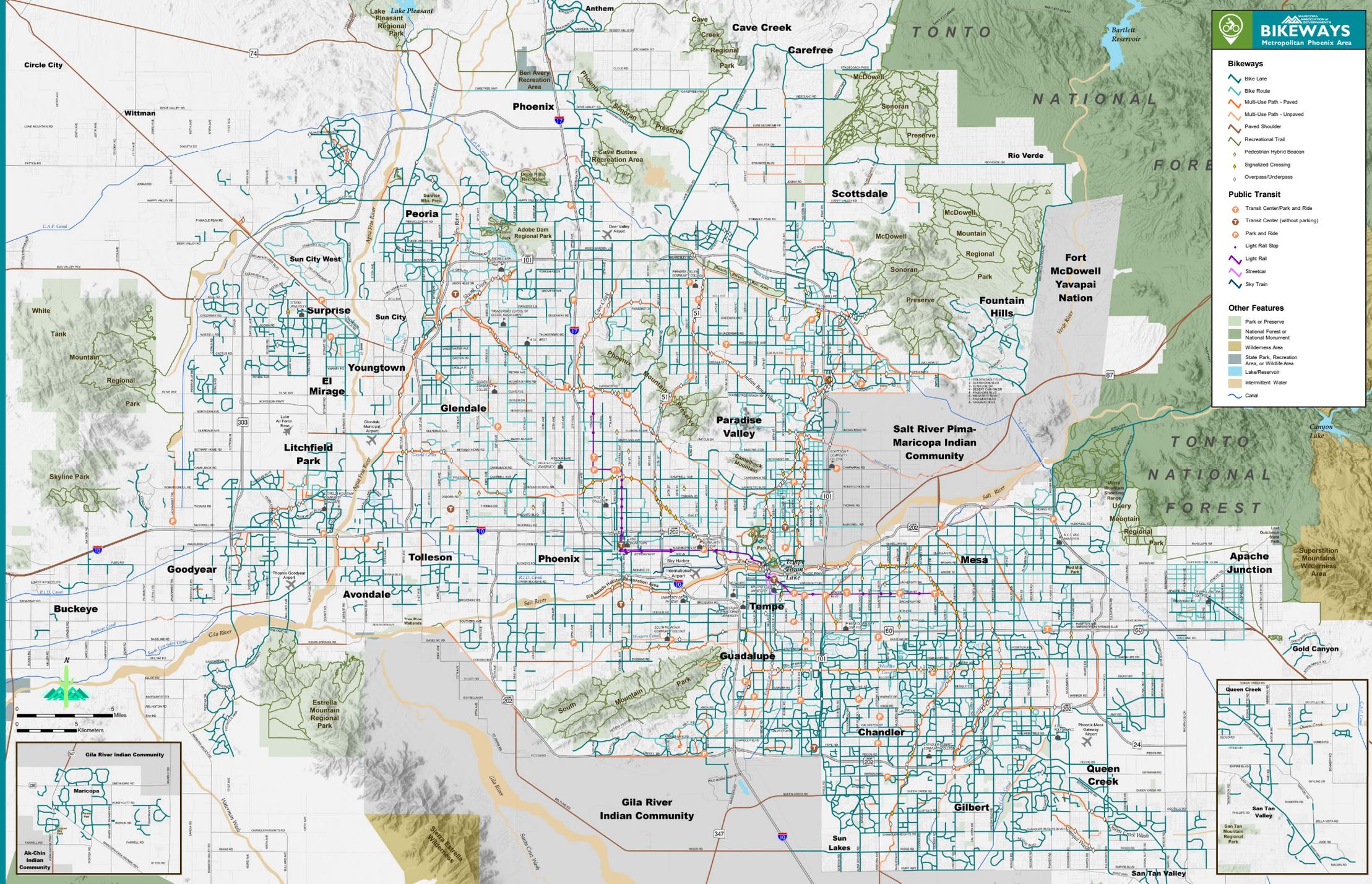
-  Bike Lane
-  Bike Route
-  Multi-Use Path - Paved
-  Multi-Use Path - Unpaved
-  Paved Shoulder
-  Recreational Trail
-  Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon
-  Signalized Crossing
-  Overpass/Underpass

Public Transit

-  Transit Center/Park and Ride
-  Transit Center (without parking)
-  Park and Ride
-  Light Rail Stop
-  Light Rail
-  Streetcar
-  Sky Train

