

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. The foreground is a sandy, arid plain with sparse, low-lying green and brown shrubs. In the middle ground, a range of dark, rugged mountains stretches across the horizon. The sky is a vibrant blue, filled with numerous fluffy white cumulus clouds of varying sizes. The overall scene is bright and clear, suggesting a sunny day.

SONORAN VALLEY PARKWAY PROJECT

BLM Grant of ROW Acceptance

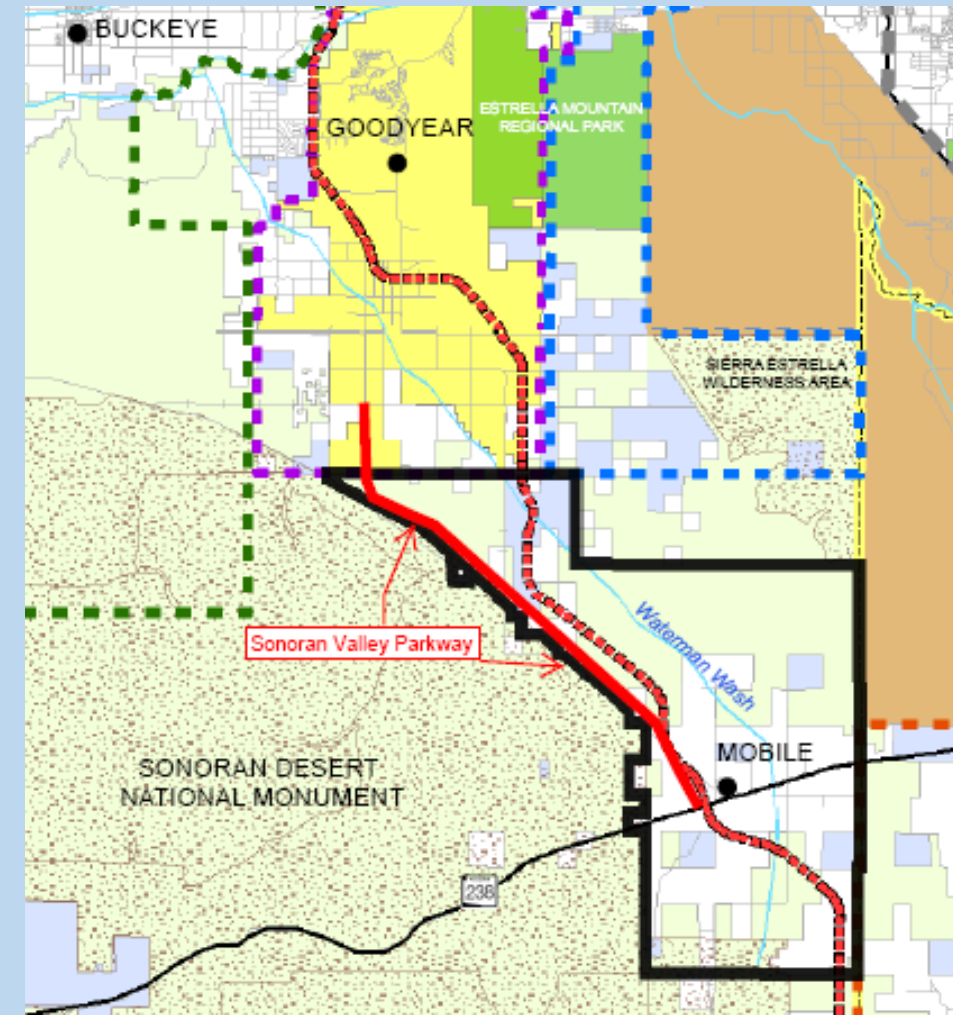
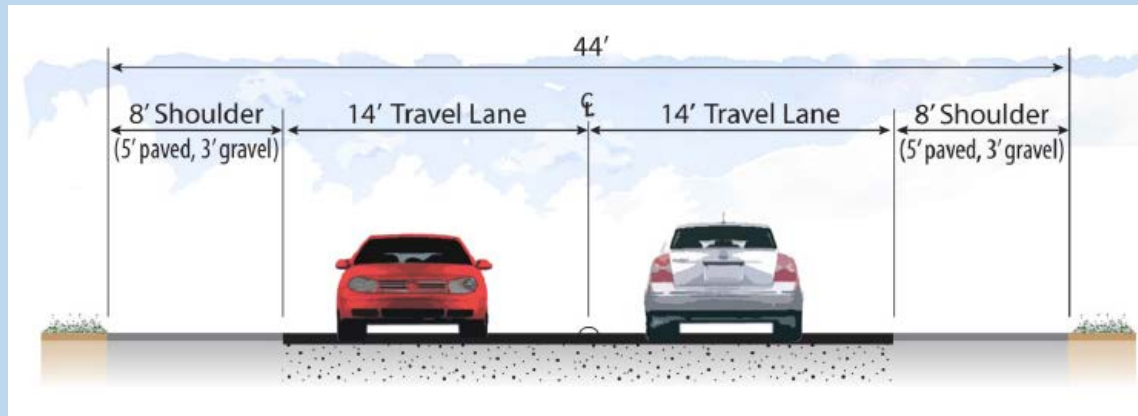
City Council Meeting
October 28, 2019

