

**BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT
AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER, IN
CONFORMANCE WITH THE
REQUIREMENTS OF A.R.S. § 40-360, ET SEQ.,
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE
SANTA RITA CONNECTION 138 KILOVOLT
(KV) TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT,
WHICH INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF
A NEW 138 KV TRANSMISSION LINE
ORIGINATING AT THE EXISTING SONORAN
SUBSTATION (SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 16 S,
RANGE 14 E), AND TERMINATING AT THE
PLANNED SANTA RITA SUBSTATION
(SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 17 S, RANGE 14 E),
EACH LOCATED WITHIN PIMA COUNTY,
ARIZONA.

Docket No. L-00000C-26-0125-
00261

Case No. 261

NOTICE OF FILING EXHIBITS



Pursuant to the Procedural Order entered in this docket on April 22, 2026, Tucson Electric Power Company (“TEP” or “Applicant”) hereby files the exhibits that the Applicant intends to present at the hearing in this matter, including the presentation for the Applicant's witness, a summary of the witness testimony, and a summary of public outreach efforts concerning the Application.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 18th day of May, 2026.

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EXHIBIT LIST FOR TEP SANTA RITA CONNECTION PROJECT

DOCKET L-00000C-26-0125-00261 (Case No. 261)

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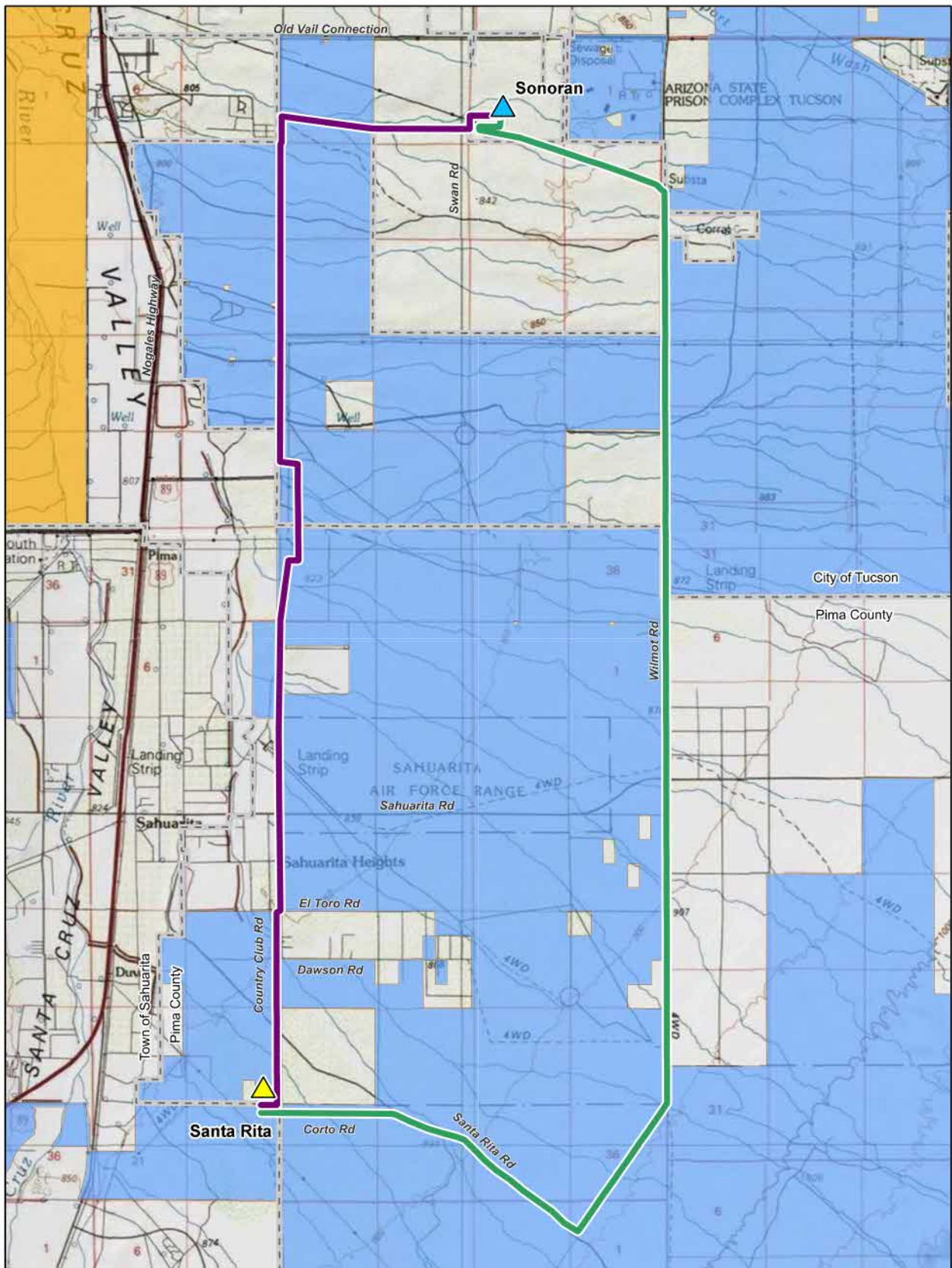
EXHIBIT TEP-1


**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPATIBILITY FOR TEP
(SANTA RITA CONNECTION PROJECT)
DOCKET NO. L-00000C-26-0125-00261**

Previously filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission on April 17, 2026.

EXHIBIT TEP-2
MAP OF PROPOSED PROJECT
DOCKET NO. L-00000C-26-0125-00261

Pursuant to the April 22, 2026 Procedural Order, Applicant Tucson Electric Power Company provides the following exhibit.





Location

Santa Rita Connection Project

▲ In-Service 138kV Substation

▲ Planned 138kV Substation


Surface Management

- Arizona State Land
- Tohono O'odham Nation, San Xavier District


Proposed Route Alternatives

- Route 1
- Route 3

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Miles



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Sources: Esri, UNS, TEP, BLM, and Pima County GIS.
Projection: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 12N
Basemap: Esri USA Topo

EXHIBIT TEP-3

TESTIMONY SUMMARY OF CHRIS ORTIZ Y PINO

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Testimony Summary of Chris Ortiz y Pino

Chris Ortiz y Pino is a Siting, Outreach, and Engagement Project Manager for Tucson Electric Power Company (“TEP”) and UNS Electric, Inc. (“UNSE”). In his current position, Mr. Ortiz y Pino manages transmission siting projects, outreach, and engagement for TEP and UNSE. Mr. Ortiz y Pino is the lead Project Manager for the Santa Rita Connection Project (“Project”).

Mr. Ortiz y Pino has nearly 10 years of experience in land planning and entitlements with 6 years of experience in the electric utility industry with TEP and UNSE. In Mr. Ortiz y Pino’s former role as an Environmental and Land Use Planner, he was responsible for substation entitlements, oversight of resource studies, and environmental permitting associated with capital projects. Mr. Ortiz y Pino holds a B.A. in Fine Arts and Spanish Literature from the University of New Mexico. Mr. Ortiz y Pino also holds a M.S. in Planning and a Water Policy Certificate from the University of Arizona. He is a member of the American Planning Association.

At the hearing, Mr. Ortiz y Pino will introduce TEP and the Project, describing its general characteristics and the proposed Project routes. Mr. Ortiz y Pino will describe the Project’s purpose and benefits as well the need for the Project. Additionally, Mr. Ortiz y Pino will discuss the Project outreach and other legal requirements.

Mr. Ortiz y Pino will guide the virtual tour of the Project. The virtual tour will provide a view of the Project site and the surrounding area. If a field visit of the Project area occurs, Mr. Ortiz y Pino will also guide that tour.

Mr. Ortiz y Pino will also describe biological factors considered, as well as TEP’s planned resource protection measures to reduce impacts to biological resources. At the hearing, Mr. Ortiz y Pino will describe the cultural factors considered under the certificate of environmental compatibility approval process and the analysis of those factors as they relate to the Project.

Finally, Ortiz y Pino will discuss the overall planning and siting process for the Santa Rita Connection Project.

Mr. Clark Bryner will join Mr. Ortiz y Pino for each panel during the hearing. TEP will present testimony in three panels as follows:

Panel 1 – Project Overview/Purpose and Need

Panel 2 – Route Descriptions and Characteristics/Biological and Cultural

Panel 3 – Siting Process/Public Outreach and Engagement

Witnesses will present testimony using a power point presentation, which can be found as Exhibit TEP-5.

EXHIBIT TEP-4

TESTIMONY SUMMARY OF CLARK BRYNER

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Testimony Summary of Clark Bryner

Clark Bryner is the Manager of Siting, Outreach and Engagement for Tucson Electric Power Company (“TEP”) and UNS Electric, Inc. (“UNSE”). In his current position, Mr. Bryner supports all aspects of TEP’s siting, permitting, and approval processes for electric transmission and thermal generation projects.

Mr. Bryner has 20 years of experience in the electric utility industry in a variety of roles, including 3 years in his current position, more than 10 years in maintenance planning and asset management with direct responsibility for maintenance of the TEP and UNSE transmission systems, with an additional 6 years in environmental planning and permitting as both a utility employee and consultant for several utilities in Arizona and other western states. Mr. Bryner holds a B.A. in Geography and an M.S. in Bioregional Planning, both from Utah State University. Mr. Bryner is also an active member of the American Planning Association and a certified planner – a certification he has maintained since 2011.

At the hearing, Mr. Bryner will join Mr. Ortiz y Pino on each of the three panels. Mr. Bryner will primarily discuss the overall planning and siting process for the Santa Rita Connection Project.

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WITNESS PRESENTATION

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Santa Rita Connection

Hearing - Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee

Chris Ortiz y Pino

Project Manager II – Siting, Outreach and Engagement



Roles and Responsibilities

- Siting projects for TEP and UNSE transmission and thermal generation facilities
- Oversight of planning/siting, external outreach & engagement, preparation of application, and supporting exhibits

Education and Experience

- M.S. Planning, University of Arizona
- B.A. Fine Arts & Spanish Literature, University of New Mexico
- Member American Planning Association
- 6 years of experience in electric utility industry
 - Project Manager II, Siting, Outreach and Engagement, 2024 – Present
 - Environmental & Land Use Planner III, 2020 – 2024
- Planning Consultant 2018-2020 (The WLB Group)
- Policy Aide 2017-2018 (City of Tucson, Ward 6 Council Member Steve Kozachik)

Clark Bryner, AICP

Manager – Siting, Outreach and Engagement



Roles and Responsibilities

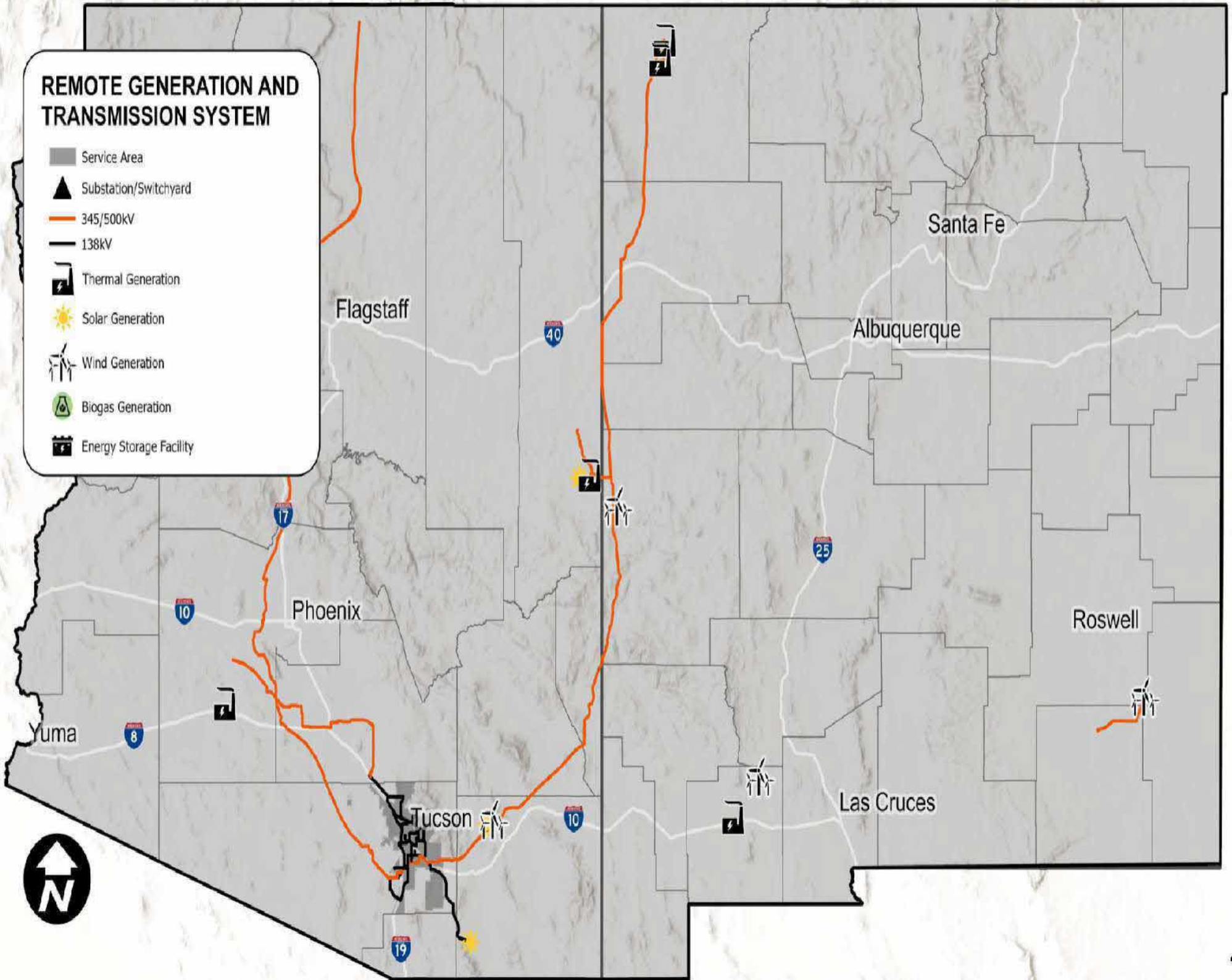
- Siting projects for TEP and UNSE transmission and thermal generation facilities
- Project oversight and assistance

Education and Experience

- B.A. Geography, Utah State University
- M.S. Bioregional Planning, Utah State University
- 20 years of experience in electric utility industry
 - Manager – Siting, Outreach and Engagement, 2022 – Present
 - Supervisor – T&D Asset Management and Transmission Maintenance, 2015 – 2022
 - Supervisor – Single Phase Metering, 2014 – 2015
 - Transmission Maintenance Planner, 2012 – 2014
 - Environmental and Land Use Planner, 2010 – 2012
 - Environmental Planning Consultant, 2006 – 2010 (Transcon Environmental)

REMOTE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

- Service Area
- Substation/Switchyard
- 345/500kV
- 138kV
- Thermal Generation
- Solar Generation
- Wind Generation
- Biogas Generation
- Energy Storage Facility





Service Territory: 1,155 mi²

Electric Customers: 455,000

Population Served: 1.2 M

Miles of Transmission: 2,200

Substations/Switchyards: 100

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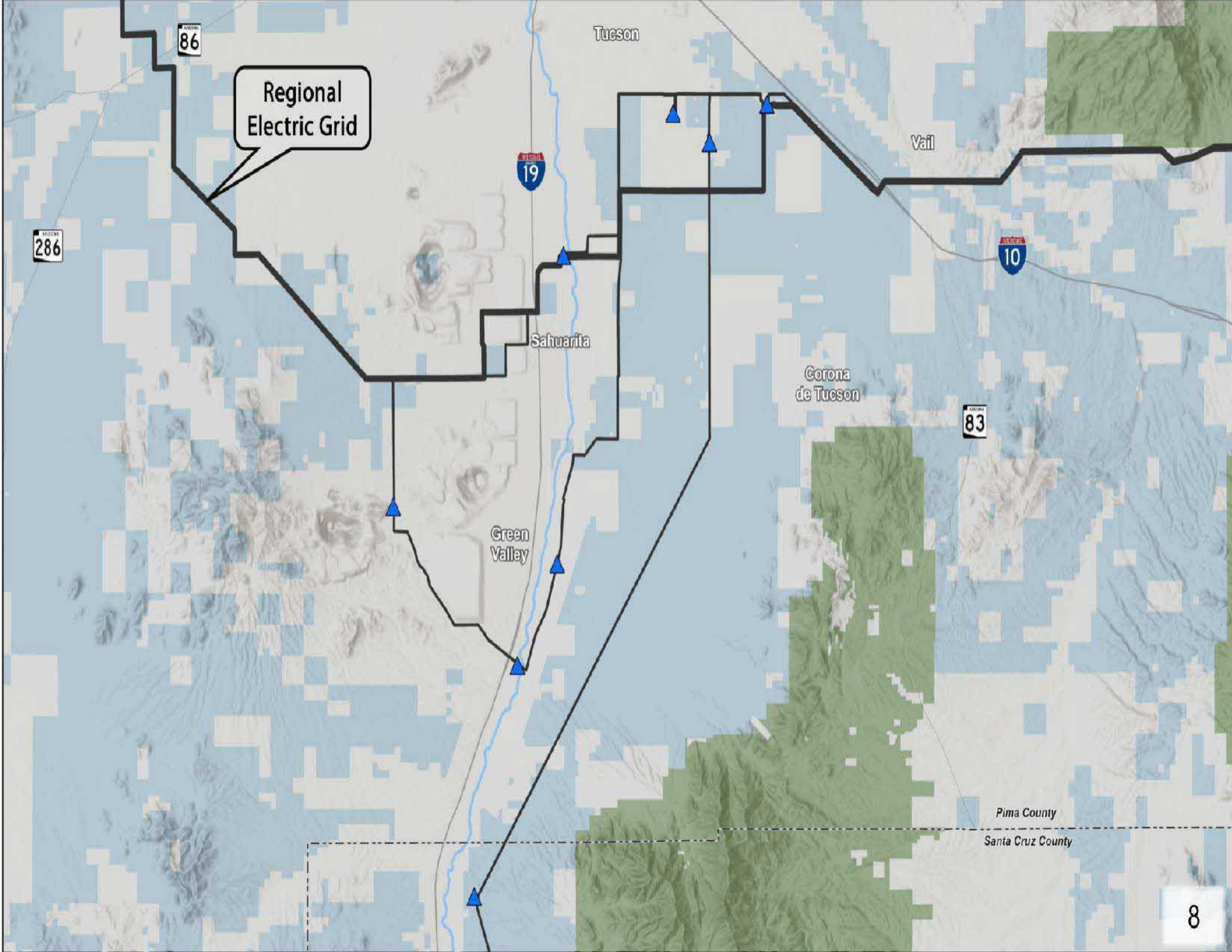


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TEP

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Project Overview



Regional
Electric Grid

Tucson

Vail

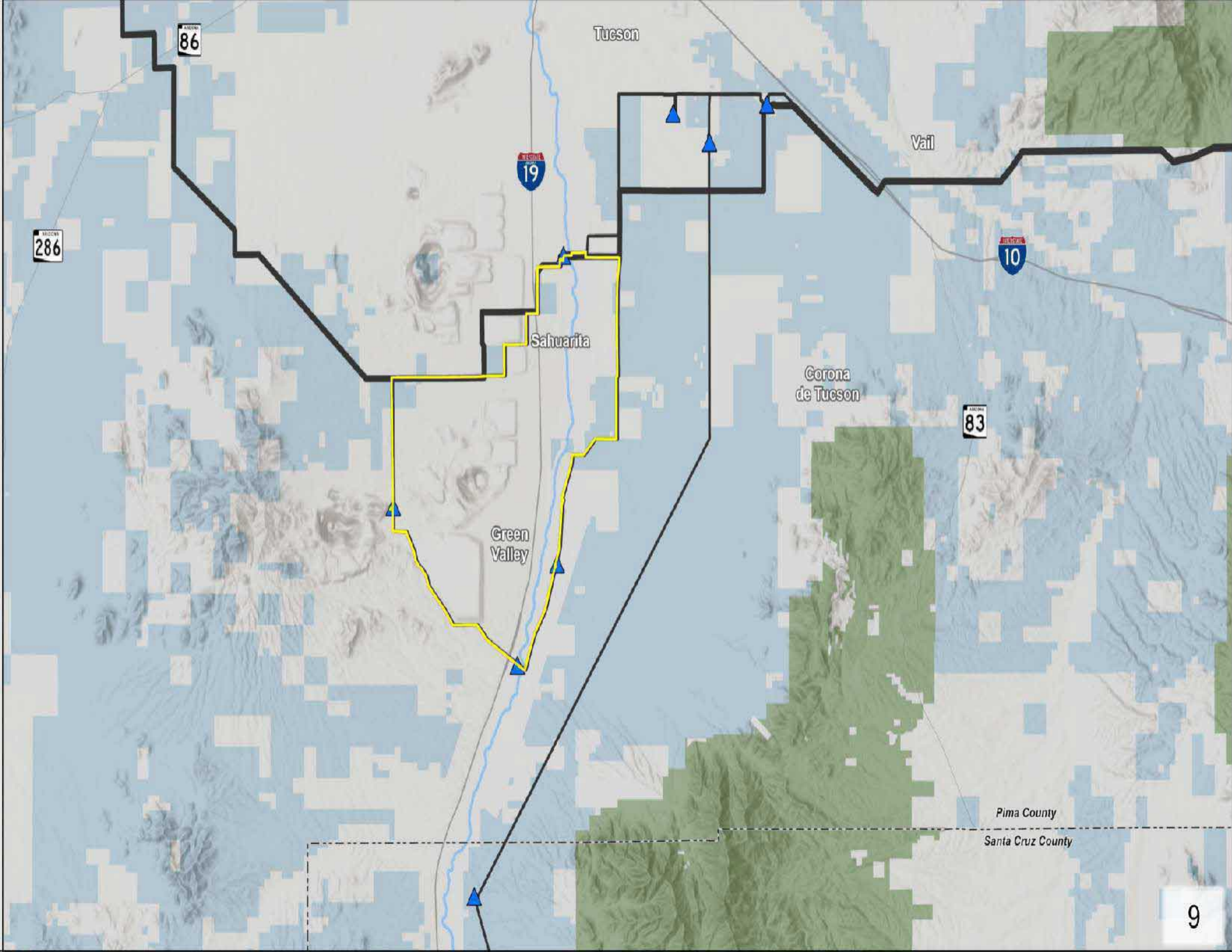
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de Tucson