Other Features

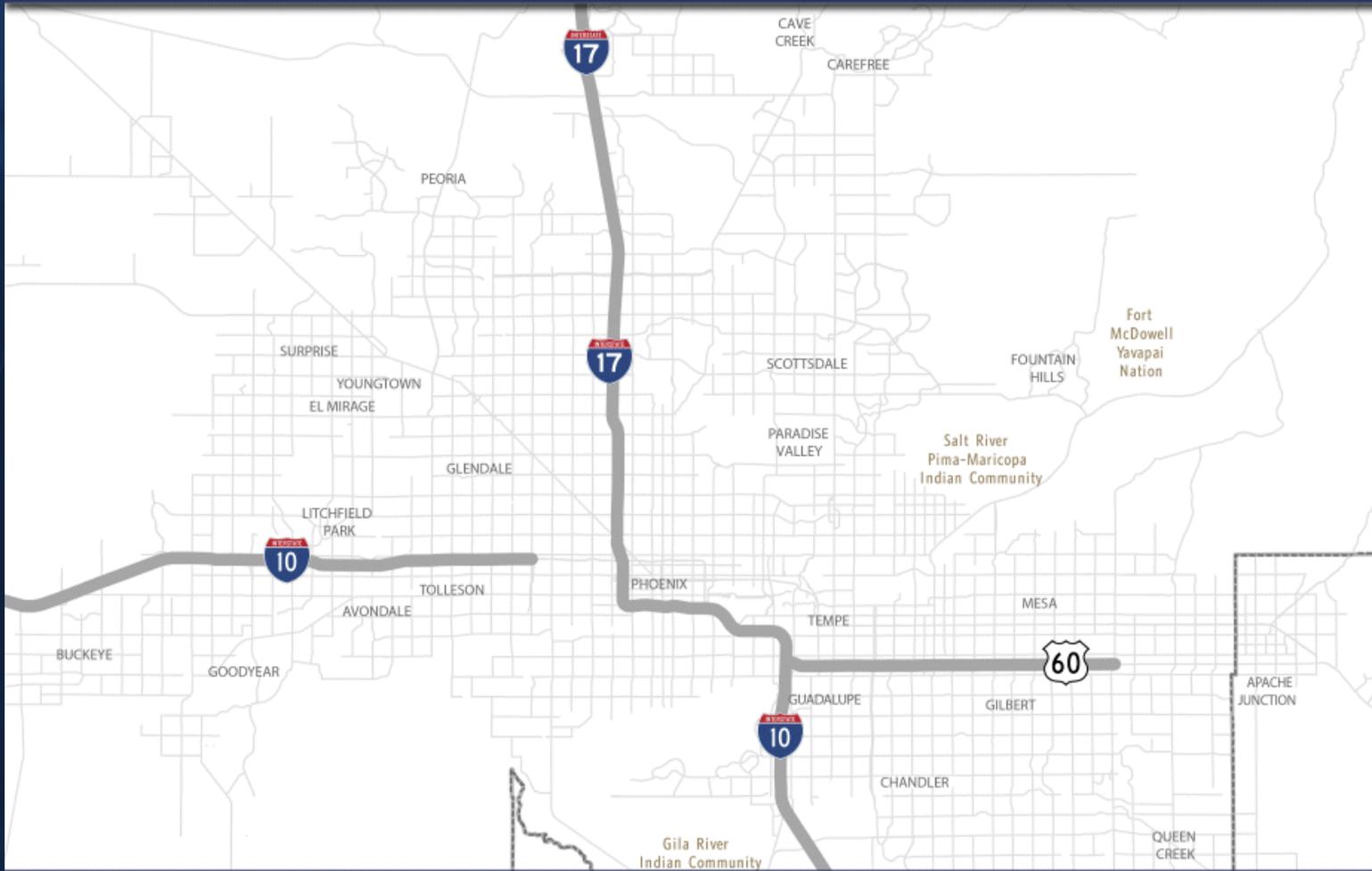
-  Park or Preserve
-  National Forest or National Monument
-  Wilderness Area
-  State Park, Recreation Area, or Wildlife Area
-  Lake/Reservoir
-  Intermittent Water
-  Canal



HOW PROPOSITIONS 300 AND 400 HAVE SHAPED THE VALLEY

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Voters passed Proposition 300 in 1985 and Proposition 400 in 2004, which have played a large part in shaping the region.



Legend

— Pre-1986

Engagement Overview

Public Participation from 2019 through 2023



MOMENTUM Website

48,153

MOMENTUM Website Users

1,770

MOMENTUM Website Participants



Survey Participants

10,595

Values Mapping Responses

2,258

Responses to MOMENTUM Website Questions



MOMENTUM Events

536

MOMENTUM Participants

13,883

Email Blasts



Meetings and Presentations

513

Total Meetings



Social Media

1,102

Comments

17,460

Engagements

795

Posts

1,210,874

Reach
(Facebook & Instagram)

Regional Transportation Plan Goals

SAFETY



Provide for the safety and security of pedestrians, bicyclists, riders and drivers.