Sonoran Valley Parkway Project (SVPP)



Background Information - Location

- Started in 2008 to connect northern Goodyear with Mobile area
- 250' ROW, 15.5 miles long
- From Riggs Rd. to SR238 in Mobile
- Two lanes expandable to six lanes



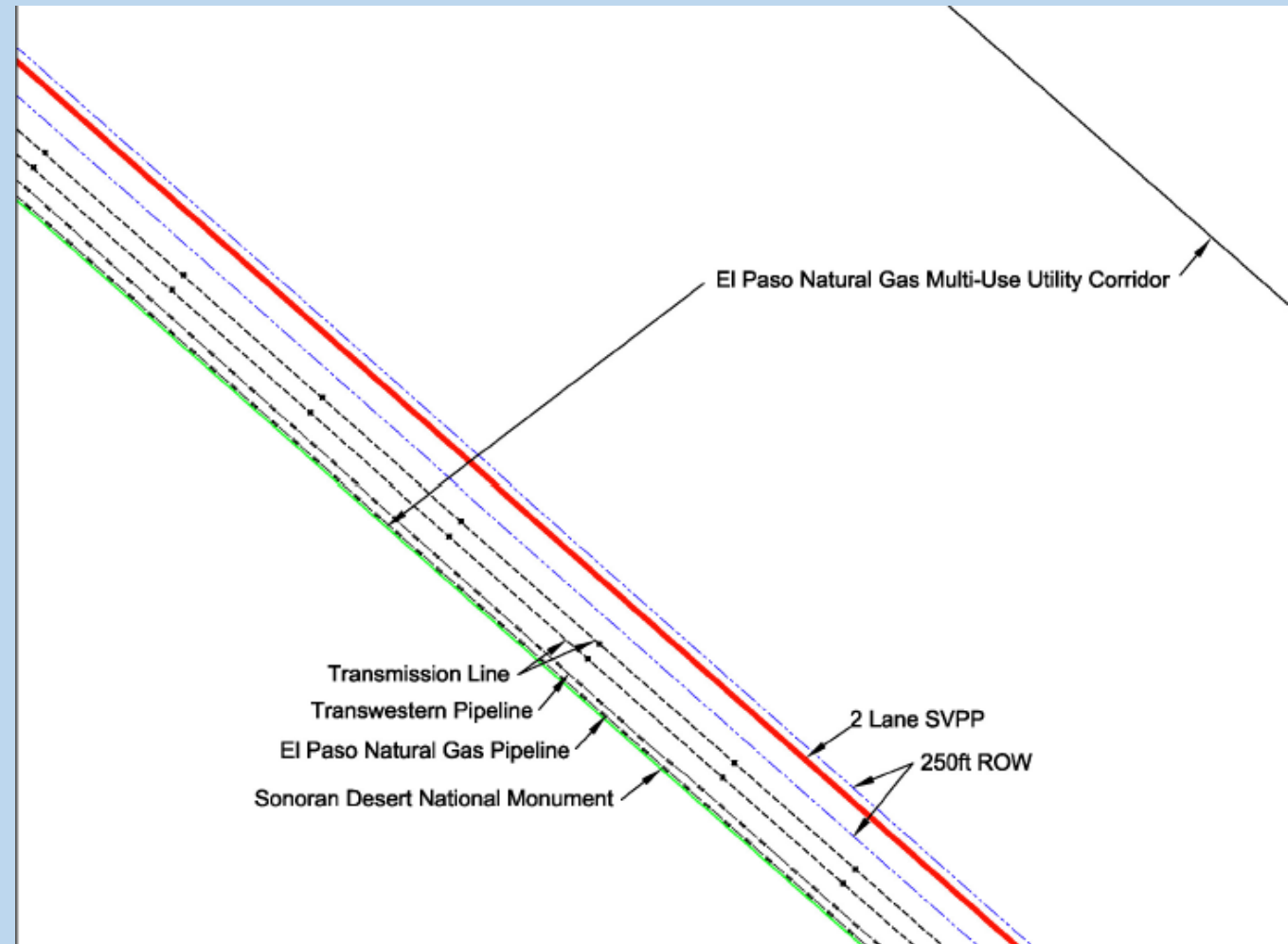
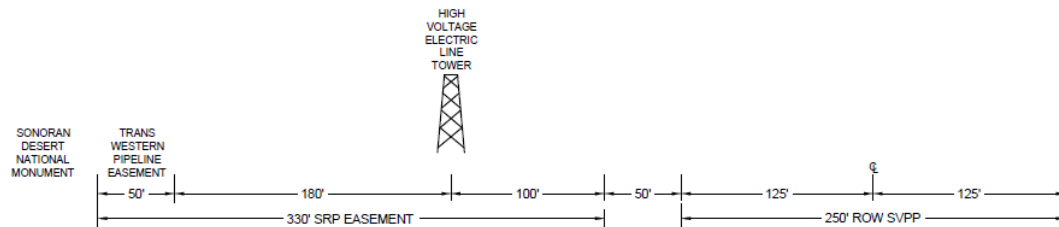
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Background Information - Location

- SVPP will be 380' east of Sonoran Desert National Monument boundary
- Along western edge of one-mile wide BLM multi-use corridor

CROSS SECTION OF SVPP ROW IN RELATION TO SDNM BOUNDARY
(LOOKING NORTH)