Green
Valley

Pima County

Santa Cruz County



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Tucson

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Vail

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Sahuarita

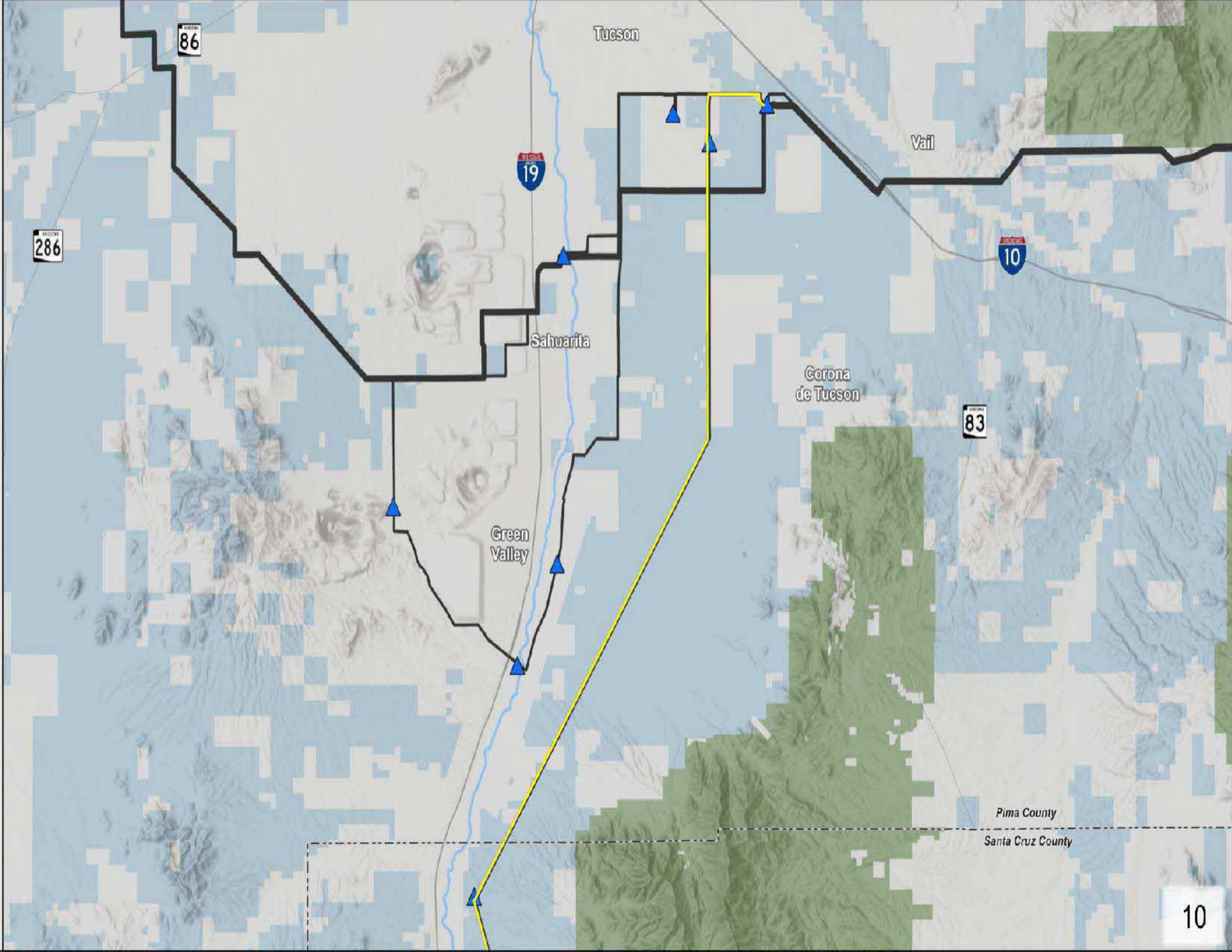
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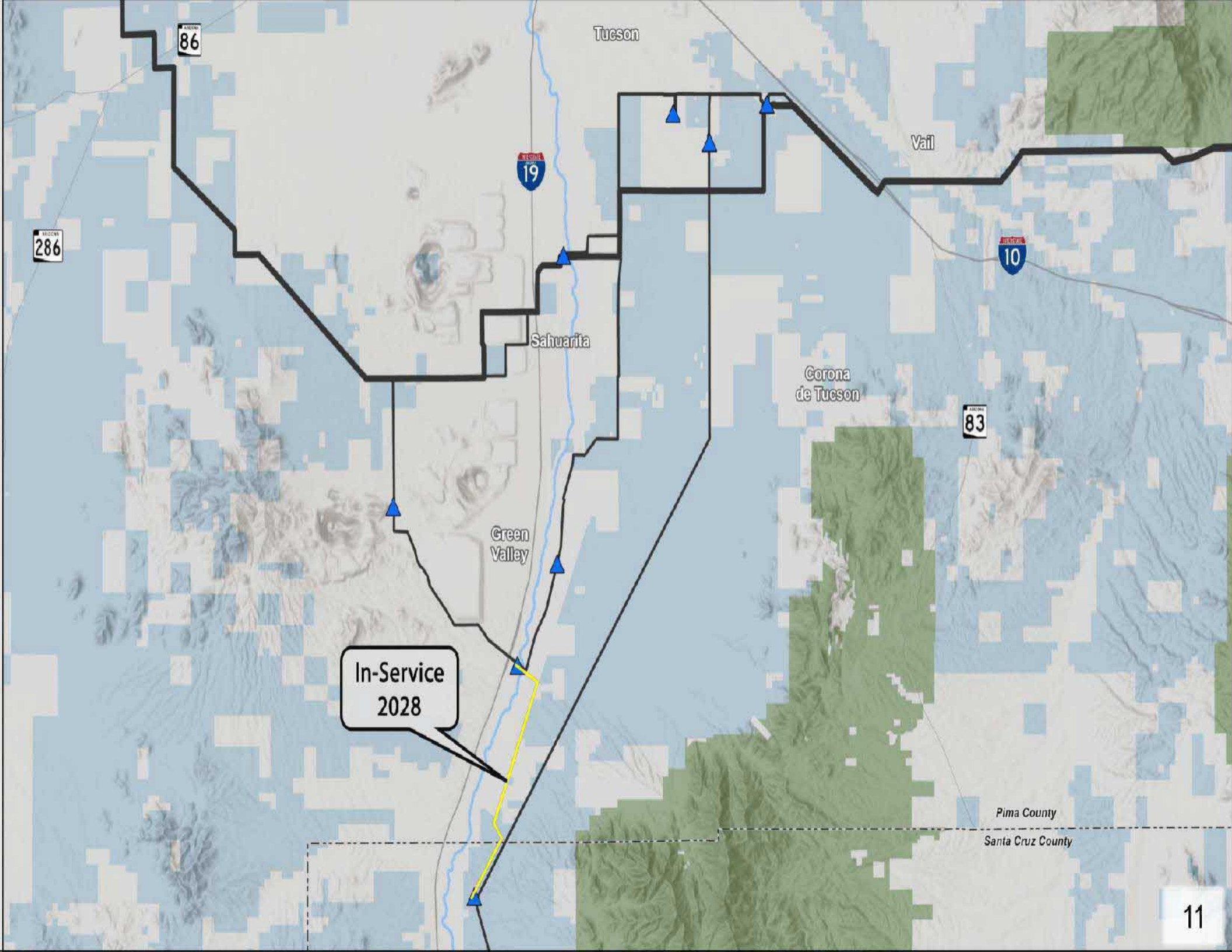
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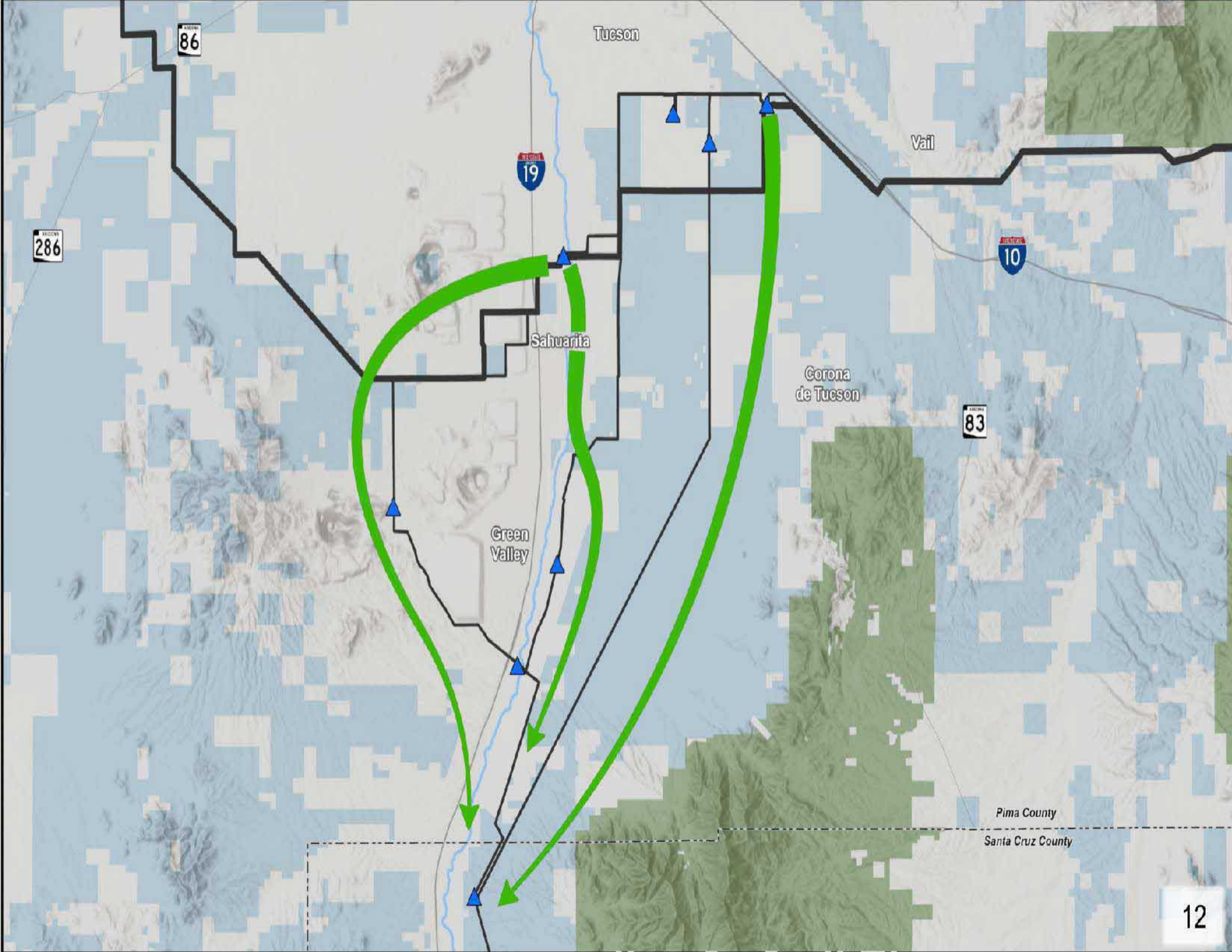
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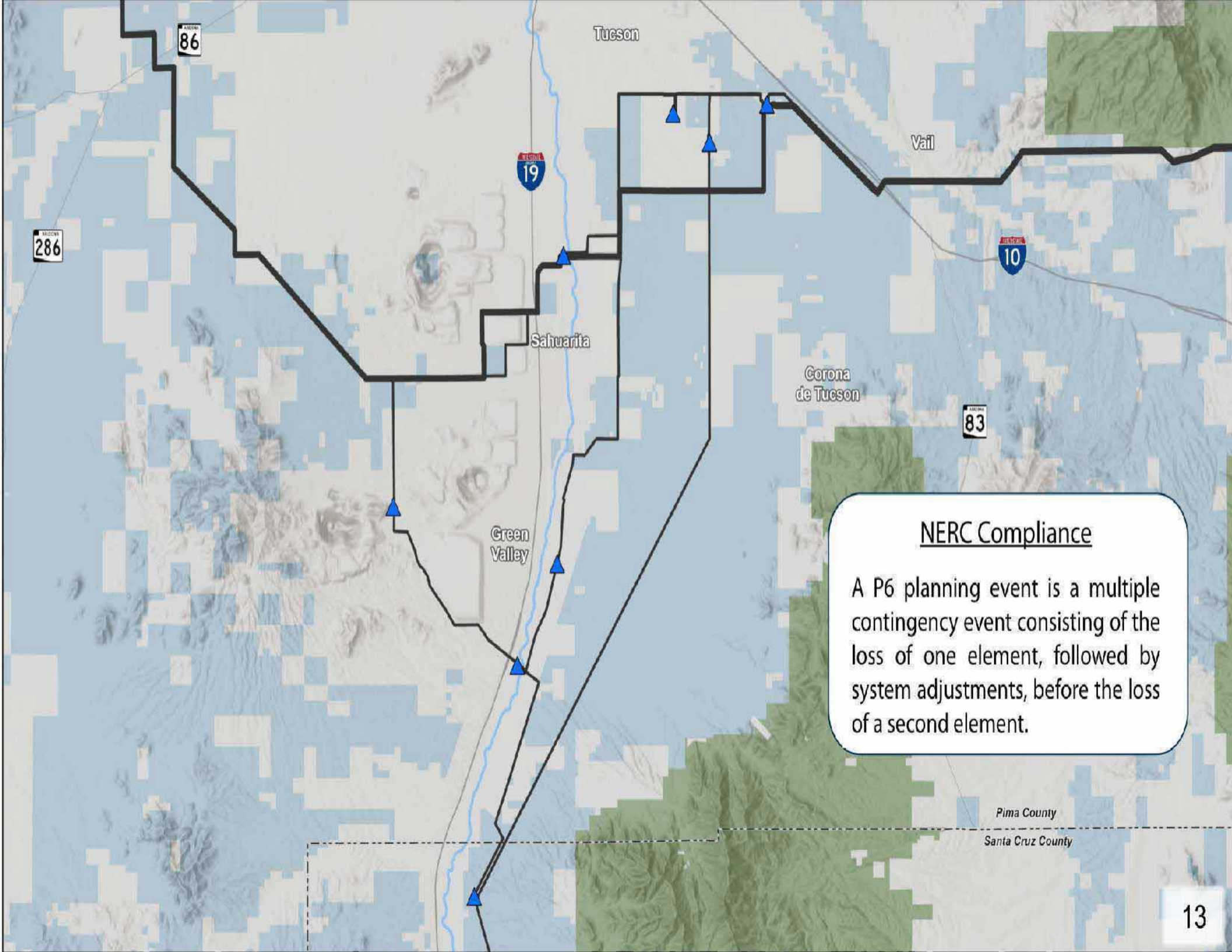
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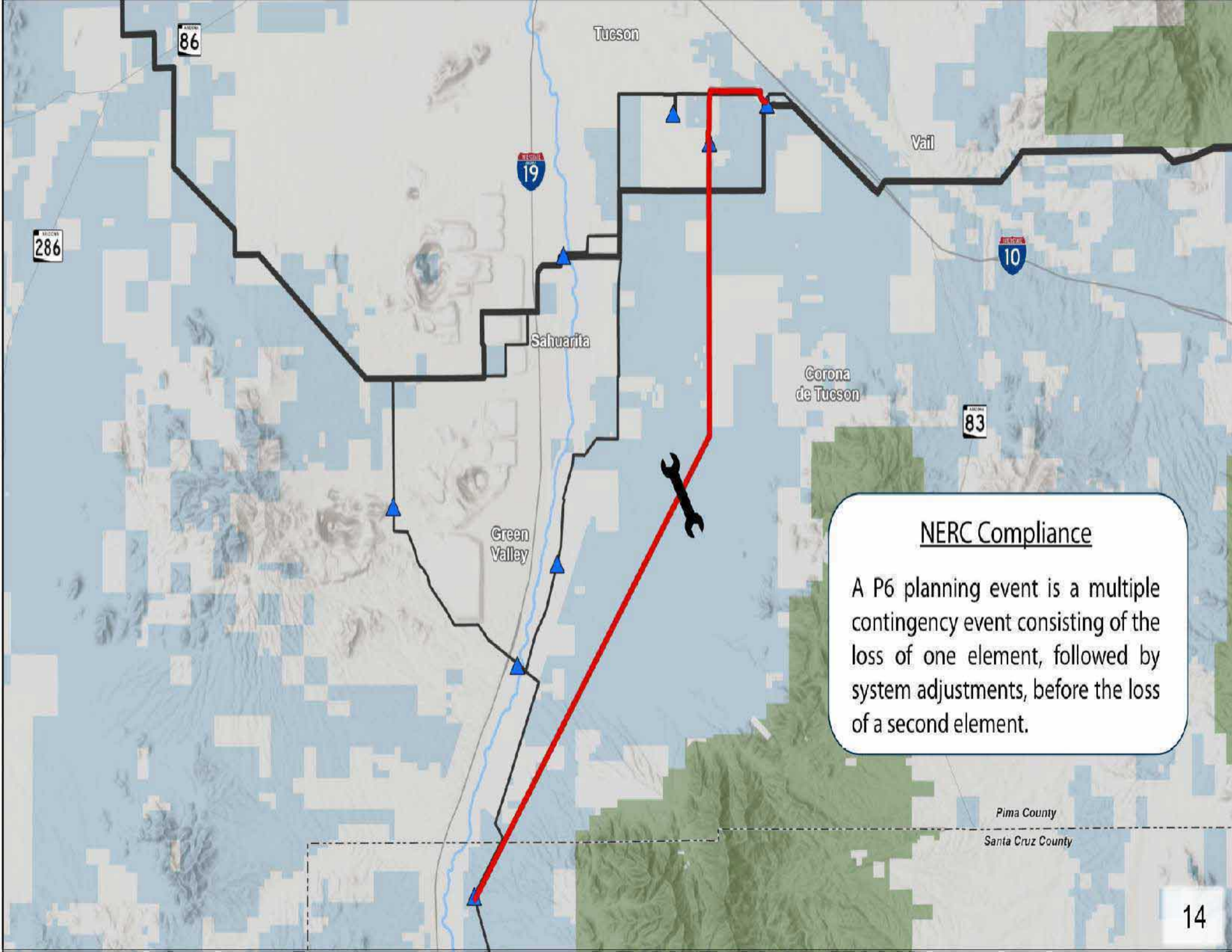
Pima County