MOBILITY



Ensure ease of movement for people and goods throughout the region, providing equitable and appropriate access to essential services and destinations.

RESPONSIVENESS



Expand travel choices that accommodate future growth and are flexible in adapting to changing needs and innovations.

LIVABILITY



Invest in a transportation system that supports health and well-being, and sustains the environment.

PRESERVATION



Maintain our region's transportation infrastructure to protect existing investments for the future.

PROSPERITY



Support economic competitiveness and growth through strategic transportation investments.

Investment Plan: By the Numbers

 **331** new freeway/
highway lane miles

 **134** new HOV
lane miles

 **1,000** new or improved
arterial lane miles

 **43** new or improved
traffic interchanges

 **19** new DHOV or system
interchange DHOV ramps

 **3** new or improved
system interchanges

HELPS SUPPORT

 **11.9** miles of new
light rail

 **28.3** miles of BRT
(bus rapid transit)

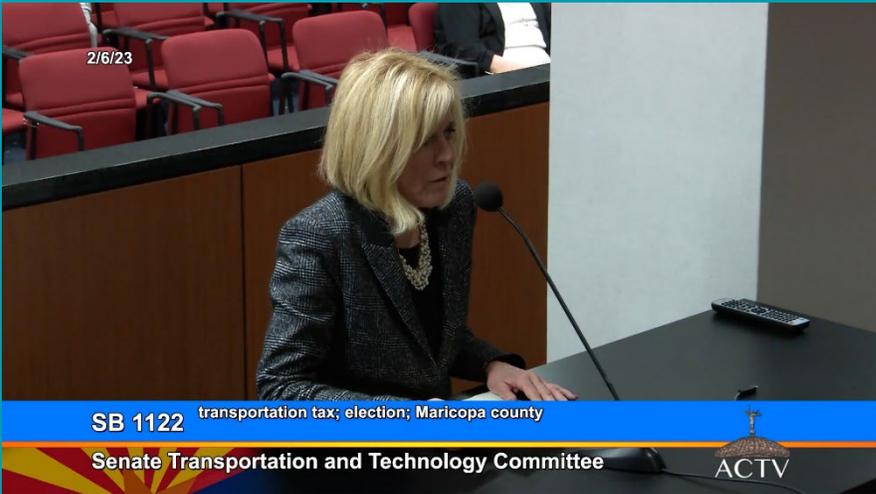
 **4.4** miles of new
streetcar

Program Investments

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Nonmotorized Transportation | \$800,000,000 |
| Air Quality | \$160,000,000 |
| Arterial Intersection | \$400,000,000 |
| Arterial Rehabilitation | \$500,000,000 |
| Arterial Widening | \$300,000,000 |
| Emerging Tech | \$250,000,000 |
| ITS | \$600,000,000 |
| Safety | \$200,000,000 |
| TDM Expansion | \$250,000,000 |



| Funding Source | 20 years |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Sales Tax (1/2 Cent) | \$14.9 b |
| ADOT HURF | \$2.0 b |
| MAG FHWA Formula Funds | \$2.9 b |
| MAG FTA Formula Funds | \$2.3 b |
| ADOT FHWA Formula Funds | \$6.0 b |
| Total | \$28.2 b |



Committee testimony by Arizona Forward on February 6, 2023



Ceremonial signing of SB 1102 on August 10, 2023

The long, complicated road to voters...

2022 HB2685

Vetoed July 6, 2022, by former Governor Ducey

2023 SB1246

Vetoed June 20, 2023, by Governor Hobbs, requested by MAG, Valley Metro and many other organizations.

SB1102

Passed July 31, 2023, and signed August 1, 2023, by Governor Hobbs.