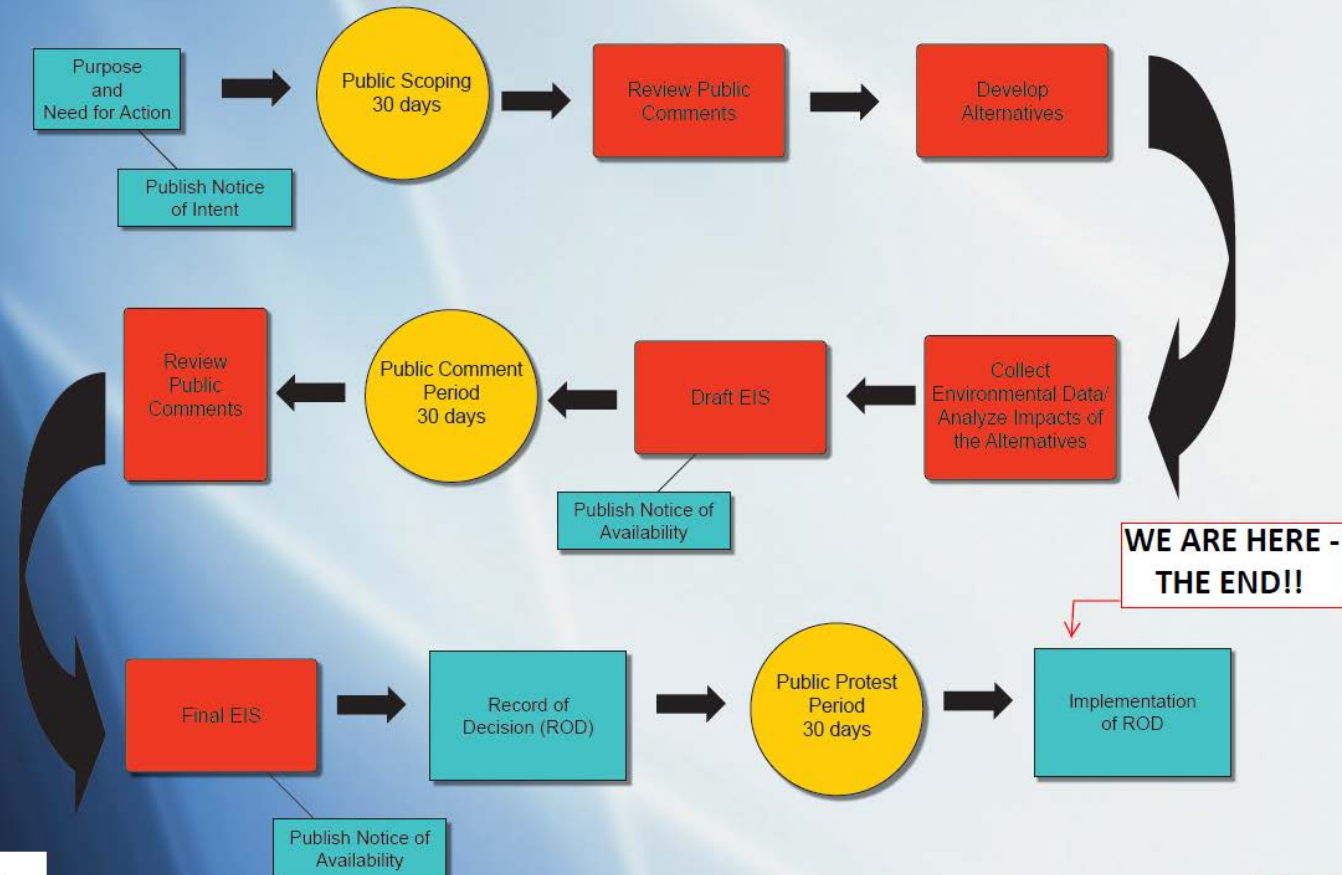
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Background Information - History

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) required Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to select alignment with least impact and obtain ROW from BLM