Santa Cruz County



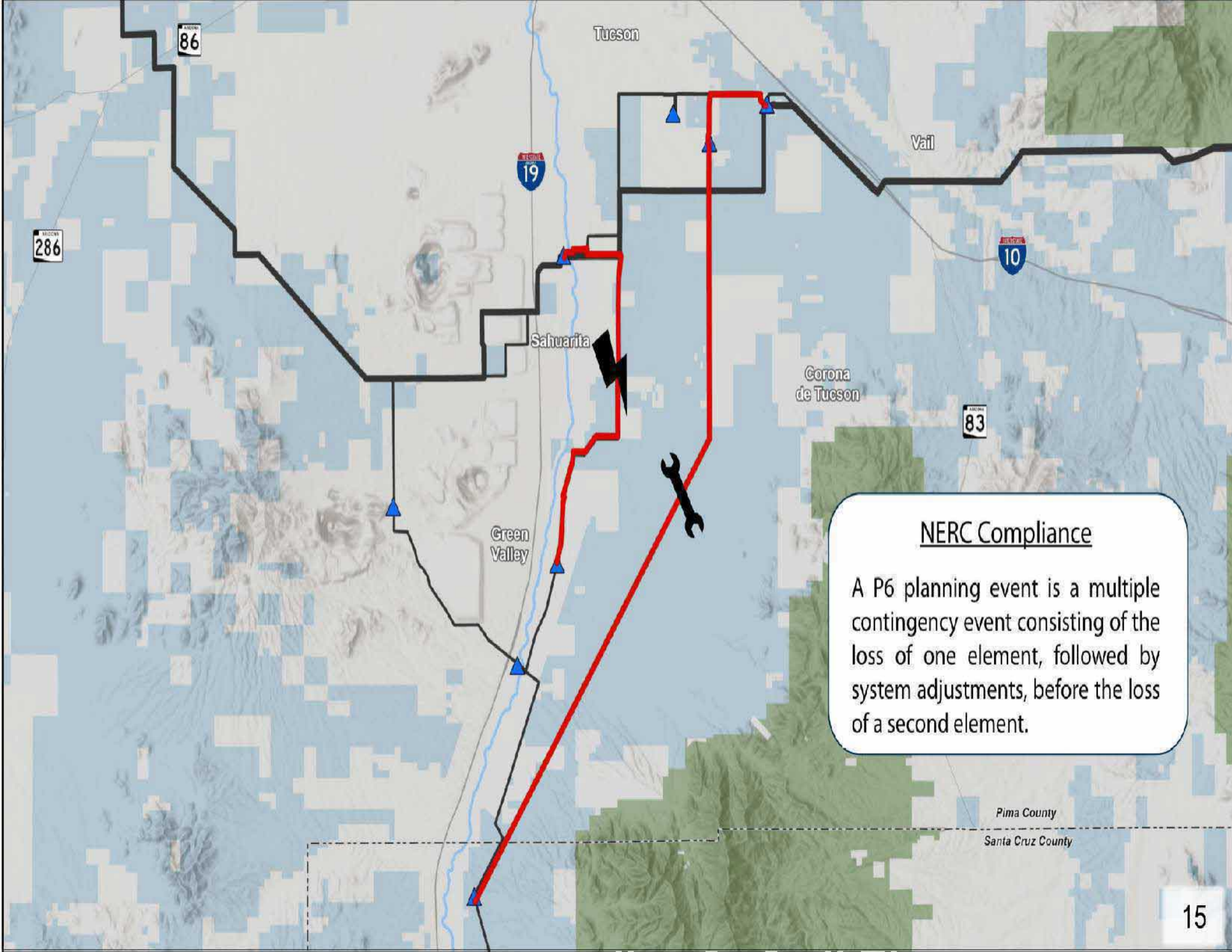
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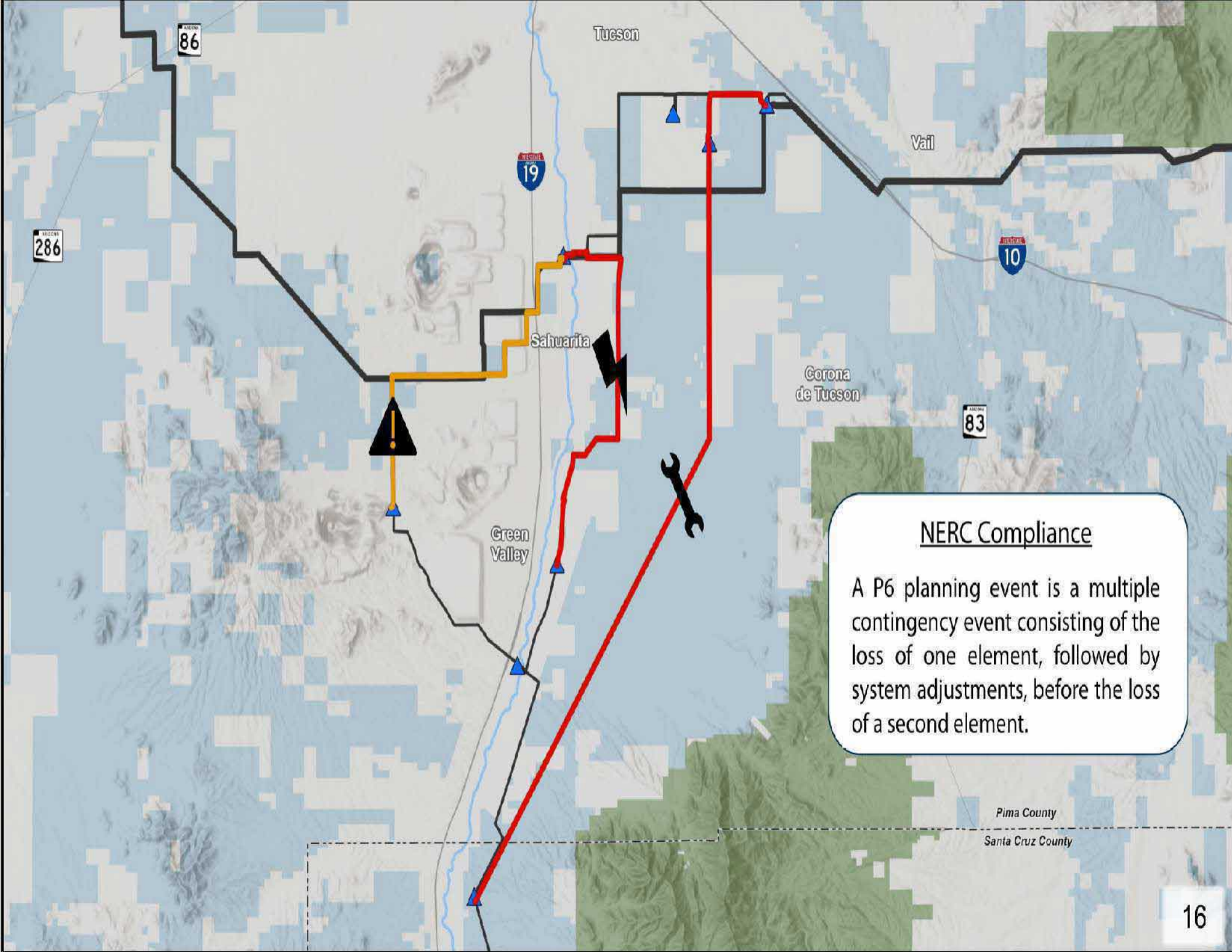
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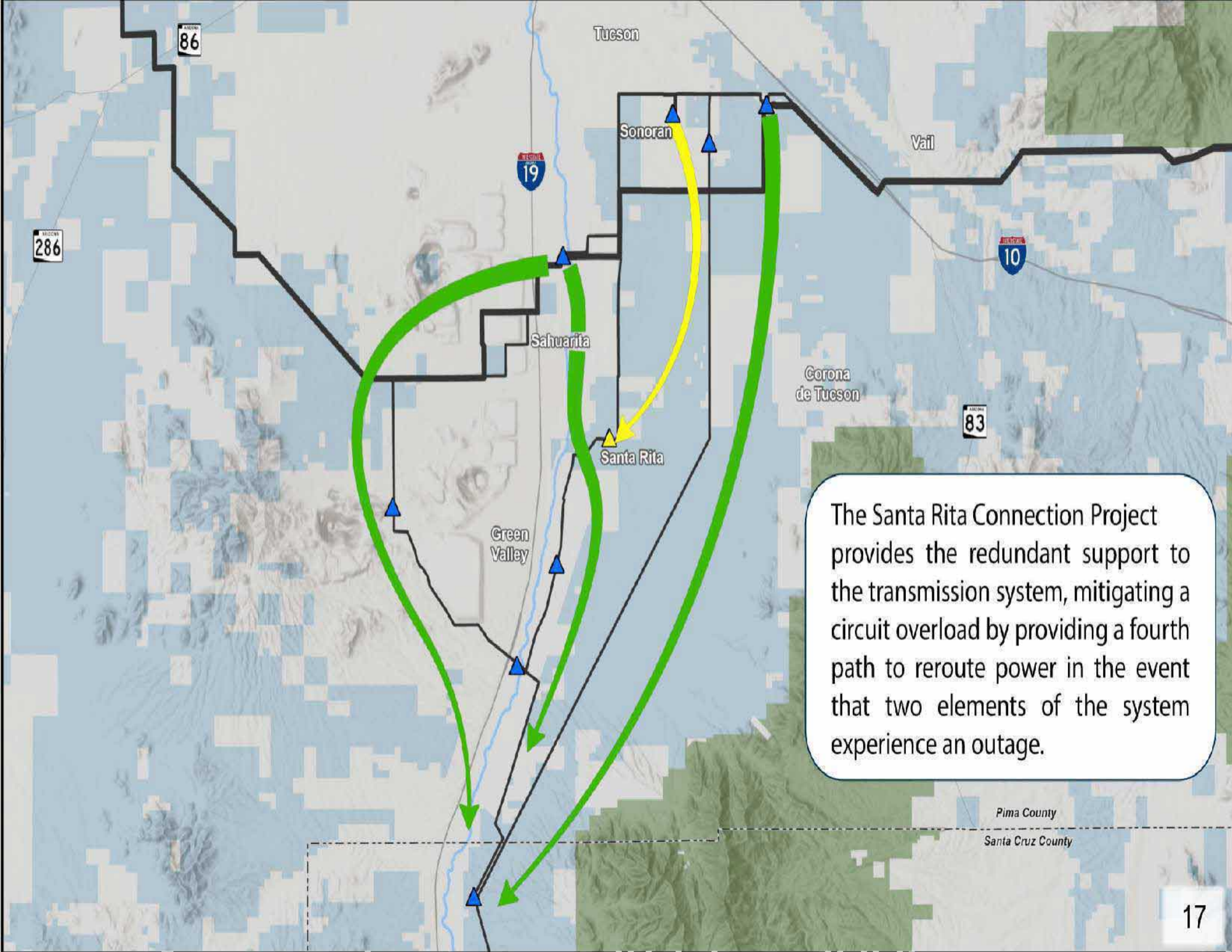
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The Santa Rita Connection Project provides the redundant support to the transmission system, mitigating a circuit overload by providing a fourth path to reroute power in the event that two elements of the system experience an outage.

Pima County
Santa Cruz County

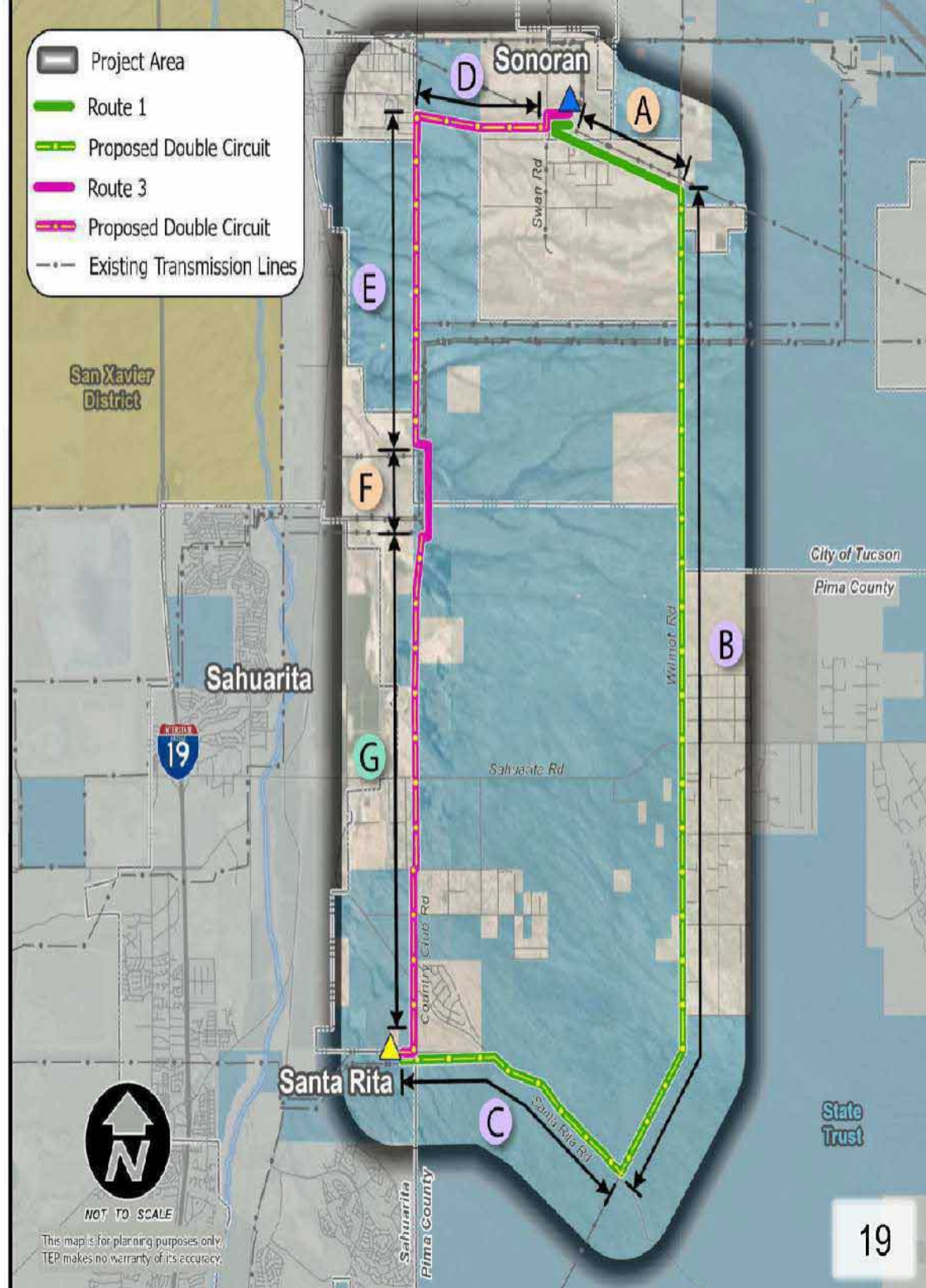
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Proposed Routes & Environmental Compatibility

Proposed Routes (Placemat)

Map Code	Infrastructure	Route	Notes
A	New Build	1	parallel to TEP/WAPA 230-115 kV line
B	Co-locate	1	onto Vail to Kantor 138 kV line (rebuild under Case No. 176)
C	Co-locate	1	onto Copper World 138 kV (new build under Case No. 164)
D	Co-locate	3	onto existing 46 kV line
E	Co-locate	3	onto Sonoran to South Loop 138 kV line
F	New Build	3	within Extra High Voltage corridor
G	Rebuild	3	South Loop to Green Valley 138 kV line as double-circuit

Route	Transmission Line Construction & Materials	Land Acquisition (ROW cost)	Length (miles)	Cost/Mile	Total Cost
Route 1	\$ 14,030,000	\$ 2,550,000	17.4	\$ 952,874	\$ 16,580,000
Route 3	\$ 17,450,000	\$ 570,000	13.3	\$ 1,354,887	\$ 18,020,000



Proposed Routes

Route 1
Length - 17.4 miles
Cost - \$16.5 Million
Land Ownership
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Trust 60.5% • Private - 39.5%
Jurisdictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tucson - 21.6% • Pima County - 77% • Sahuarita - 1.4%

Route 3
Length - 13.3 miles
Cost - \$18 Million
Land Ownership
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Trust - 86.3% • Private - 13.7%
Jurisdictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tucson - 52.7% • Pima County - 45.8% • Sahuarita - 1.5%



Request to Approve Both Routes

- Santa Cruz Reliability Project Phase 2
 - Nogales Tap to Kantor rebuild Case 176, Decision No. 76468
- Department of Energy Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships Grant.



Overview

Route 1

-  FCC Antenna Locations
-  Transmission Facilities
-  Approved Transmission Line (Case 164)

Existing Land Uses

-  Low Density Rural Residential
-  Medium Density Rural Residential
-  Vacant/Undeveloped
-  Santa Rita Experimental Range
-  Natural Open Space Buffer
-  Aggregate Mine
-  State Penitentiary
-  Agriculture
-  Solar Generation Site

Sensitive Noise Receptors

-  Walden Grove High School





Recreation Facility

-  Waldon Grove Athletic Facilities



Overview

Route 1

-  Key Observation Point
-  FCC Antenna Locations
-  Transmission Facilities
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Simulated Baseline Condition



Simulated Condition

Overview

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 Project Area
 Route 1
 Existing Transmission Lines



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City of Tucson
Pima County





State Trust

Key Observation Point – 7



Overview

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
Planned Land Use

Route 1 – General Plan Land Use

City of Tucson Land Use

-  Industrial Area
-  Southlands

Pima County Land Use

-  ASLD Future Growth Area
-  Industrial
-  Low Intensity Rural
-  Low Intensity Urban
-  Medium Intensity Rural
-  Planned Development Community
-  Resource Sensitive

Town of Sahuarita Land Use

-  Specific Plan



Planned Land Use

Route 1 - Zoning

City of Tucson Land Use

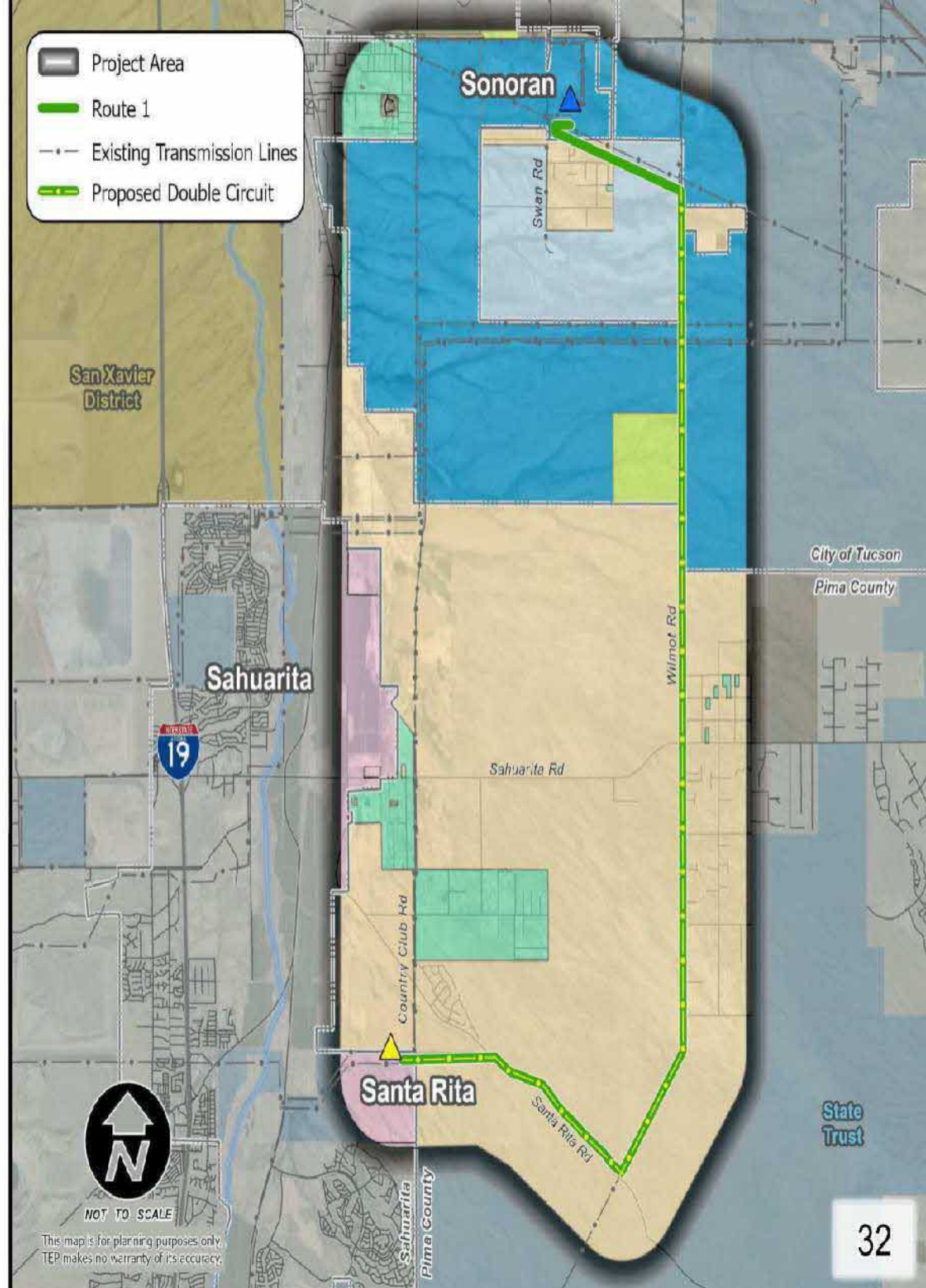
- I-2 - Industrial
- RH - Rural Homestead

Pima County Land Use

- GR-1 - Rural Residential
- RH - Rural homestead
- Specific Plan

Town of Sahuarita Land Use




- RH - Rural homestead

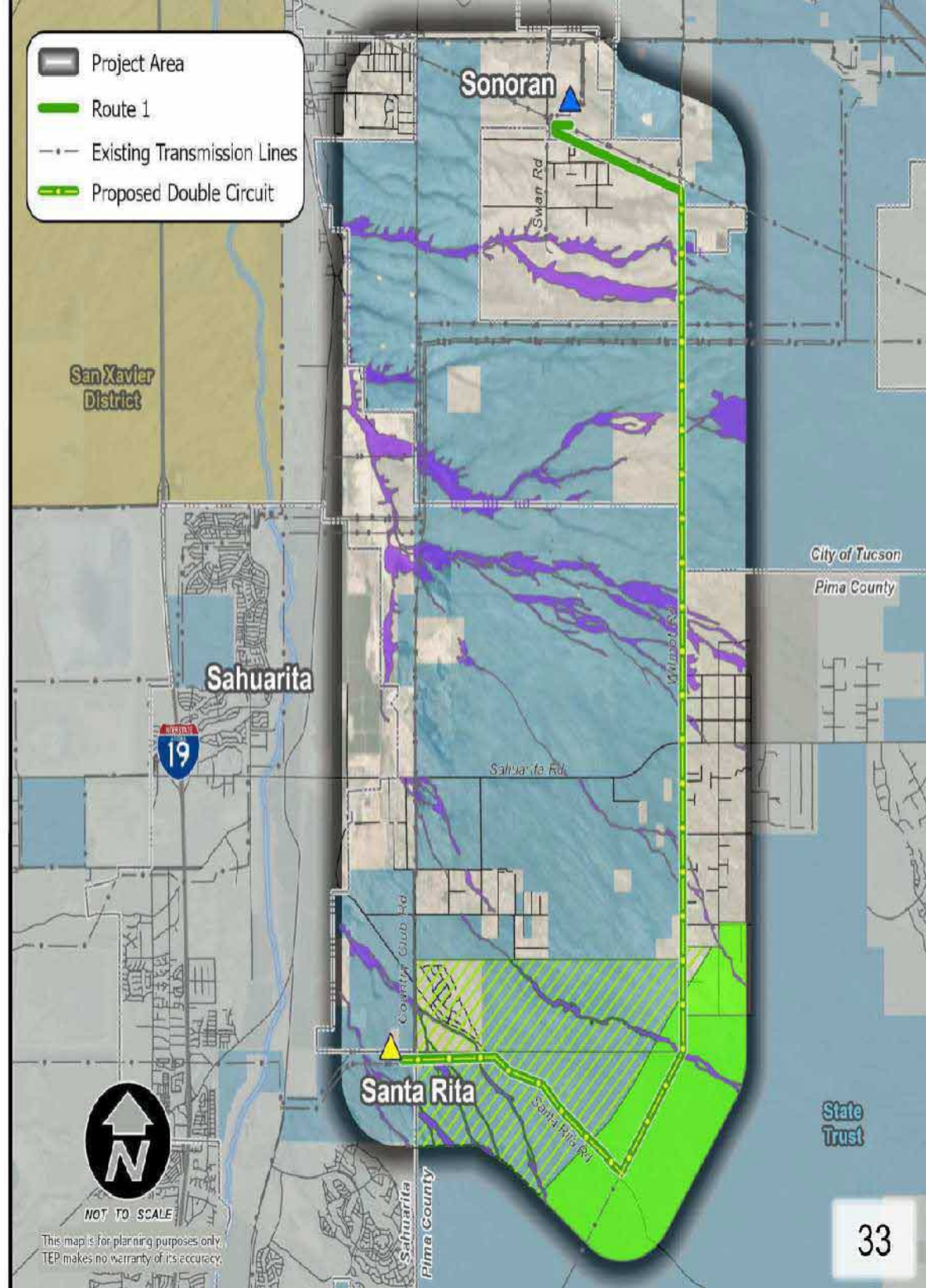


Planned Land Use

Route 1 – Sonoran Desert Conservation plan

Conservation Lands System



-  Biological Core Management Areas
-  Multiple Use Management Areas
-  Important Riparian Areas