2024

Prop 479: November 5, 2024, General Election **PASSED**

RIO REIMAGINED ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION STUDY

February 5, 2025



STUDY PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES

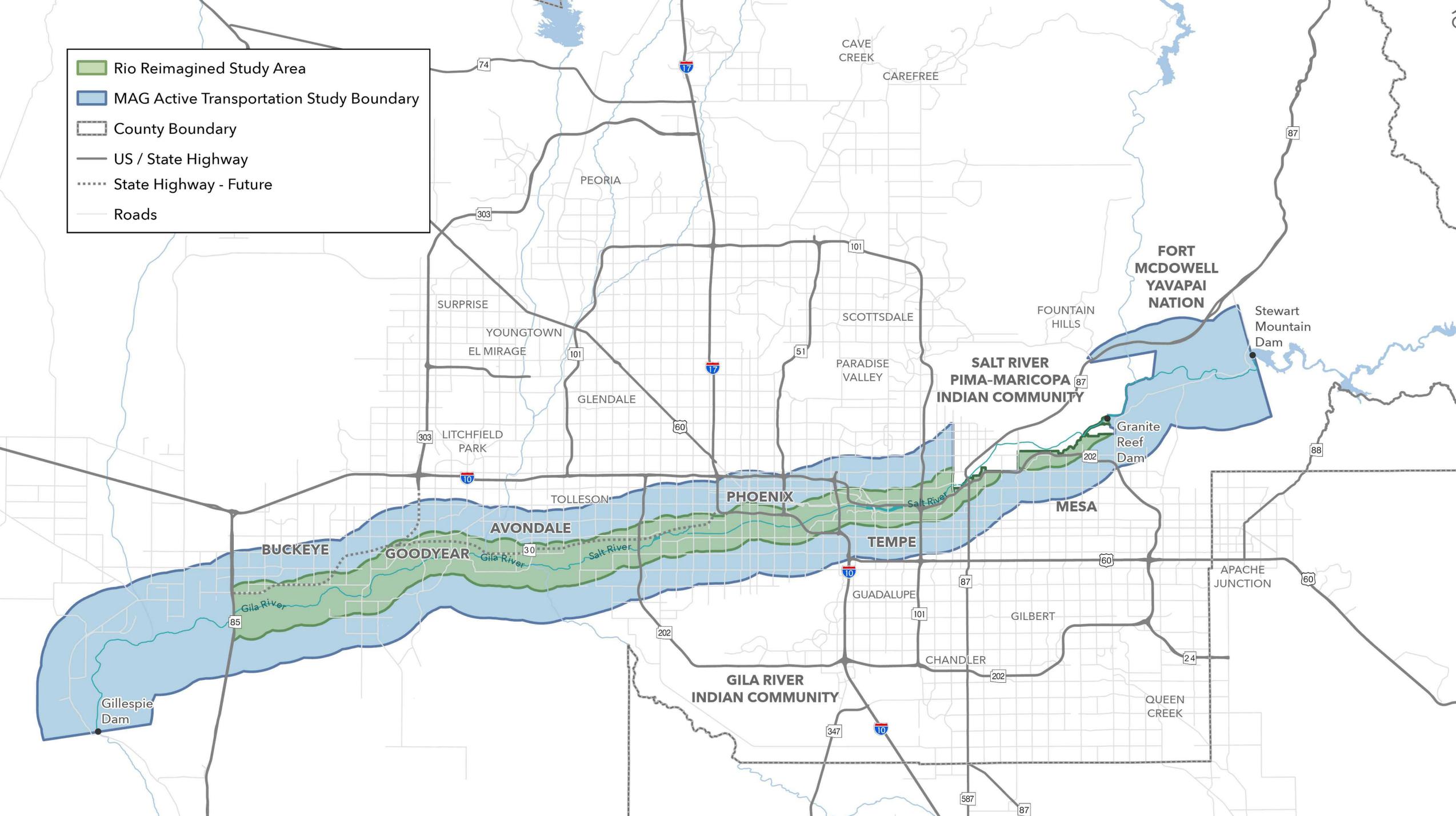
Purpose:

Develop an ***active transportation plan*** for the *Rio Reimagined* area. The plan will coordinate a vision of a multi-use path with connectivity across multiple jurisdictions along the Rio Salado, that supports the transportation, recreation, land use, and economic development activities envisioned.

Objectives:

- Develop an active transportation vision that builds on planning work within the study area.
- Select a preferred river path alignment.
- Provide a framework upon which future connections may be developed and implemented by member agencies.