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PROCESS

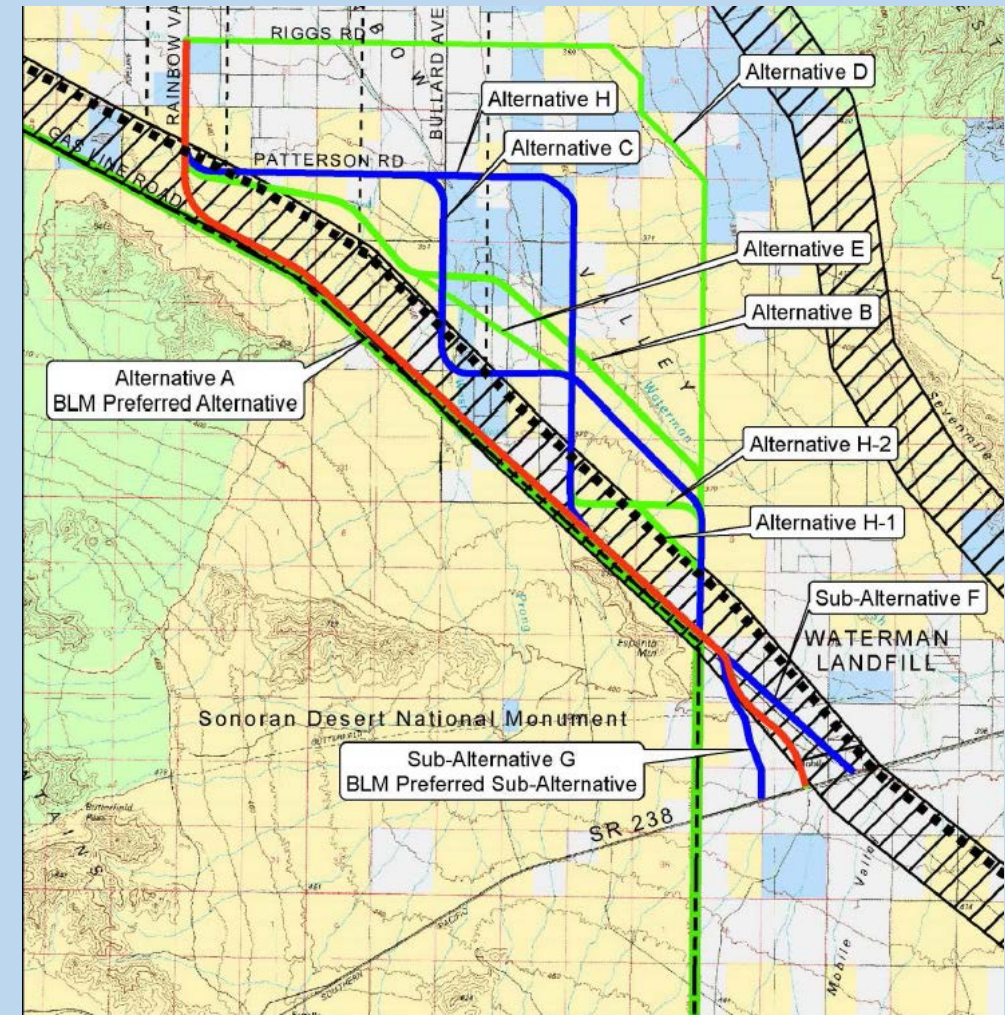


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Background Information - History

- Draft EIS identified seven alternative alignments
- Detailed analysis of three alternatives (A, C, & H) and two sub-alternatives (F & G) plus “No Build” alternative