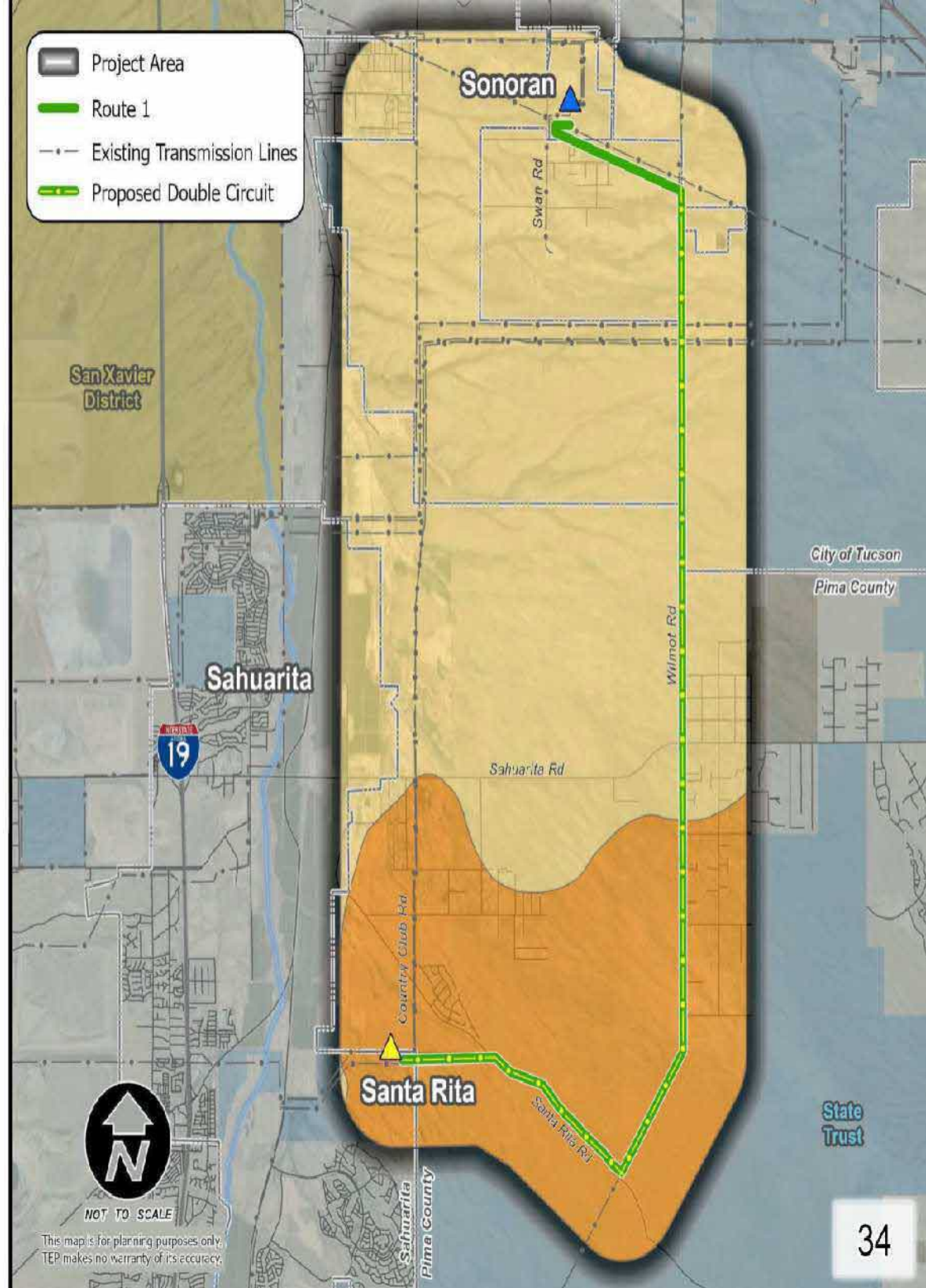


Biological Resources

Route 1

Southwest Biotic Communities

-  AZ UPLAND SUBDIVISION - SONORAN DESERTSCRUB
-  SEMIDESERT GRASSLAND

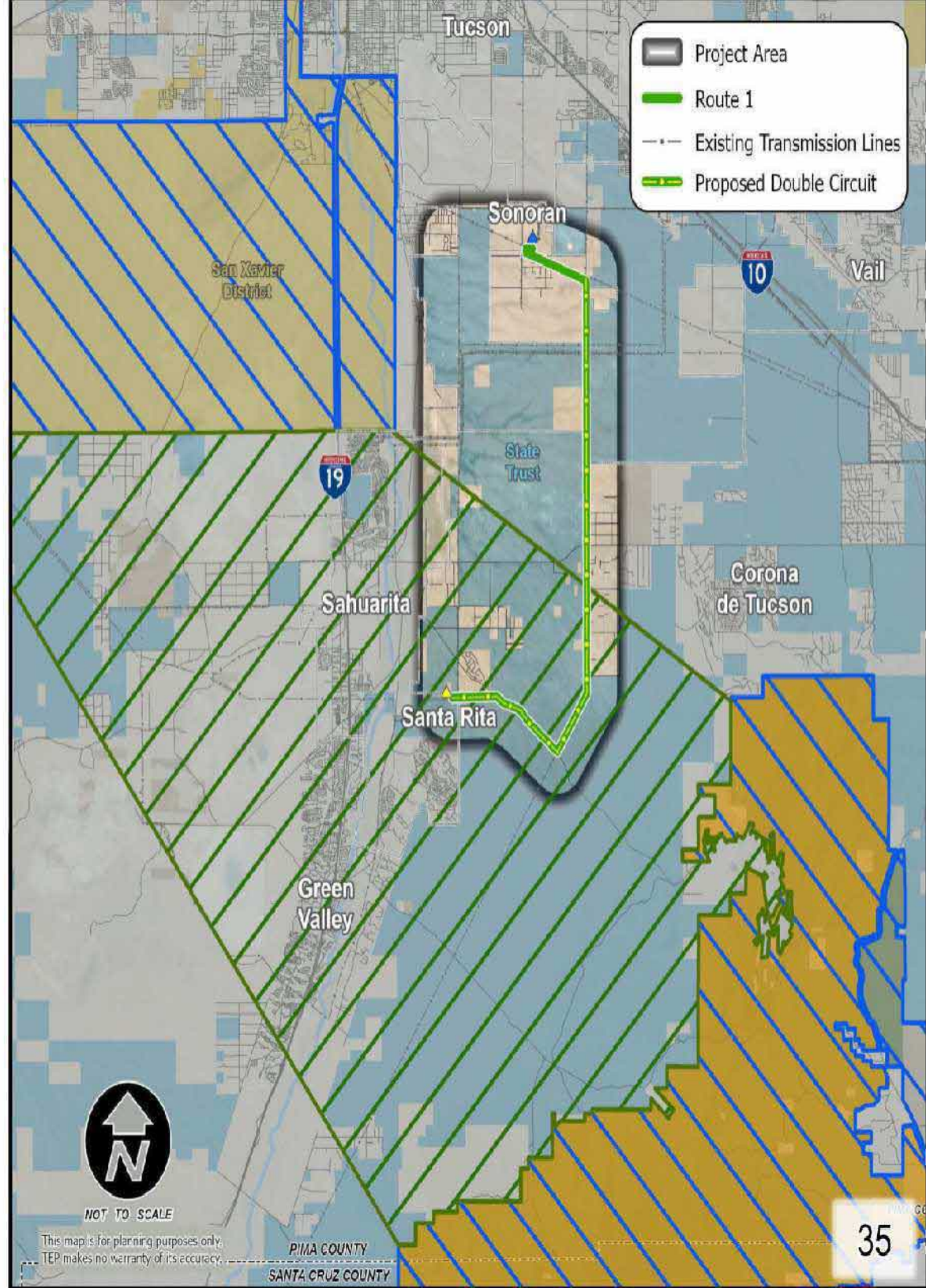


Biological Wealth

Route 1

Wildlife Connectivity Areas

-  Habitat Blocks
-  San Xavier - Sierrita - Santa Rita
-  Santa Rita Important Bird Area



Environmental Protection Measures



Migratory Bird Species



Cactus Ferruginous
Pygmy-Owl



Western Burrowing Owl



Sonoran Desert Tortoise



Monarch Butterfly













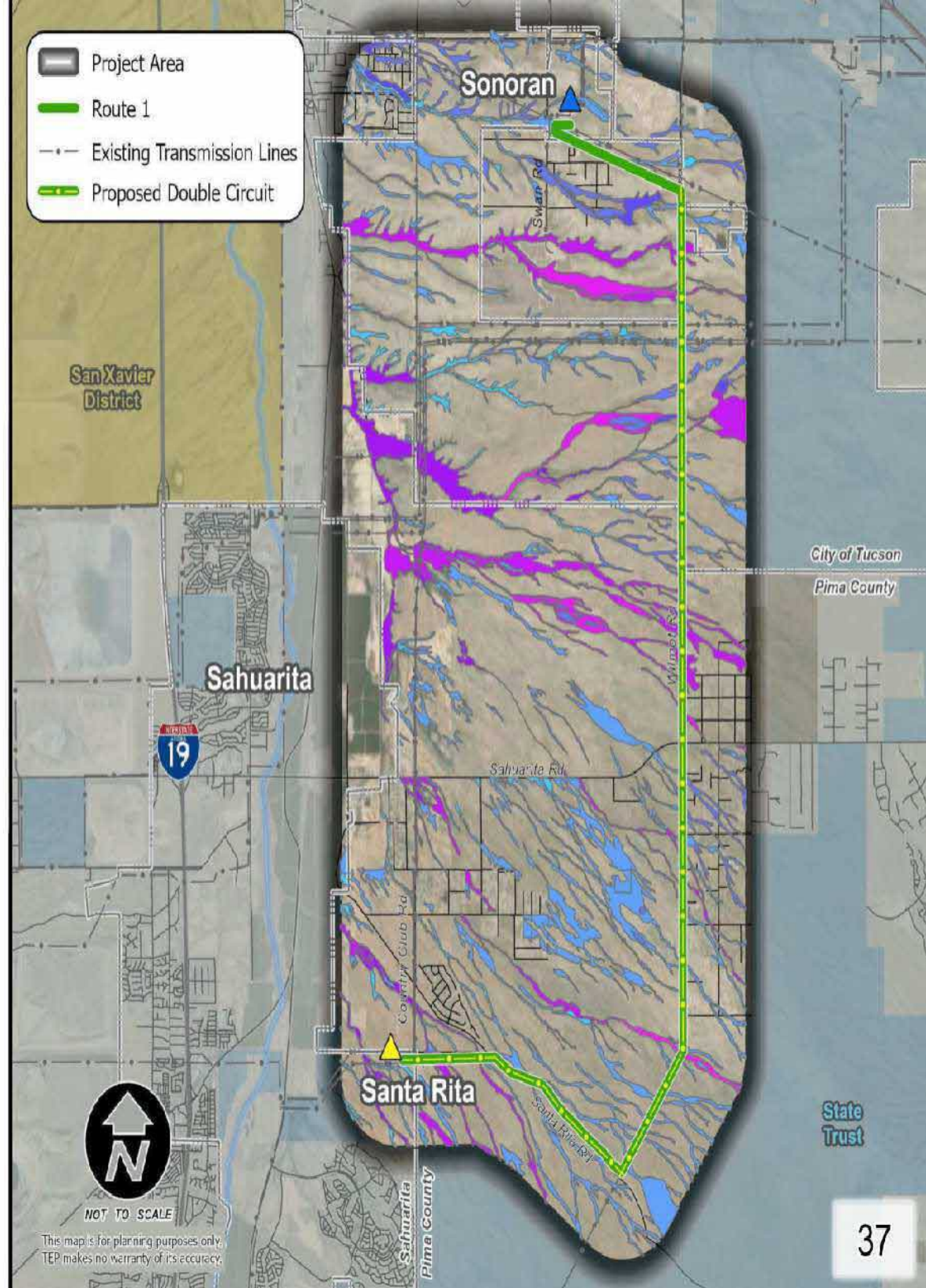
Pima Pineapple Cactus

Riparian Areas

Route 1

Regulated Riparian Areas

-  A
-  B
-  C
-  D
-  H
-  IRA - A
-  IRA - B
-  IRA - C
-  IRA - D
-  IRA - H



Scenic & Recreation

Route 1

Scenic Routes

— Pima County Scenic Routes

Recreation Facilities



■ Waldon Grove Athletic Facilities

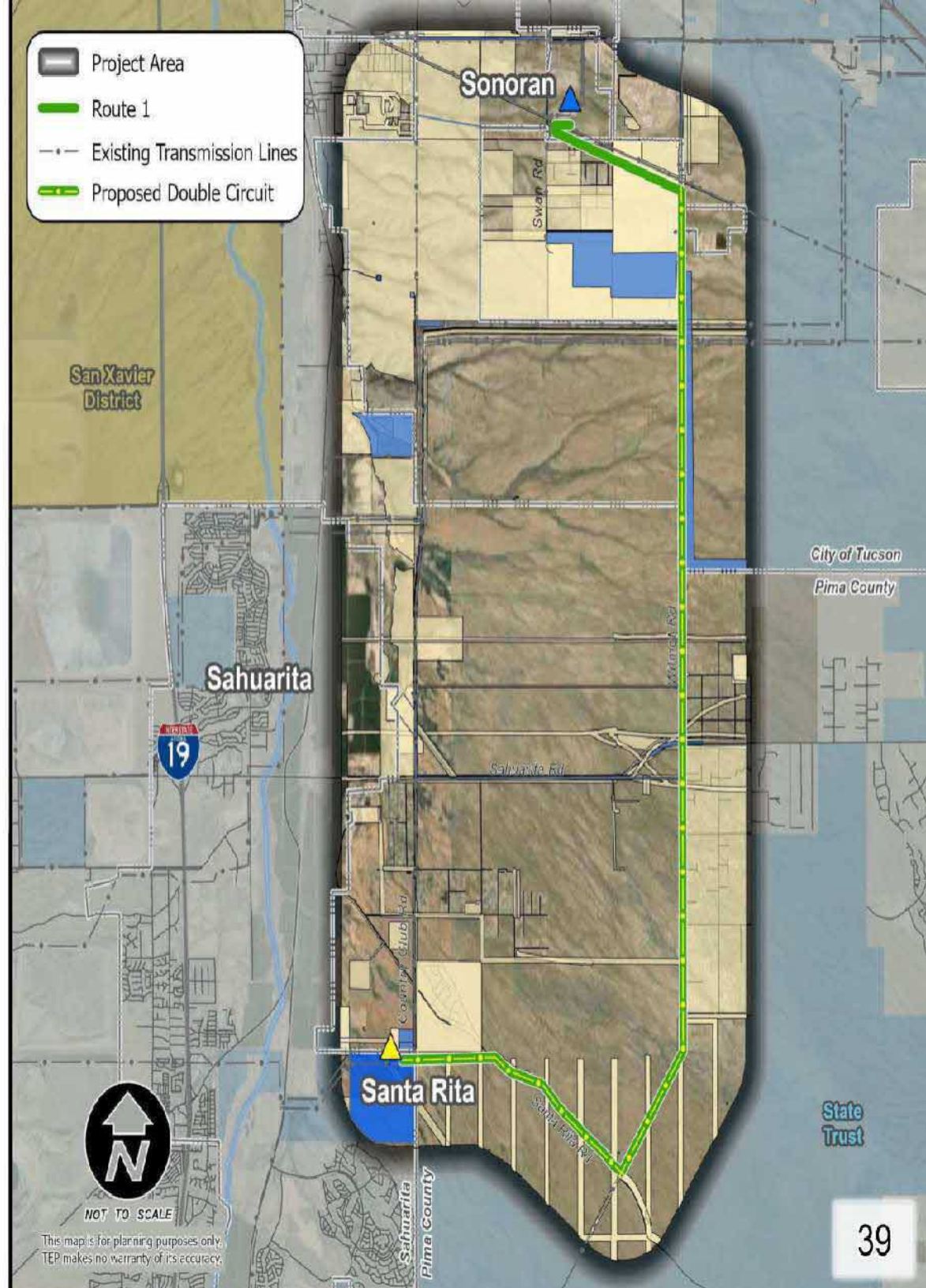


Cultural Resources

Route 1

Previous Cultural Resource Studies

-  Studies older than 10 years
-  Recent studies from last 10 years





Tucson Electric Power



Overview

Route 3

-  FCC Antenna Locations
-  Transmission Facilities
-  Approved Transmission Line (Case 164)

Existing Land Uses

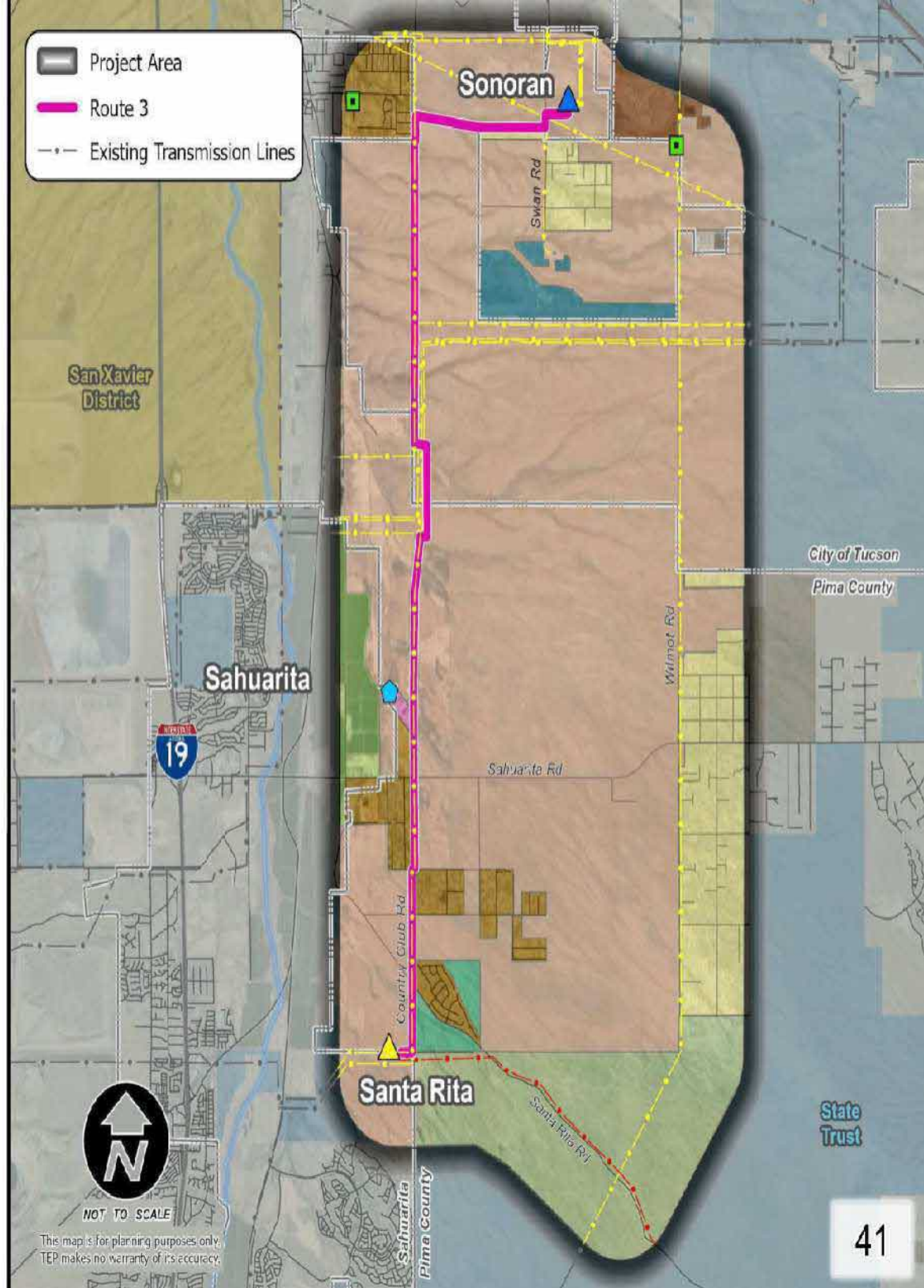
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Overview