- Rio Reimagined Study Area
- MAG Active Transportation Study Boundary
- County Boundary
- US / State Highway
- State Highway - Future
- Roads



STUDY CORRIDOR



Rio Salado looking west

Photo: US Army Corp of Engineers



Tempe Town Lake and Rio Salado Multi Use Path

PROJECT ORIGIN & INITIATION



**Early Outreach &
Collaboration**

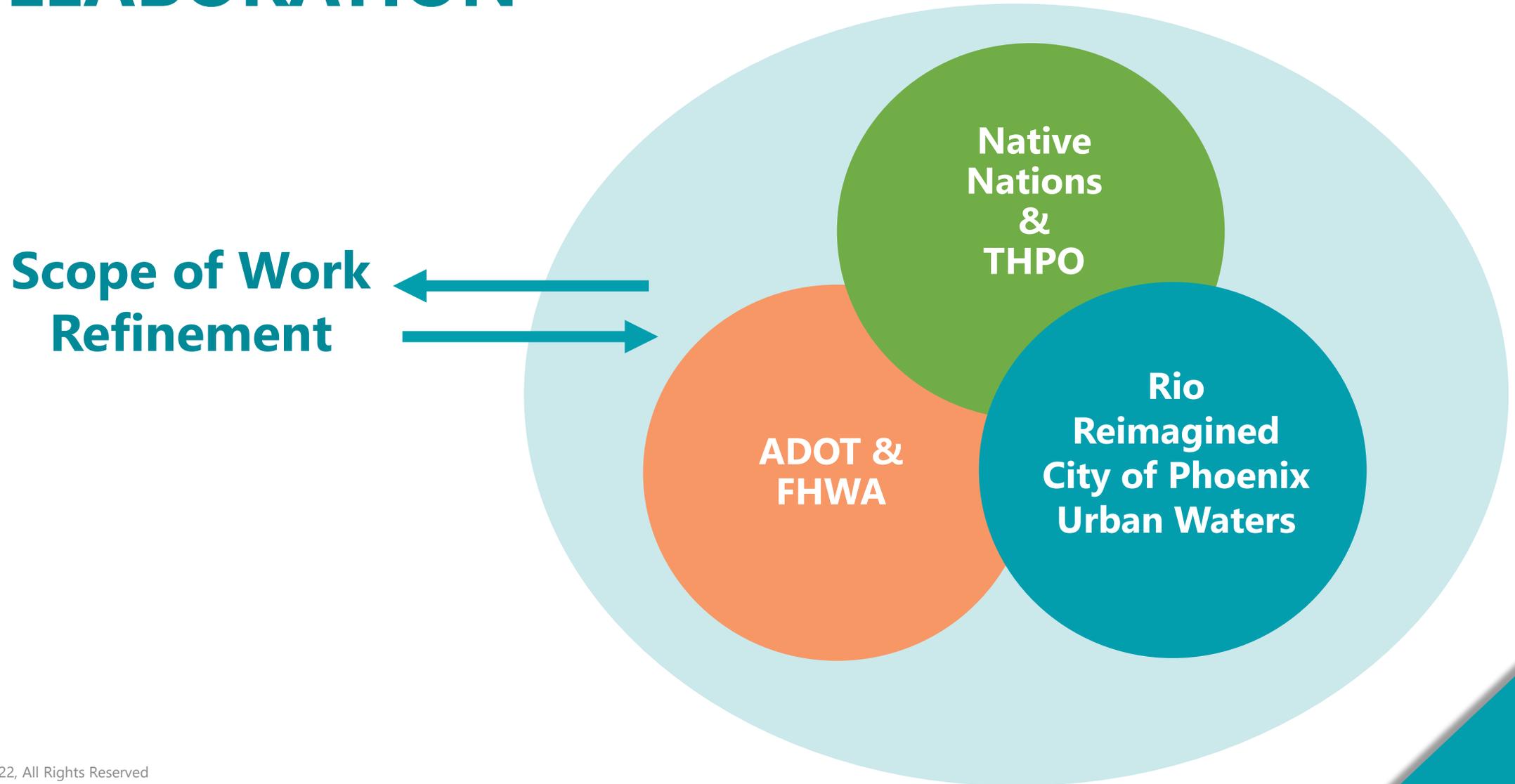


**Regional River
Trail as Catalyst**



**Leadership &
Member Agency
Support**

BUILDING THE FOUNDATION THROUGH COLLABORATION



PARTNERING FOR SUCCESS

Consultant Selection Committee

- MAG member agencies and Rio Reimagined

Coordination Meetings

- MAG, ASU, City of Phoenix

Check in Meetings

- MAG and MAG Urban Waters Ambassador

**PEER TO PEER
COLLABORATION**

ENGAGING COMMUNITIES & GUIDING THE STUDY

1

**Stakeholder
Advisory
Group**

2

**Stakeholder &
Community
Engagement**

3

**Regular Rio
Partnership
Updates**



THANK YOU

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Active-Transportation](https://azmag.gov/Programs/Transportation/Active-Transportation)

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October 27-29, 2025
Cleveland, Ohio



Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail | Photo by Jason Cohn

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