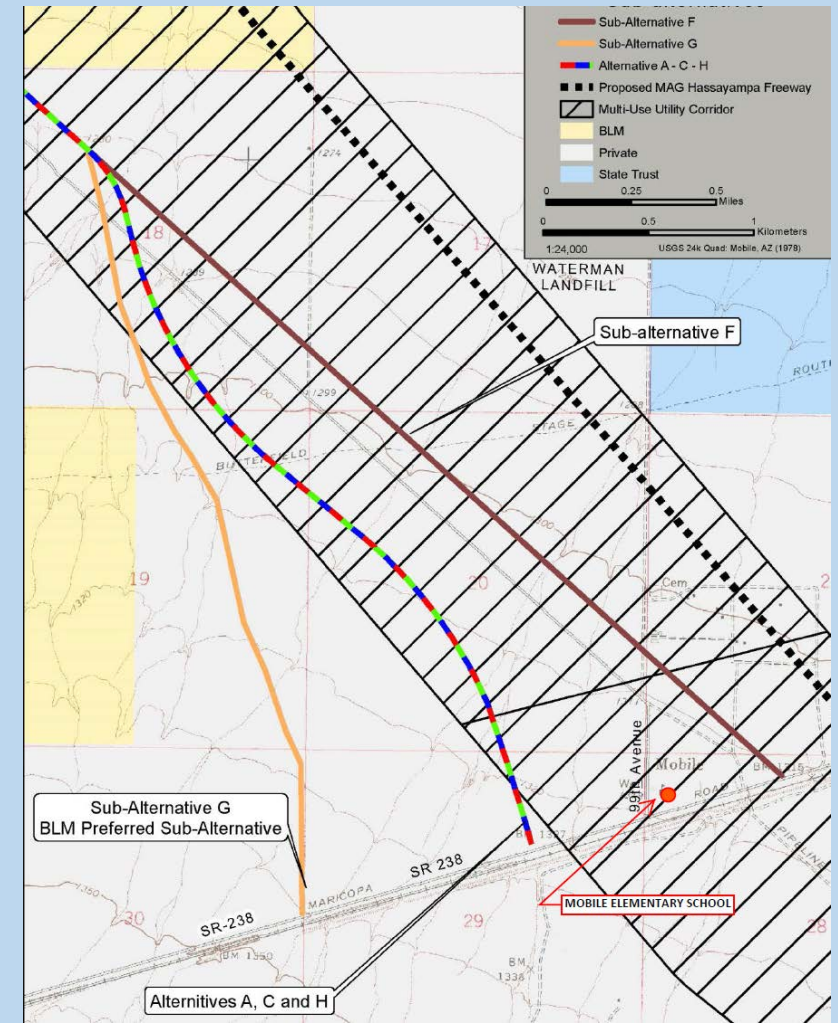


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Background Information - History

- July 2013 - Draft EIS issued
- April 2019 - Final EIS issued
Alternative A and Sub-Alternative G
One Mile west of Mobile Elem. School
- April 29, 2019 - Record of Decision (ROD) issued approving EIS
- August 15, 2019 Right-of-Way Grant offers provided to City
- September 29, 2019 Revised Right-of-Way Grant offers provided to City



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Why Project Is Needed

- No roadway connection between northern and southern Goodyear
- Obtaining ROW over federal lands is first step in roadway development process
 - City cannot use eminent domain on federal lands
- Following NEPA process demonstrates roadway can be built without adverse impacts and maintains eligibility of project for federal funding
- Establishes preferred alignment so ROW can be acquired from ASLD and private property owners

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Relationship to I-11 Tier 1 EIS

- The SVPP benefitted the recommended I-11 alternative through Goodyear in the Tier 1 EIS by providing detailed data and background information