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Existing Land Uses

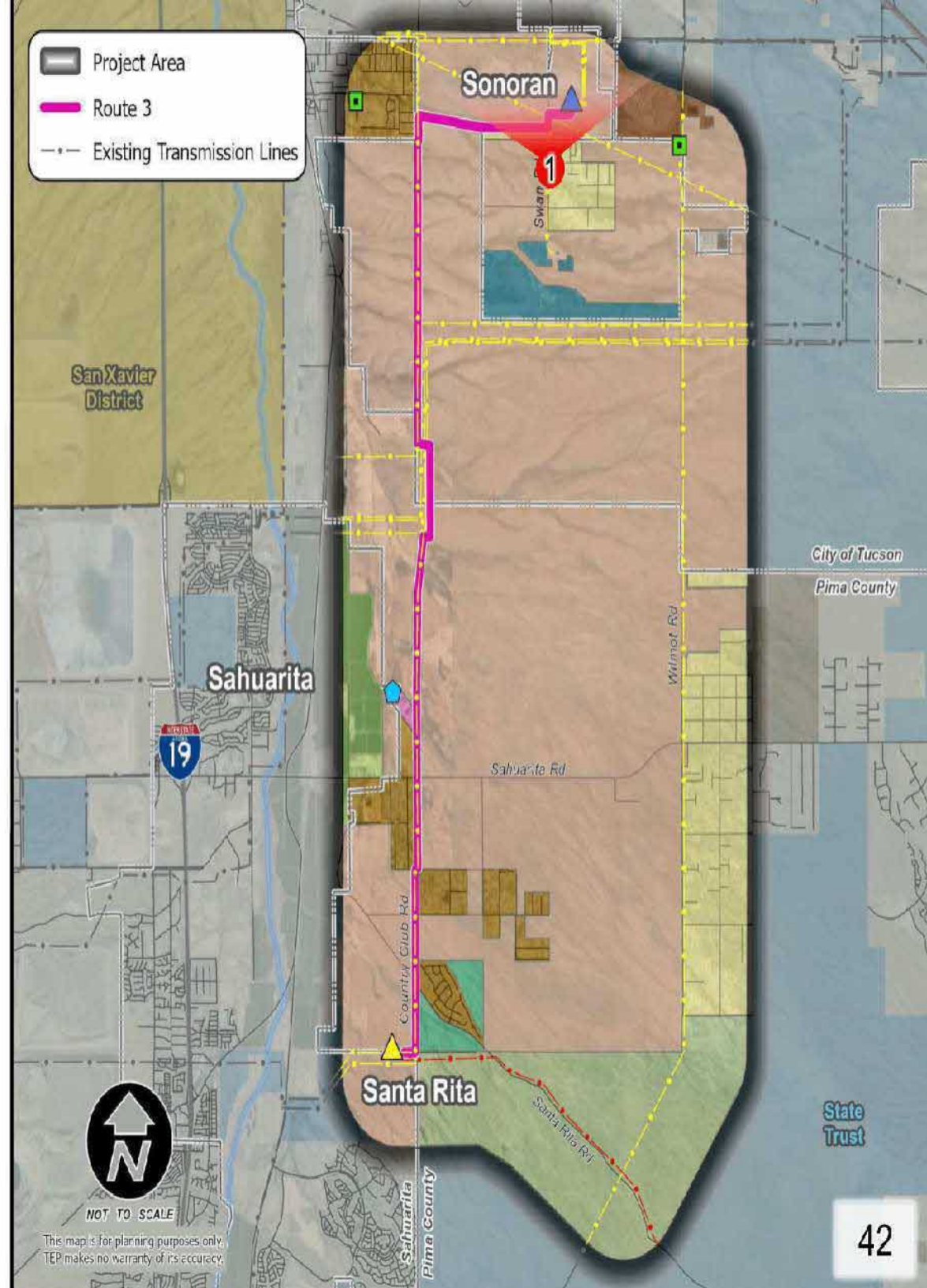
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-  Vacant/Undeveloped
-  Santa Rita Experimental Range
-  Natural Open Space Buffer
-  Aggregate Mine
-  State Penitentiary
-  Agriculture
-  Solar Generation Site

Sensitive Noise Receptors

-  Walden Grove High School

Recreation Facility





-  Waldon Grove Athletic Facilities





Overview

Route 3

-  Key Observation Point
-  FCC Antenna Locations
-  Transmission Facilities
-  Approved Transmission Line (Case 164)

Existing Land Uses

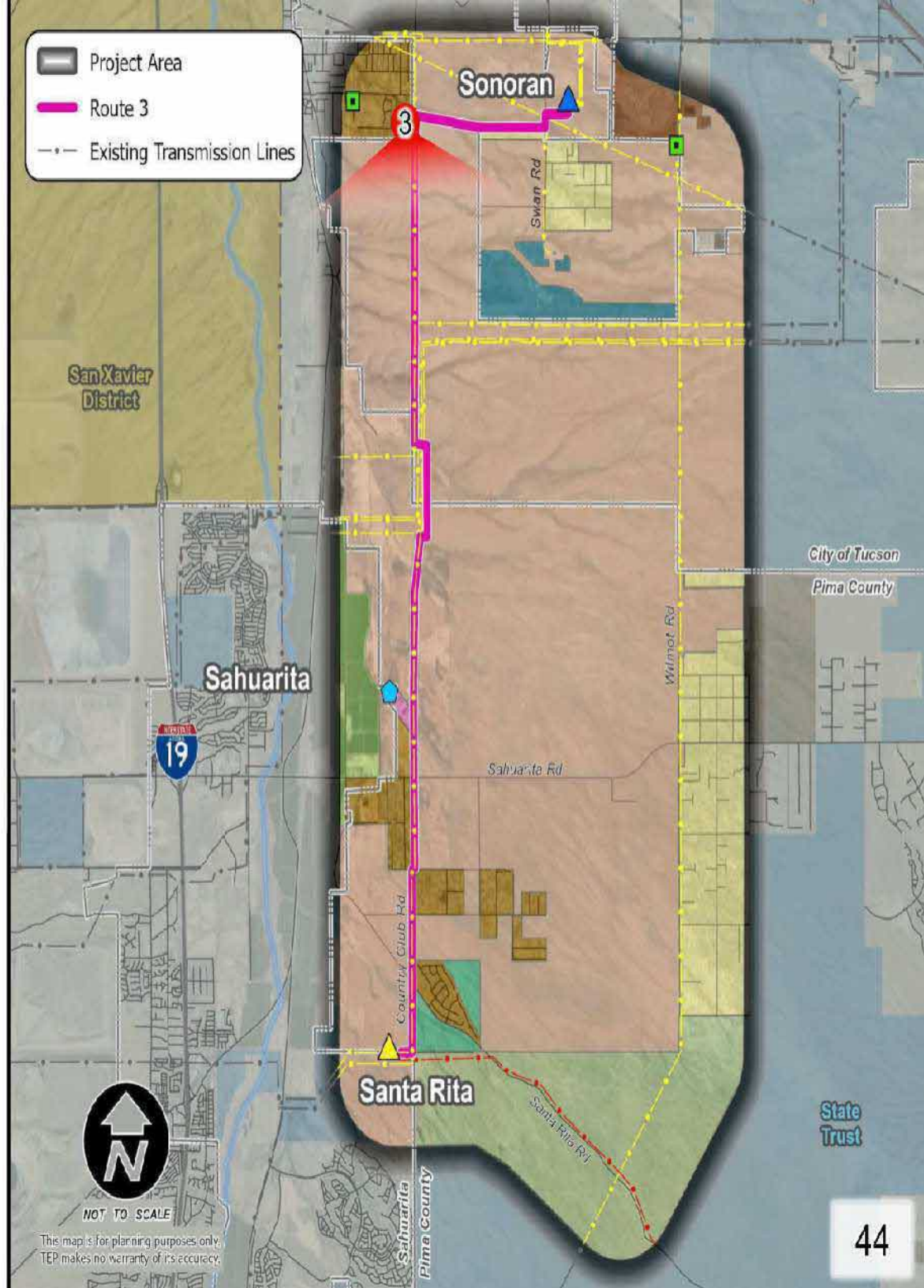
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-  Solar Generation Site




Sensitive Noise Receptors

-  Walden Grove High School

Recreation Facility

-  Waldon Grove Athletic Facilities



-  Project Area
-  Route 3
-  Existing Transmission Lines

State Trust

Key Observation Point – 3



Overview

Route 3

-  Key Observation Point
-  FCC Antenna Locations
-  Transmission Facilities
-  Approved Transmission Line (Case 164)

Existing Land Uses

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-  Medium Density Rural Residential
-  Vacant/Undeveloped
-  Santa Rita Experimental Range
-  Natural Open Space Buffer
-  Aggregate Mine
-  State Penitentiary
-  Agriculture
-  Solar Generation Site

Sensitive Noise Receptors

-  Walden Grove High School

Recreation Facility

-  Waldon Grove Athletic Facilities







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Key Observation Point – 6



Overview

Route 3

-  Key Observation Point
-  FCC Antenna Locations
-  Transmission Facilities
-  Approved Transmission Line (Case 164)

Existing Land Uses

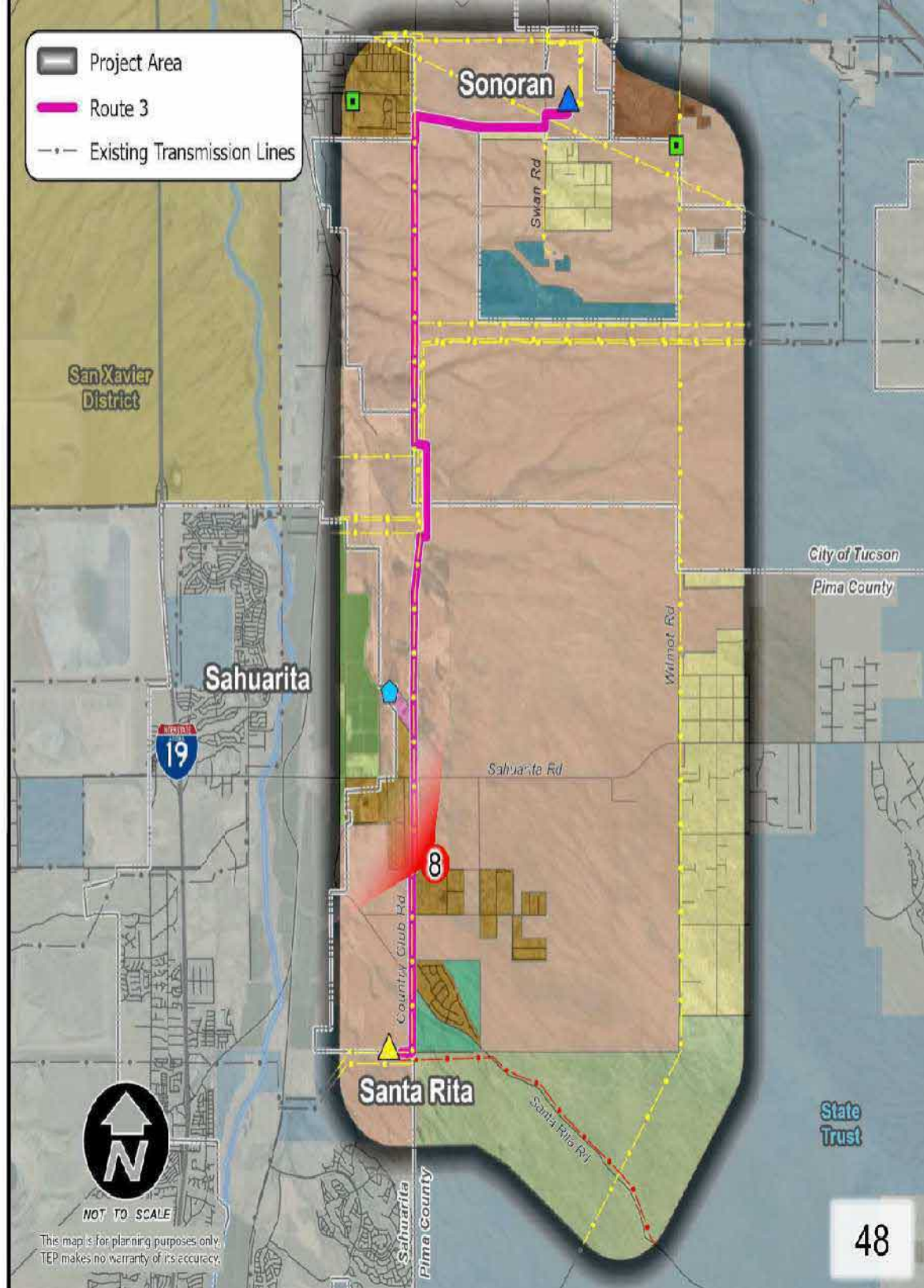
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-  Agriculture
-  Solar Generation Site

Sensitive Noise Receptors

-  Walden Grove High School

Recreation Facility

-  Waldon Grove Athletic Facilities







Key Observation Point – 8



Overview


Route 3

-  Key Observation Point
-  FCC Antenna Locations
-  Transmission Facilities
-  Approved Transmission Line (Case 164)

Existing Land Uses

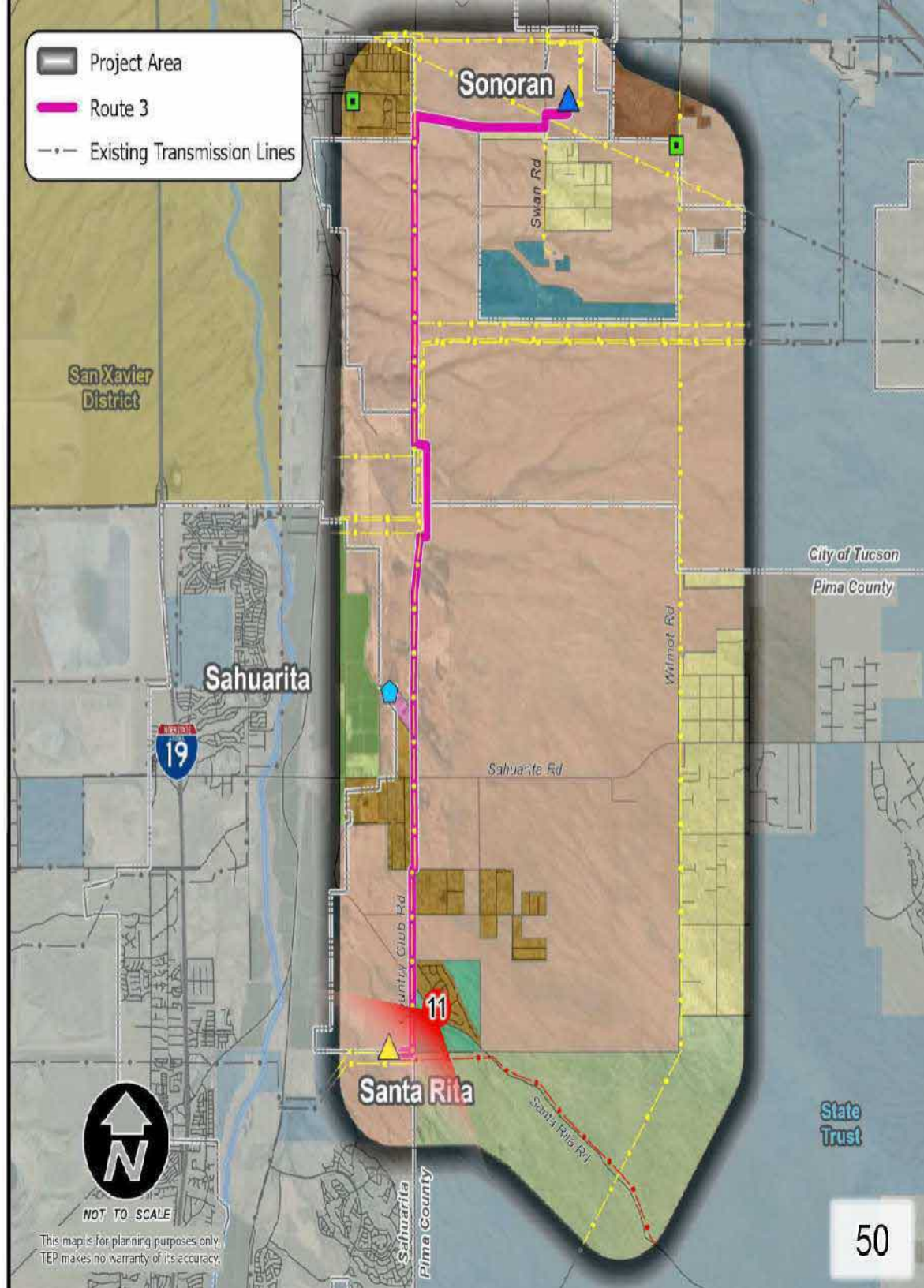
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-  Agriculture
-  Solar Generation Site

Sensitive Noise Receptors

-  Walden Grove High School

Recreation Facility

-  Waldon Grove Athletic Facilities





Planned Land Use

Route 3 – General Plan Land Use

City of Tucson Land Use

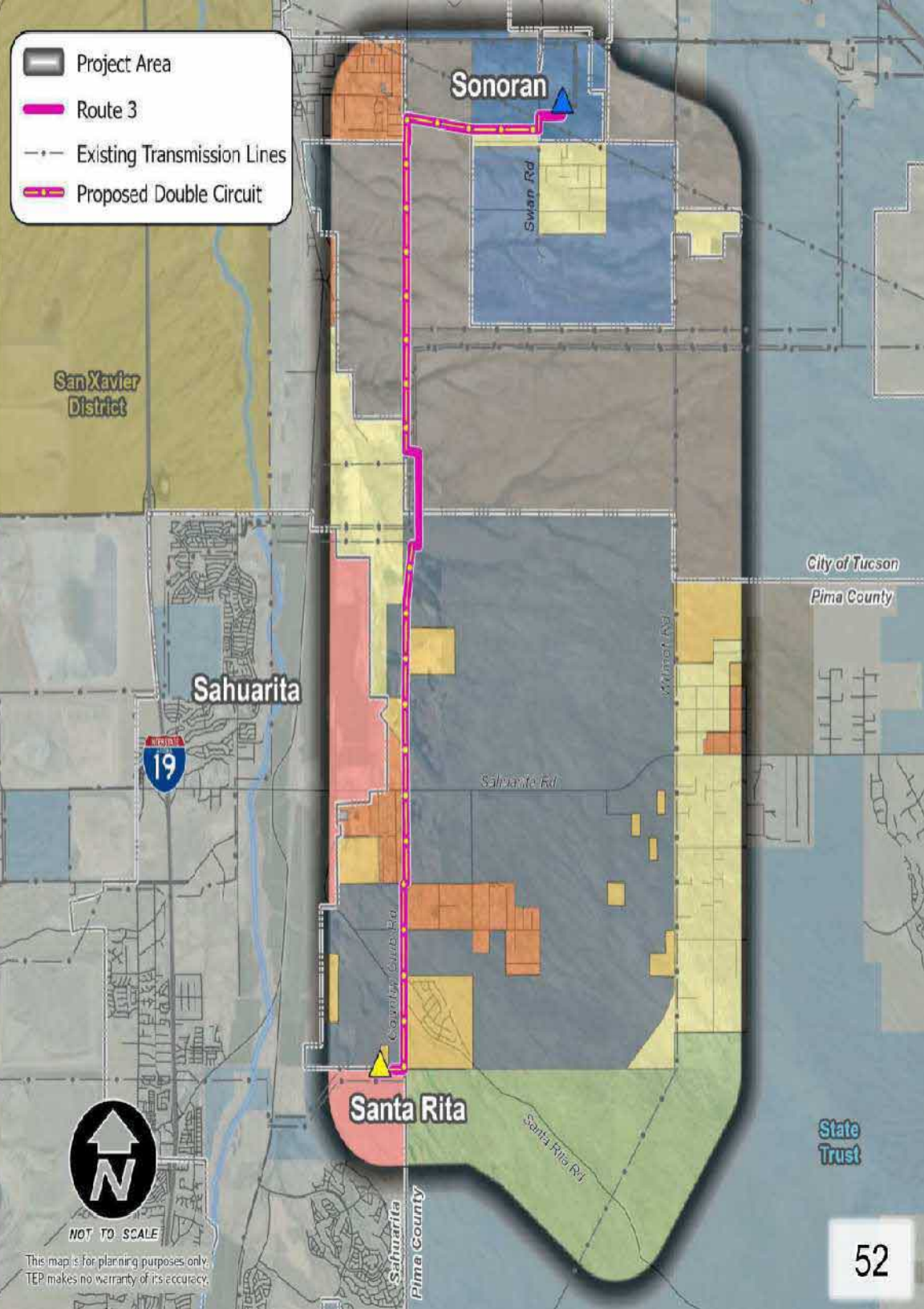
- Industrial Area
- Southlands

Pima County Land Use

- ASLD Future Growth Area
- Industrial
- Low Intensity Rural
- Low Intensity Urban
- Medium Intensity Rural
- Planned Development Community
- Resource Sensitive

Town of Sahuarita Land Use

- Specific Plan



- Project Area
- Route 3
- Existing Transmission Lines
- Proposed Double Circuit



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Planned Land Use

Route 3 - Zoning

City of Tucson Land Use

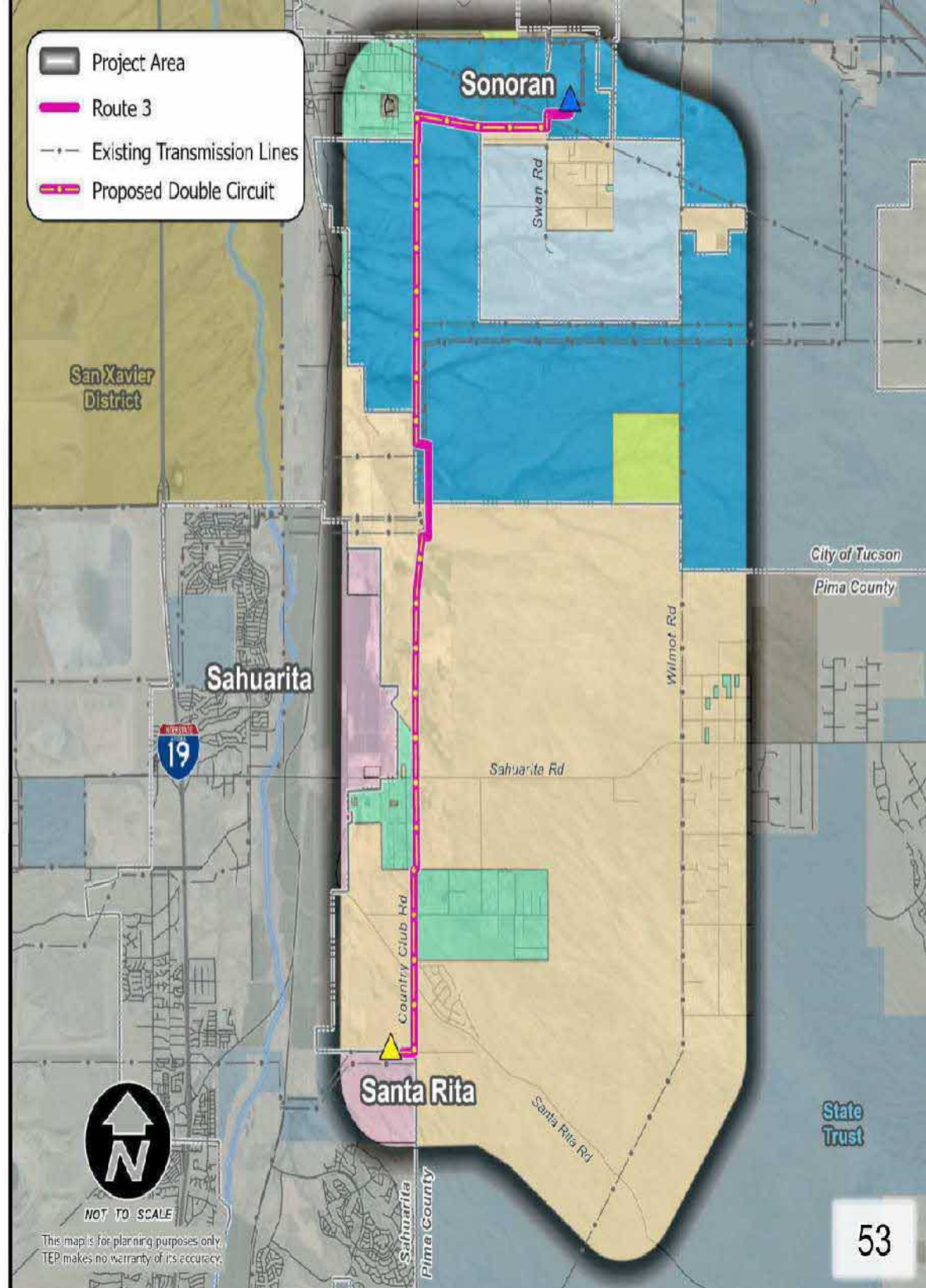
- I-2 - Industrial
- RH - Rural Homestead

Pima County Land Use

- GR-1 - Rural Residential
- RH - Rural homestead
- Specific Plan

Town of Sahuarita Land Use




- RH - Rural homestead

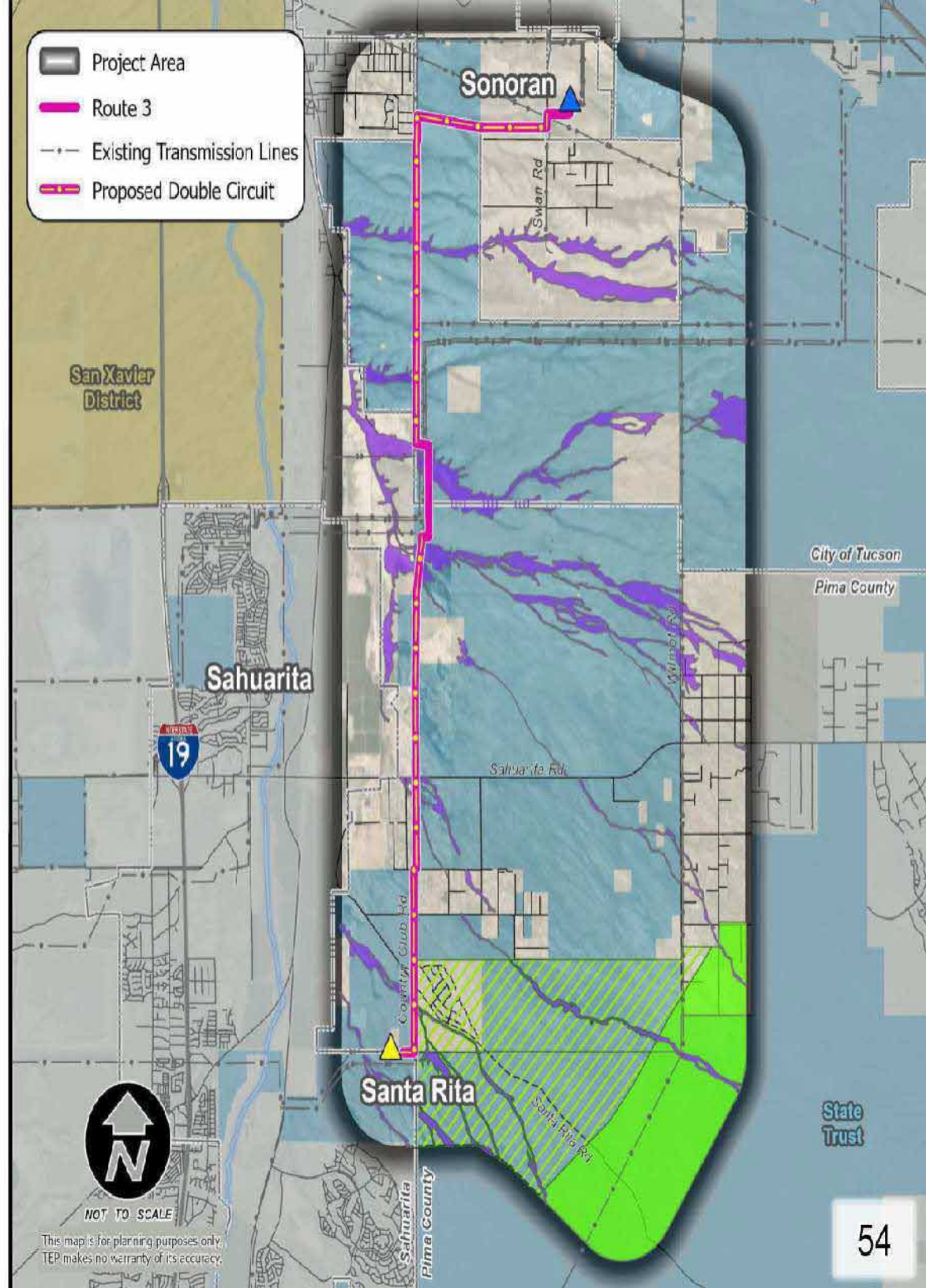


Planned Land Use

Route 3 – Sonoran Desert Conservation plan

Conservation Lands System



-  Biological Core Management Areas
-  Multiple Use Management Areas
-  Important Riparian Areas

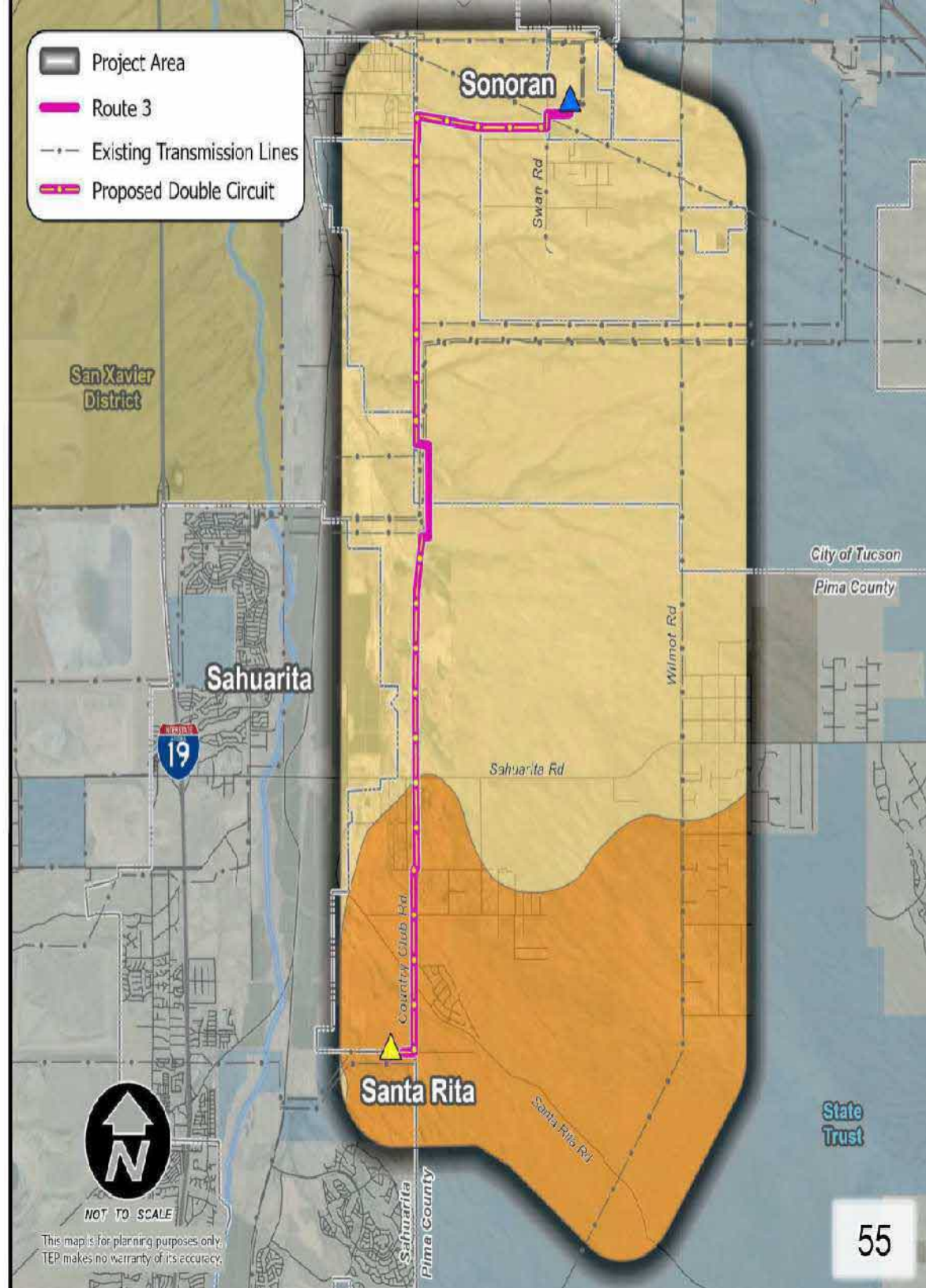


Biological Resources

Route 3

Southwest Biotic Communities

-  AZ UPLAND SUBDIVISION - SONORAN DESERTSCRUB
-  SEMIDESERT GRASSLAND

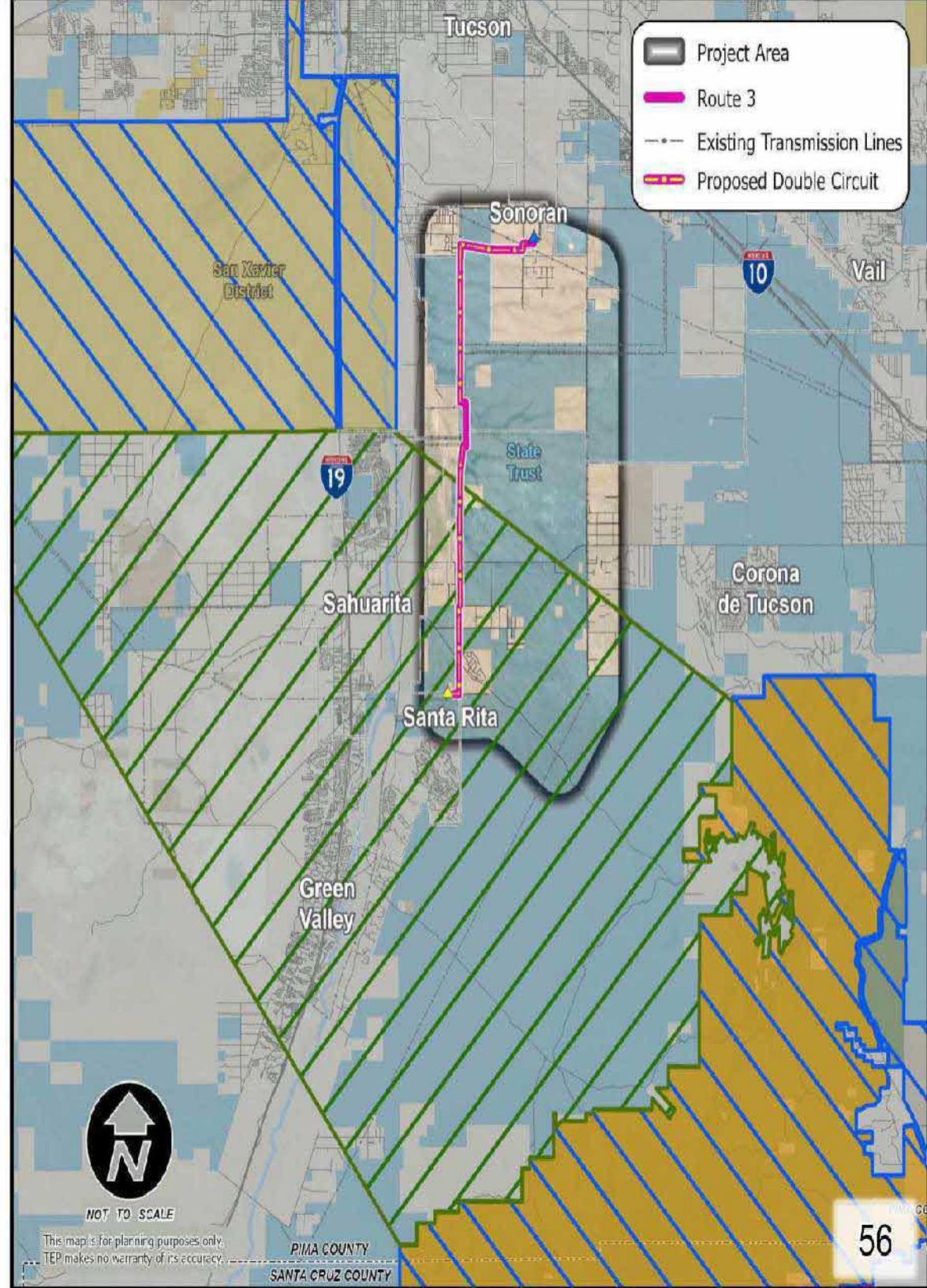


Biological Wealth

Route 3

Wildlife Connectivity Areas











-  Habitat Blocks
-  San Xavier - Sierrita - Santa Rita
-  Santa Rita Important Bird Area

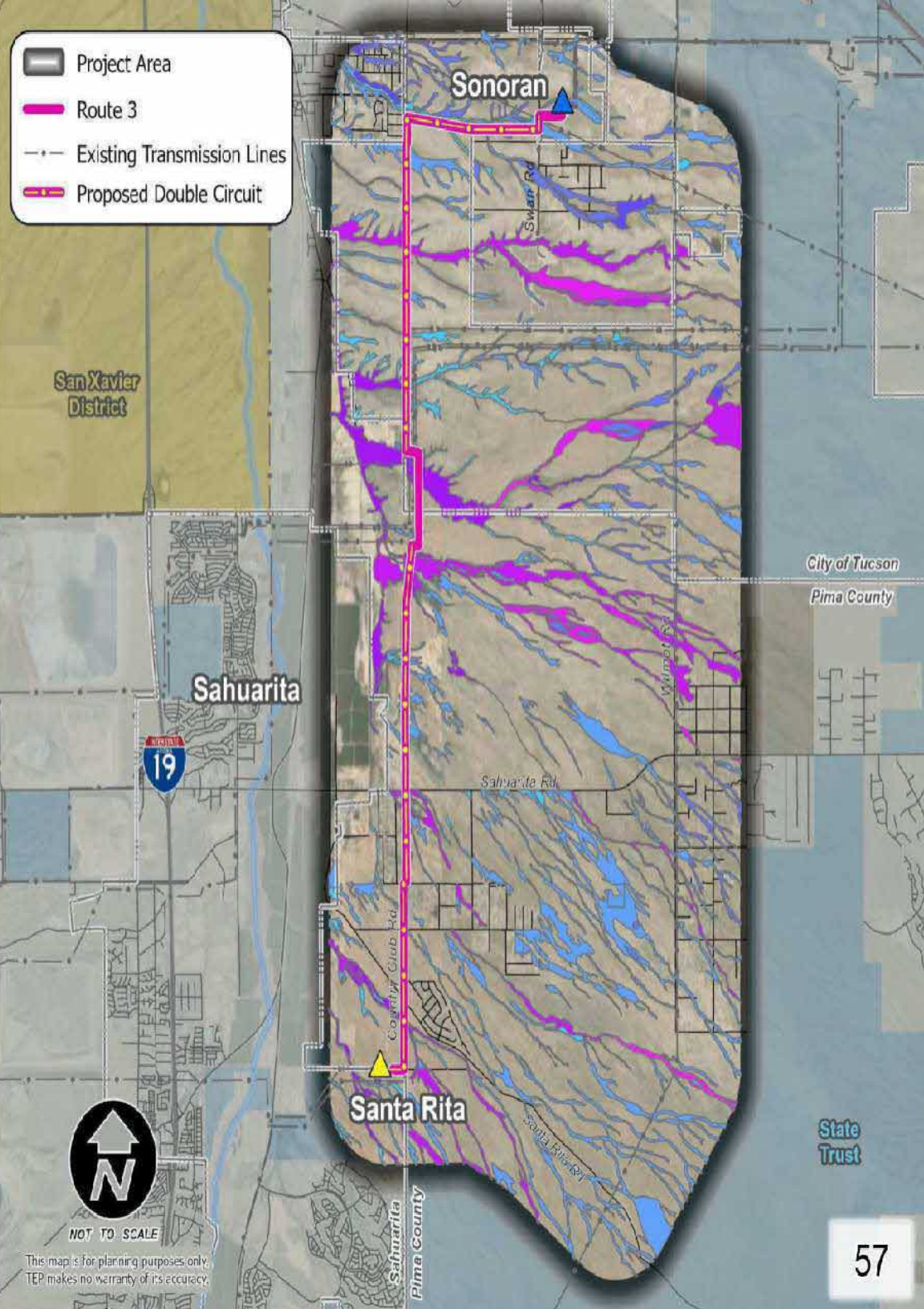


Riparian Areas

Route 3

Regulated Riparian Areas

-  A
-  B
-  C
-  D
-  H
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Scenic & Recreation