- I-11 project team did not see the SVPP as a detriment to the I-11 project and supported completion of project
- I-11 alignment is 2,000' wide in a one-mile wide BLM designated transportation corridor
- SVPP and I-11 expected to run parallel in that corridor



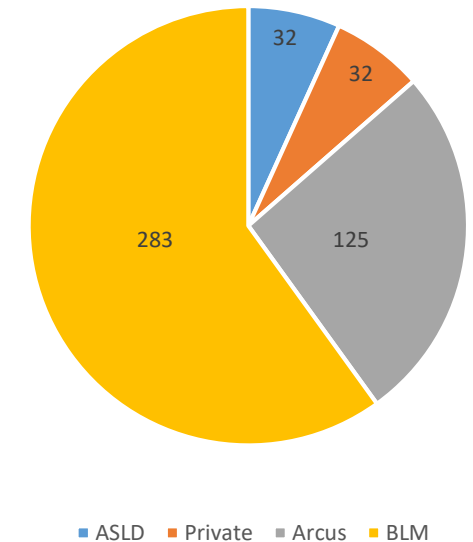
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Next Steps

- ROW from BLM and Amaranth developer equals 86% of ROW needed
- Even if funds were available for construction today, additional design work is needed:
 - Acquire ROW - ASLD and private owners
 - Survey ROW limits and Sub-Alternative G
 - Conduct wildlife surveys and complete final design documents
 - Prepare new Plan of Development
 - Obtain Notice to Proceed from BLM

TOTAL OF 472 ACRES OF ROW
NEEDED FOR SVPP



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Recommendation

- Obtaining ROW significant first step in process
- Does not commit city to proceed
- Established location of ROW on non-federal lands

Adopt Resolution No. 2019-1997 accepting the Grants of Right-of-Way from BLM over its lands for the Sonoran Valley Parkway Project.

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Conclusion

QUESTIONS?