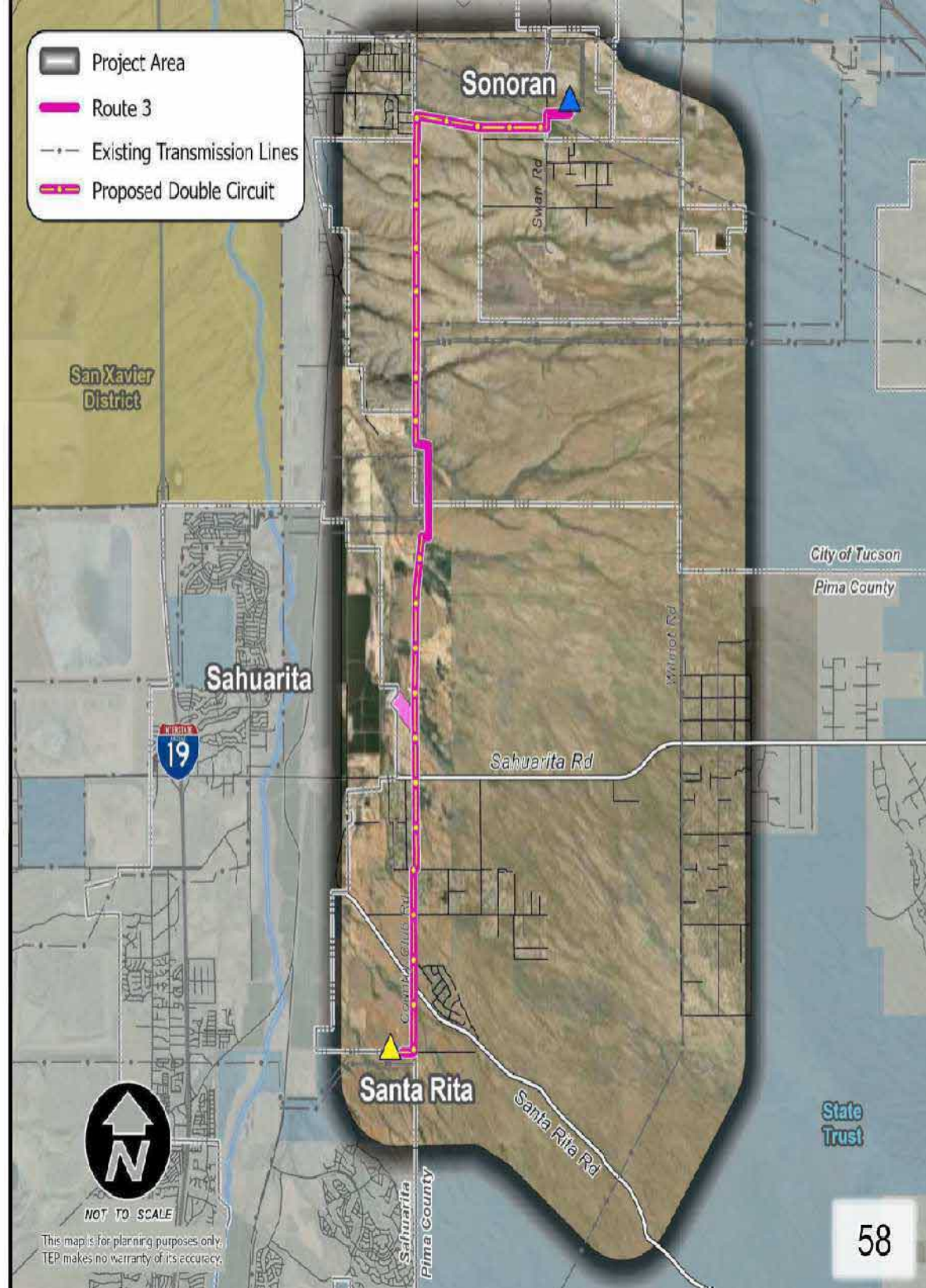
Route 3

Scenic Routes

— Pima County Scenic Routes

Recreation Facilities



■ Waldon Grove Athletic Facilities

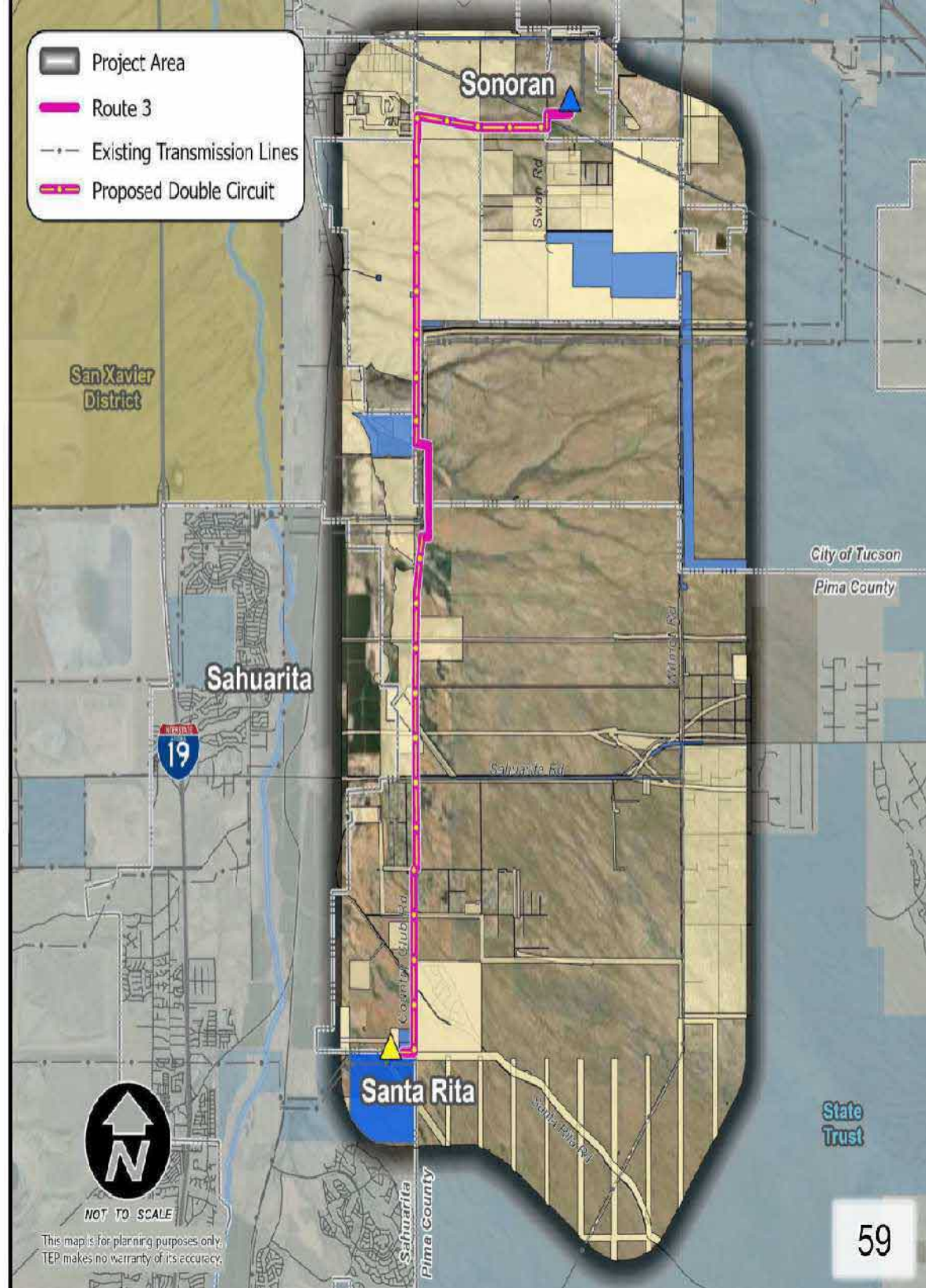


Cultural Resources

Route 3

Previous Cultural Resource Studies

-  Studies older than 10 years
-  Recent studies from last 10 years





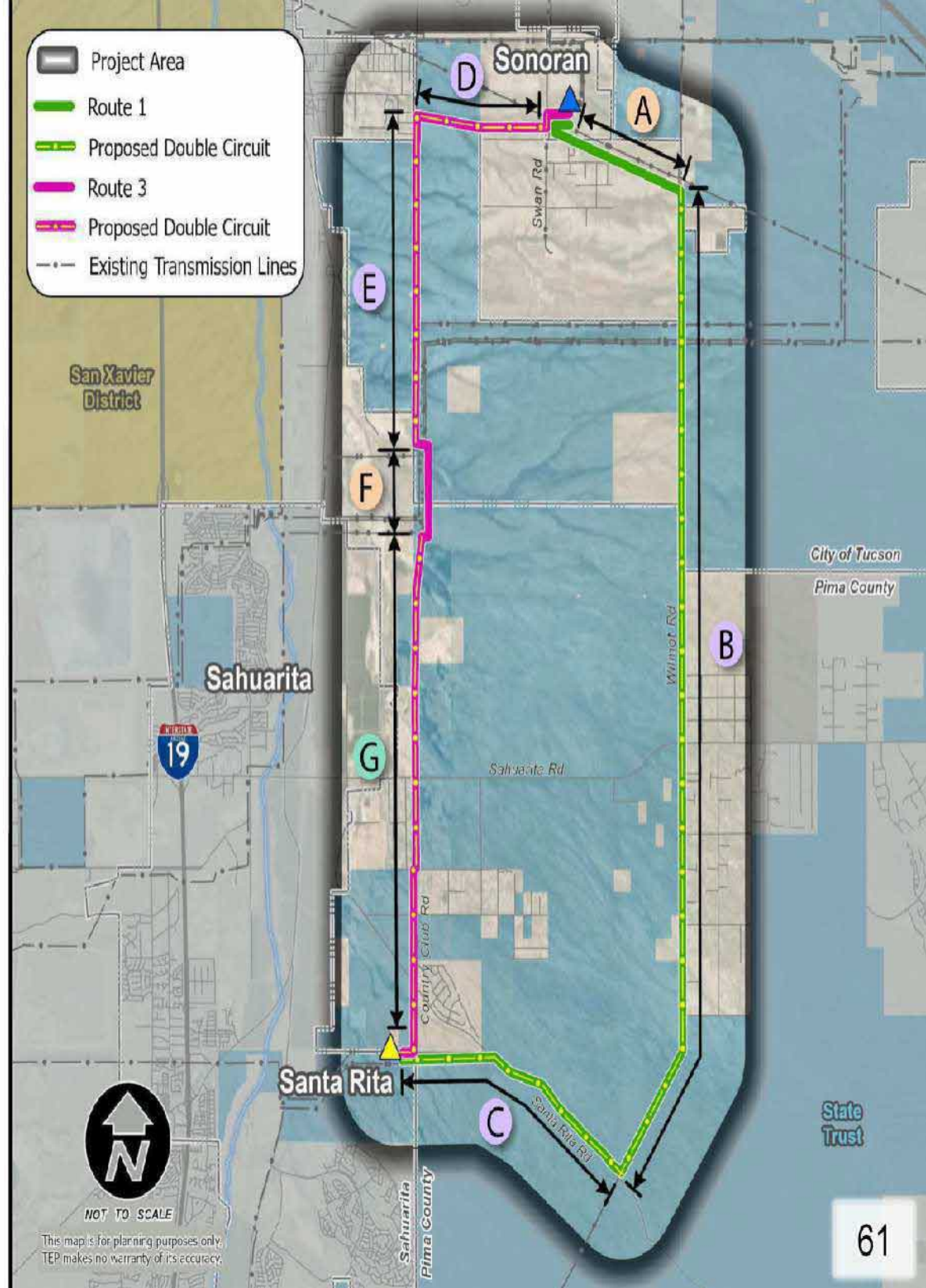
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Proposed Routes (Placemat)

Map Code	Infrastructure	Route	Notes
A	New Build	1	parallel to TEP/WAPA 230-115 kV line
B	Co-locate	1	onto Vail to Kantor 138 kV line (rebuild under Case No. 176)
C	Co-locate	1	onto Copper World 138 kV (new build under Case No. 164)
D	Co-locate	3	onto existing 46 kV line
E	Co-locate	3	onto Sonoran to South Loop 138 kV line
F	New Build	3	within Extra High Voltage corridor
G	Rebuild	3	South Loop to Green Valley 138 kV line as double-circuit

Route	Transmission Line Construction & Materials	Land Acquisition (ROW cost)	Length (miles)	Cost/Mile	Total Cost
Route 1	\$ 14,030,000	\$ 2,550,000	17.4	\$ 952,874	\$ 16,580,000
Route 3	\$ 17,450,000	\$ 570,000	13.3	\$ 1,354,887	\$ 18,020,000



Route Comparison Summary

Factor Considered	Route 1	Route 3
Land Use Suitability		
Proximity to Homes		
Biological Resources		
Scenic Resources		
Residential Visual Impact		
Cultural Resources		
Total Environment		
Constructability		
Right-of-Way		
Public/Stakeholder Feedback		
Line Length	 17.4 Miles	 13.3 Miles
Line Cost	 \$16.6 Million	 \$18 Million

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Siting, Outreach, & Engagement

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Process Overview

Phase 1: Pre-Analysis

- Conduct Field Visits
- Develop Study Area
- Identify Opportunities and Constraints
- Conduct Public and Stakeholder Outreach
- Develop Preliminary Segments

Phase 2: Data Inventory

- Conduct Research and Collect Data

Phase 3: Suitability Assessment

- Develop Suitability Models
- Conduct Suitability Assessment
- Field Review
- Refine Segments
- Public and Stakeholder Outreach

Phase 4: Compatibility Analysis

- Conduct Compatibility Analysis
- Develop Route Alternatives
- Field Review





Phase 5: Concept Evaluation

- Public and Stakeholder Outreach
- Identify Preferred Route
- Submit CEC Application
- Public Notification and Hearing

Pre-Analysis

Phase 1



-  Project Area
-  Preliminary Study Area
-  Sonoran Substation
-  Santa Rita Substation



Pre-Analysis

Phase 1

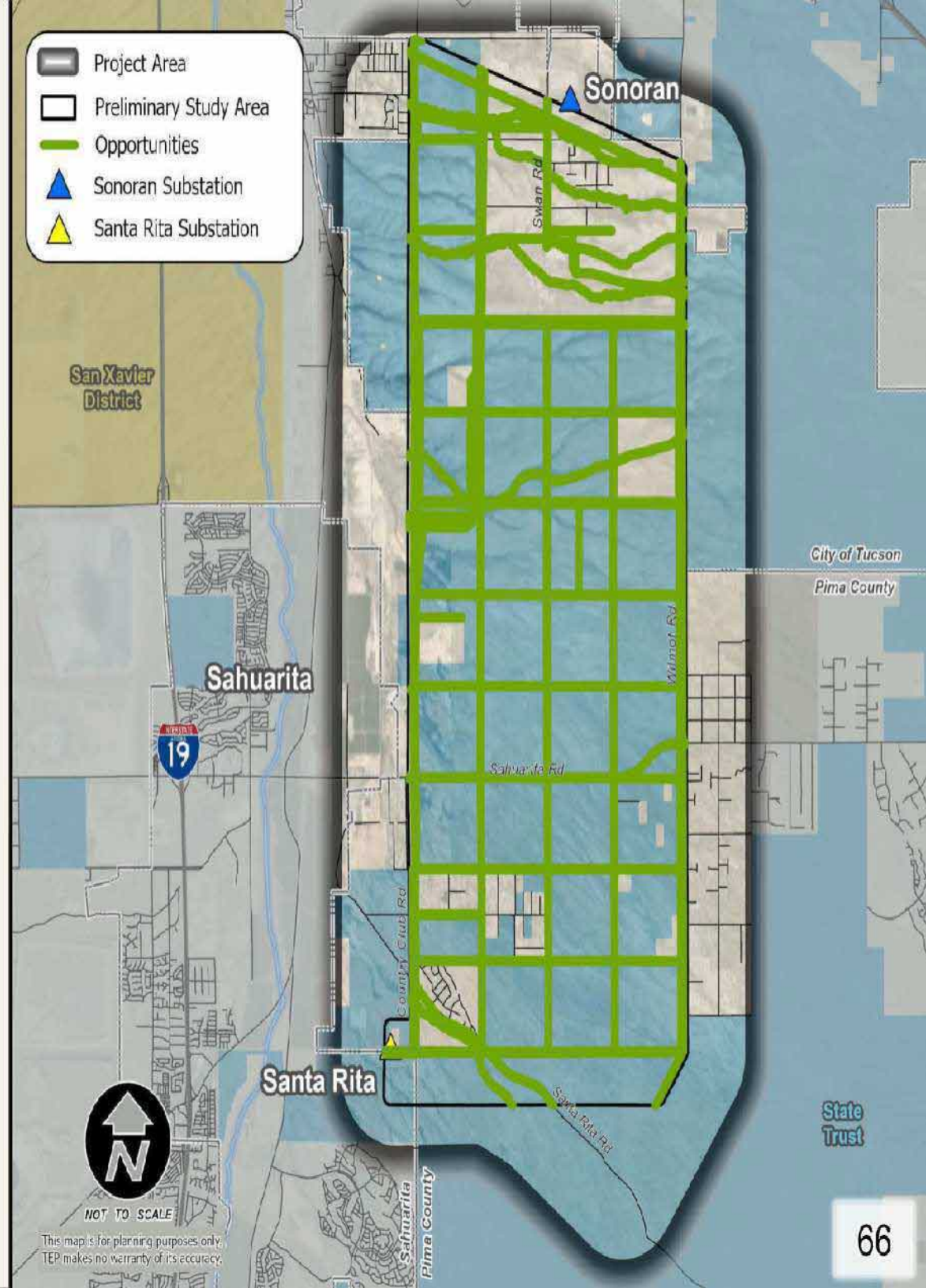
Opportunity Types

- Established linear features
 - Utility Corridors, Roads, & Washes
- Section lines
- Large property boundaries



Legend:

- Project Area
- Preliminary Study Area
- Opportunities
- Sonoran Substation
- Santa Rita Substation



Pre-Analysis

Phase 1

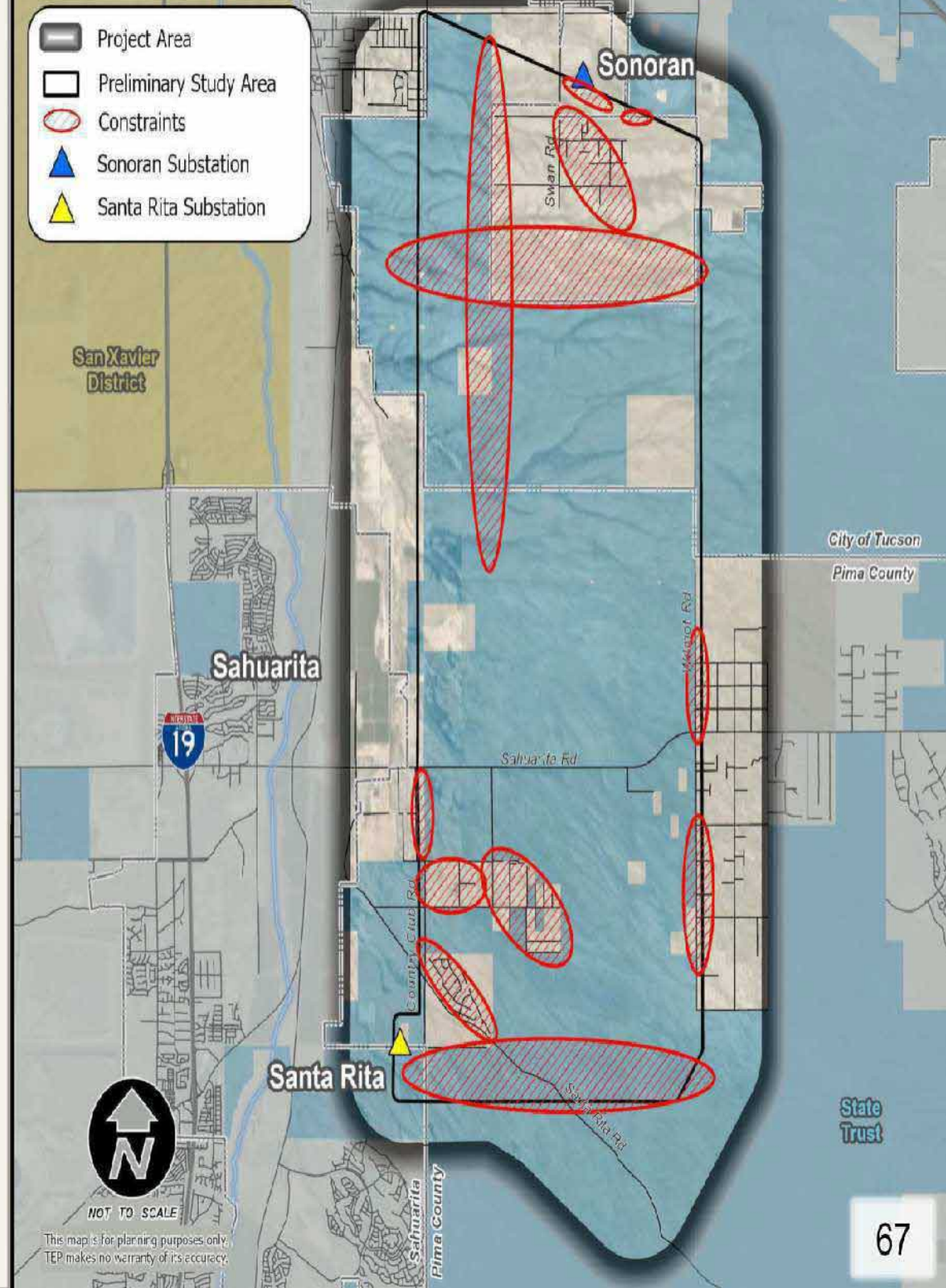
Constraint Types

- Residential Areas
- Resource Sensitive Areas
- Airport Environs
- Existing Solar Generation Sites



Legend:

- Project Area
- Preliminary Study Area
- Constraints
- Sonoran Substation
- Santa Rita Substation



Pre-Analysis

Phase 1

Preliminary Segments

- 154 Preliminary Segments



Legend:

- Project Area
- Preliminary Study Area
- Preliminary Segments
- Sonoran Substation
- Santa Rita Substation



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Phase 1: Outreach & Engagement

Objective

- Public and stakeholder feedback
 - Study Area
 - Opportunities and Constraints
 - Preliminary Segments

Notification

- Post card mailers* (2,545 recipients)
- Project Update Email Blast (1,896 recipients)
- Street signage*
- Newspaper ads*
- Social media campaigns*
- Webpage*

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Meetings

- Agency briefing – November 12, 2025
- Open House – November 13, 2025



Phase 1: Tribal Outreach & Engagement

Objective

- Written letters and follow up emails to introduce the Project to Native American tribes with ancestral affiliation to the land within the Study Area.

Notification

- Ak Chin Indian Community
- Gila River Indian Community
- Hopi Tribe
- Mescalero Apache Tribe
- Pascua Yaqui Tribe
- Pueblo of Zuni
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Tohono O'odham Nation
- Tonto Apache Tribe
- White Mountain Apache Tribe
- Yavapai-Apache Nation

Meetings

- Individual meetings held on January 9, 2026
 - Yavapai Apache Nation
 - Pascua Yaqui Tribe

Phase 1: Outcomes

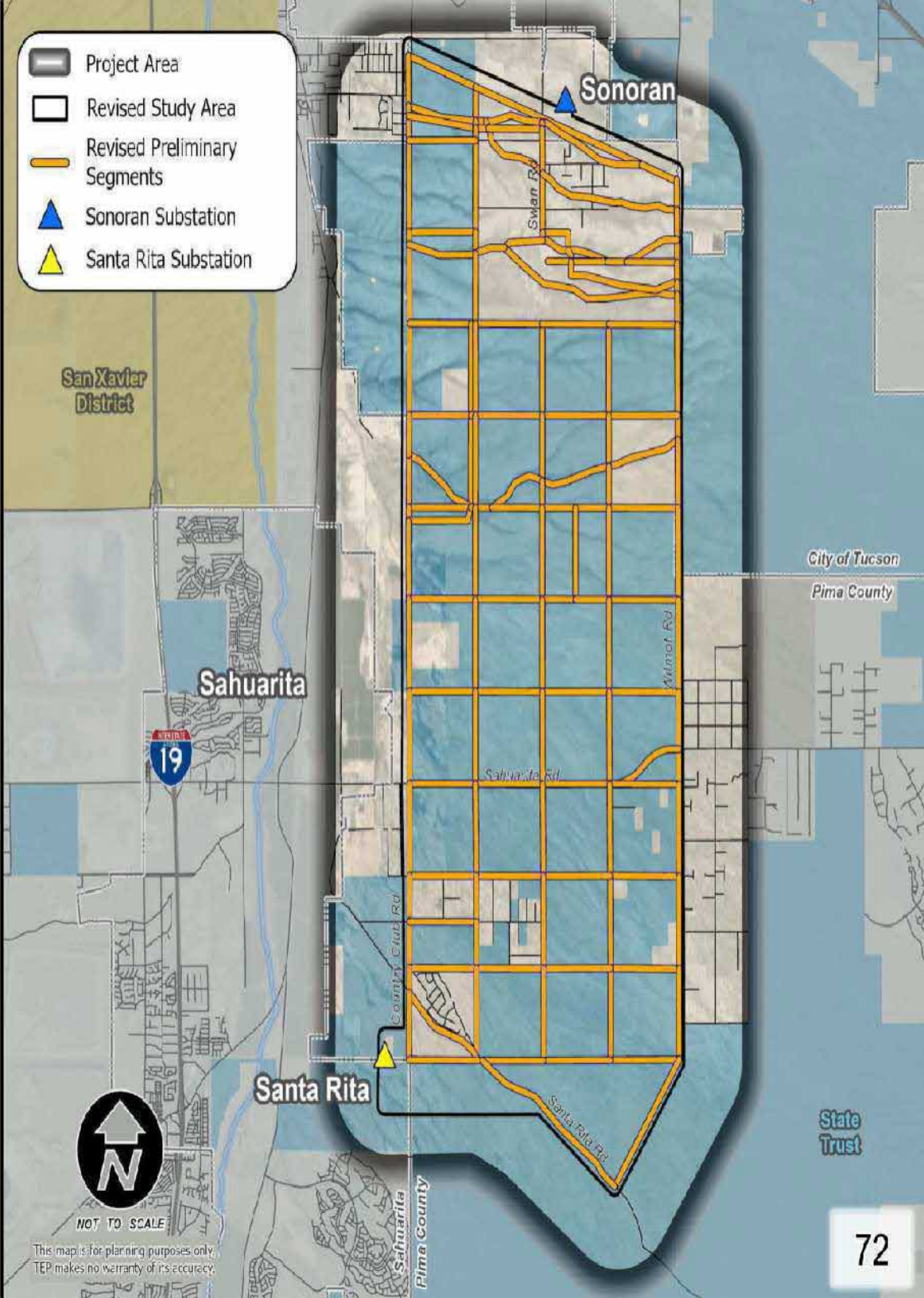
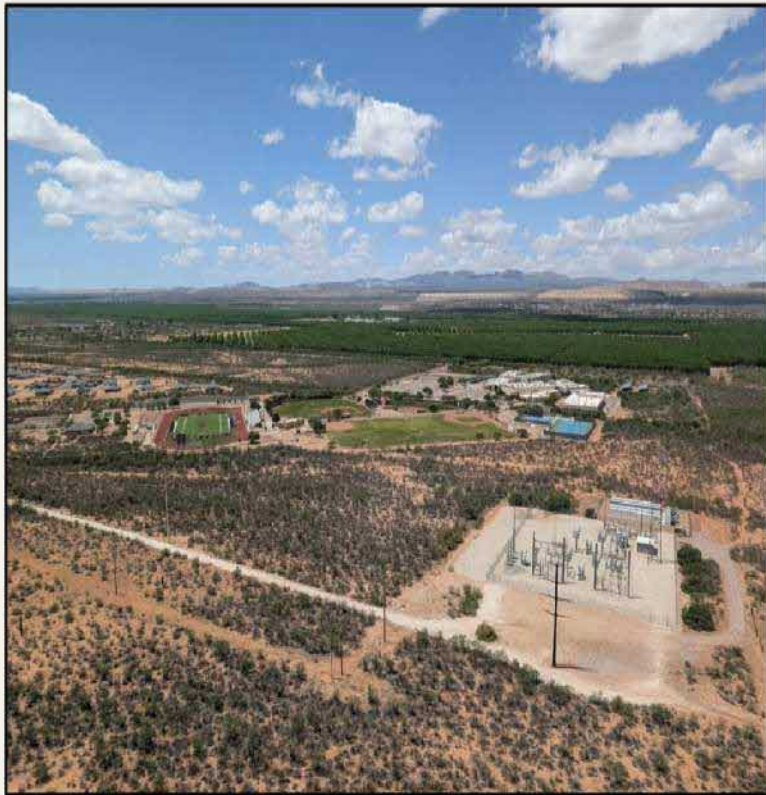
- **Agency Briefing:**
 - 19 participating Agencies
- **Open House:**
 - 13 Attendees
 - Public Comments (5)
 - Mountain views
 - Co-locate with existing facilities
 - General preference to construct line on the east side of Study Area
- **Study Area Revision**



Pre-Analysis

Phase 1

- Revised Study Area &
- Preliminary Segments
- 156 Preliminary Segments



Data Inventory

Phase 2

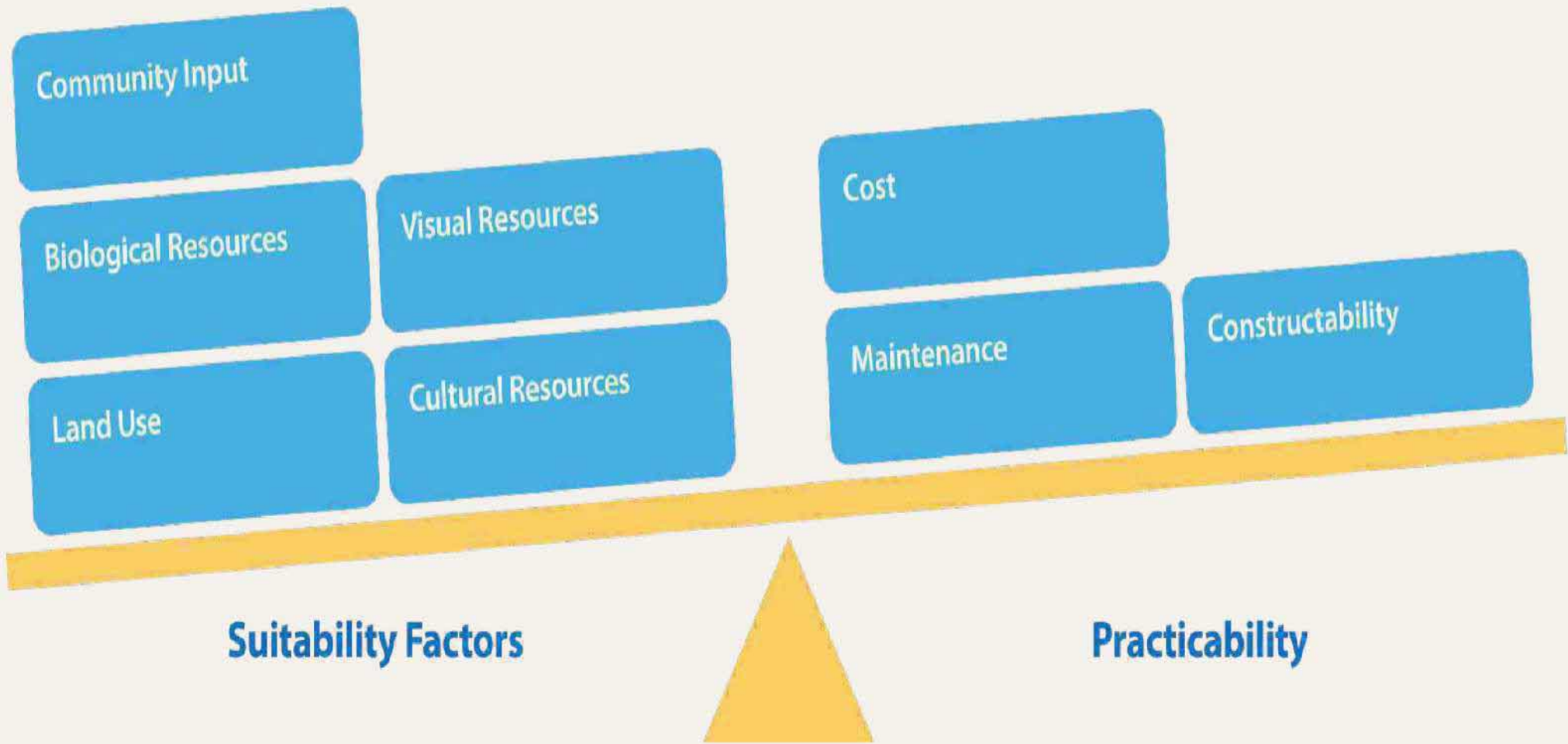
- Existing & Planned Land Uses
- Zoning
- Platted Subdivisions
- Habitat for T&E Species
- Landcover
- Floodplains
- Important Riparian Areas
- Important Bird Areas
- Wildlife Linkages
- Conservation Easements
- FCC Licensed Antennas
- Sensitive Receptors
- Scenic Integrity Management Areas
- Designated Historic Sites
- Cultural Resources
- Existing Well Sites
- Geology and Soils
- Digital Elevation Models (DEM)
- FAA Airspace Height Limitations



Suitability Assessment

Project Route Development & Evaluation

Phase 3



Suitability Assessment

Project Route Development & Evaluation

Phase 3

Criteria Models

- Existing Plans
- Biological Resources
- Noise and Communication
- Cultural and Historic Resources
- Visual Resources
- Total Environment
- Existing and Future Residential
- Wildfire Risk
- Engineer, Construction and Maintenance

Composite Models

- Balanced Compatability Model
- Environmentally Preferred Model
- Construction & Maintenance Preferred Model
- Public Stakeholder & Agency Preferred Model

Suitability Assessment

- Highest Suitability Path
- Apply Constraints
- Visual Comparison

Field Verification

- Ground Truthing

Refined Segments

- Eliminate Less Suitable Segments
- Carried Forward for Further Evaluation



Criteria 1.
Biological
Resources



Criteria 2.
Noise &
Communication



Criteria 3.
Total
Environment



Criteria 4.
Existing & Future
Residential



Criteria 5.
Cultural
Resources

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Criteria 6.
Scenic & Visual
Resources



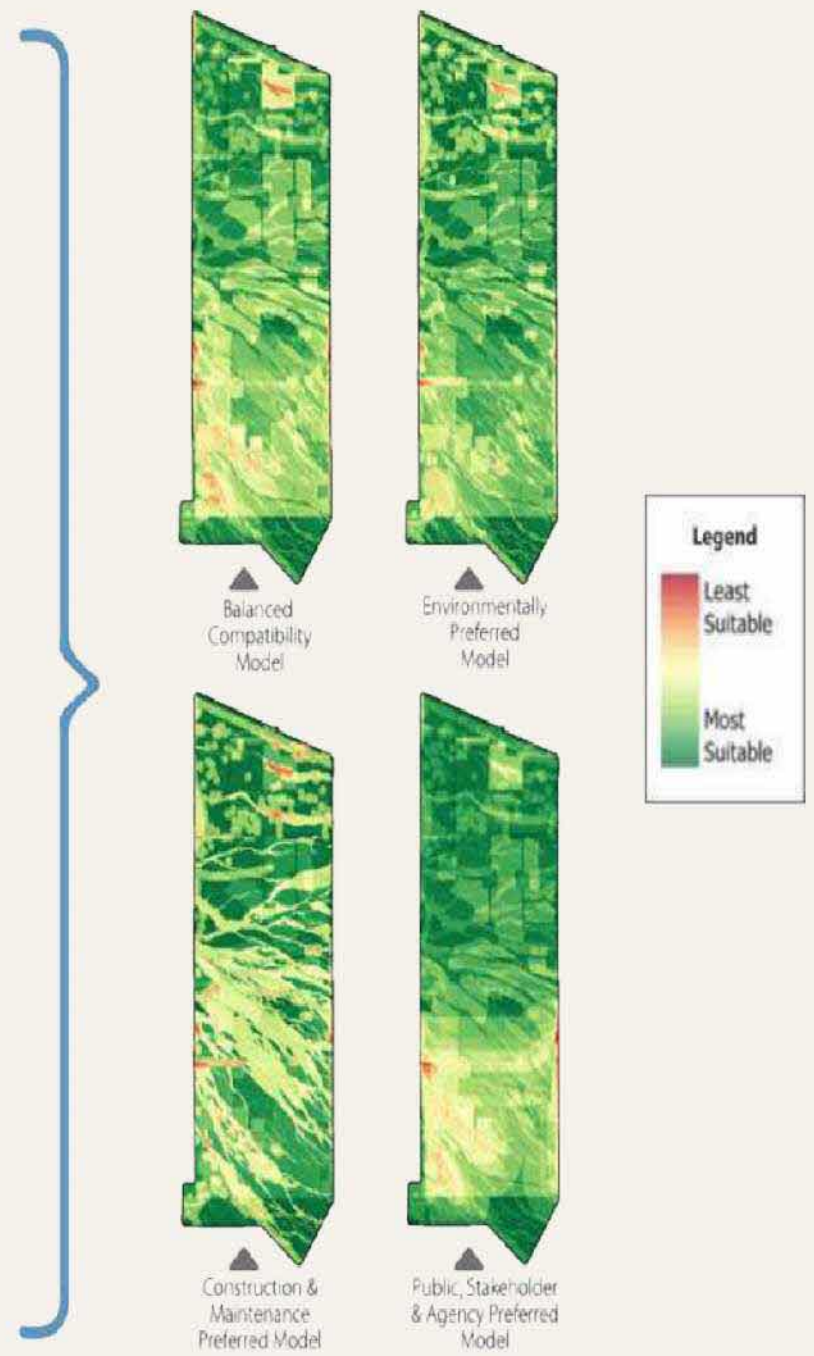
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Construction &
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Criteria 8.
Existing
Plans



- Criteria 1: Biological Resources
- Criteria 2: Noise & Communication
- Criteria 3: Total Environment
- Criteria 4: Existing & Future Residential
- Criteria 5: Cultural Resources
- Criteria 6: Scenic & Visual Resources
- Criteria 7: Construction & Maintenance
- Criteria 8: Existing Plans



Suitability Assessment

Phase 3

Refined Segments

- 75 Refined Segments
- 79 Preliminary Segments Eliminated



Legend:

- Project Area
- Revised Study Area
- Refined Segments
- Preliminary Segments Eliminated
- Sonoran Substation
- Santa Rita Substation



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Phase 3: Outreach & Engagement

Objective

- Public and stakeholder feedback
- Suitability Assessment
- Refined Segments
- Preliminary Segments

Notification

- Post card mailers*
(2,921 recipients)
- Project Update Email Blast
(1,854 recipients)
- Webpage*

Meetings

- Agency briefing – February 2, 2026

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Phase 3: Outcomes

- **Agency Briefing:**
 - 19 participating Agencies
- **Individual Agency Meetings**
 - Arizona State Land Department
 - Tucson Airport Authority
 - Town of Sahuarita –
Community and Development

YouTube Search

Planning & Siting Process Flowchart

Phase 1: Pre-Analysis	Phase 2: Data Inventory	Phase 3: ★ Suitability Assessment	Phase 4: Compatibility Analysis	Phase 5: Concept Evaluation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct Field Visits• Develop Study Area• Identify Opportunities and Constraints• Conduct Public and Stakeholder Outreach• Develop Preliminary Segments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct Research and Collect Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop Suitability Models• Conduct Suitability Assessment• Field Review• Refine Segments• Public and Stakeholder Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct Compatibility Analysis• Develop Route Alternatives• Field Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public and Stakeholder Outreach• Identify Preferred Route• Submit CEC Application• Public Notification and Hearing

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Public Input

- Proximity to Residential Areas
- Impacts on Mountain Views from Residential Areas
- "Recreational areas" and Open Space
- Co-location with Existing Utility Corridors



Public input



Wildlife & plants



Existing & planned land use



Overall environment



Noise emission levels & interference with communication signals



Historic & cultural sites



Scenic vistas



Current or potential recreation areas



Engineering & construction feasibility



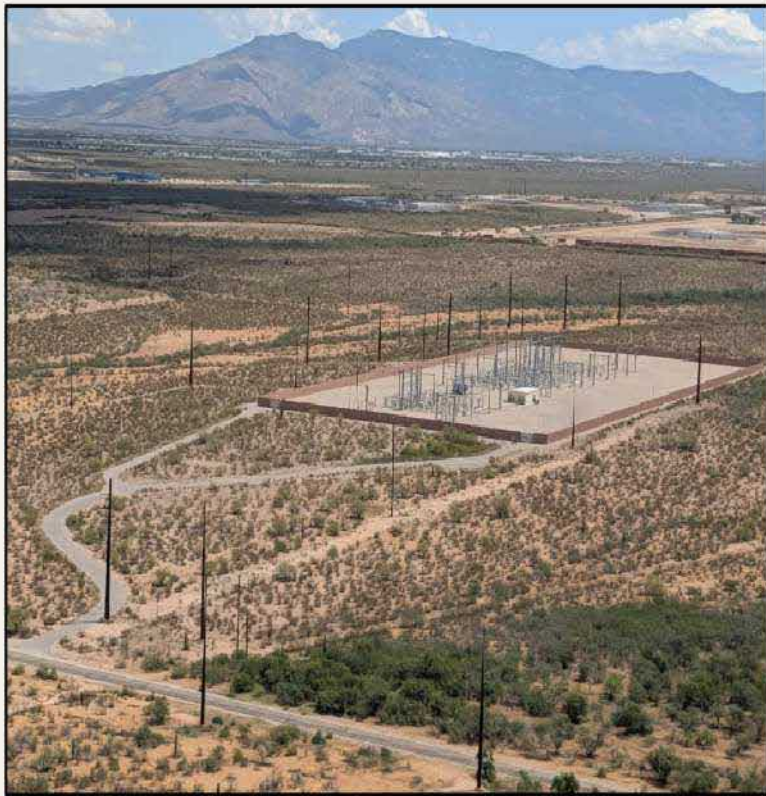
Project costs & potential impact on customer rates

Compatibility Analysis

Phase 4

Alternative Route Selection

- 4 Alternative Routes
- 19 Refined Segments Eliminated



Phase 4: Tribal Outreach & Engagement

Objective

- Written letters dated February 19 and follow up emails with a status update on the project and offering individual briefings.

Notification

- Ak Chin Indian Community
- Gila River Indian Community
- Hopi Tribe
- Mescalero Apache Tribe
- Pascua Yaqui Tribe
- Pueblo of Zuni
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Tohono O'odham Nation
- Tonto Apache Tribe
- White Mountain Apache Tribe
- Yavapai-Apache Nation

Meetings

- No individual project briefings were requested.

Phase 5: Outreach & Engagement

Objective

- Public and stakeholder feedback
- Compatibility Analysis
- Alternative Routes

Notification

- Post card mailers* (2,921 recipients)
- Project Update Email Blast (1,850 recipients)
- Street signage
- Newspaper ads*
- Social media campaigns*
- Webpage*

Meetings

- Agency briefing – March 3, 2026
- Open House – March 4, 2026



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Phase 5: Tribal Outreach & Engagement

Objective

- Emails were sent informing the tribes that the application for a CEC was submitted on April 17, 2026.
- Provided a link to download the Class I Cultural Resources Report.

Notification

- Ak Chin Indian Community
- Gila River Indian Community
- Hopi Tribe
- Mescalero Apache Tribe
- Pascua Yaqui Tribe
- Pueblo of Zuni
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Tohono O'odham Nation
- Tonto Apache Tribe
- White Mountain Apache Tribe
- Yavapai-Apache Nation

Meetings

- Four Southern Tribes Cultural Resources Working Group
March 20, 2026
- Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Gila River Indian Community
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Tohono O'odham Nation

Phase 5: Outcomes

- **Agency Briefing:**
 - 19 participating Agencies
- **Open House:**
 - 55 Attendees
 - Public Comments (20)
 - Preference for Route 1 (14)
 - Preference for Route 3/3A (2)
 - Opposition to Route 2 (1)
 - Support for the project as a whole
- **Tribal Input**
 - 2 Letters of No Effect
 - No requests for individual meetings



Concept Evaluation

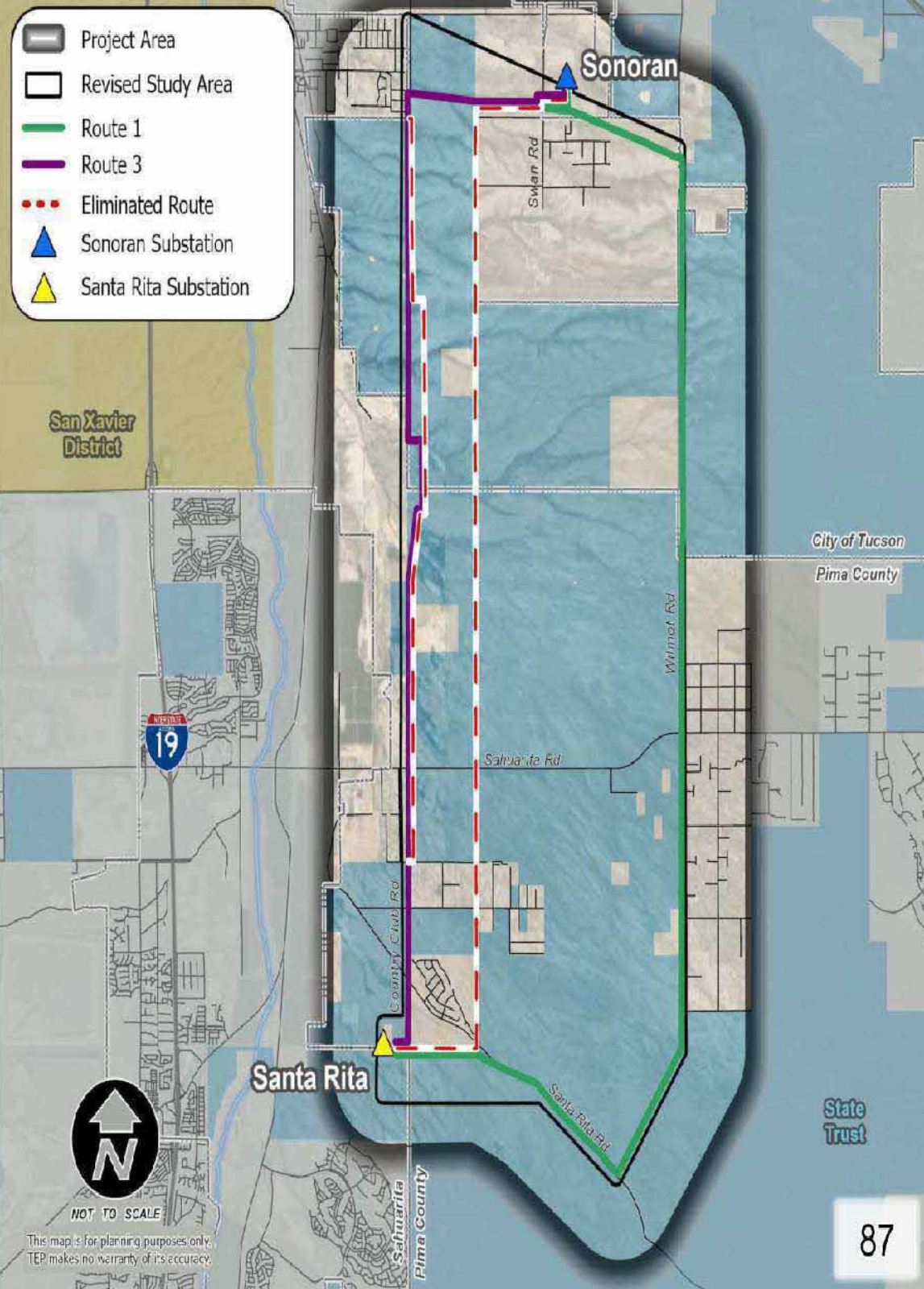
Phase 5

Route 1

- Lowest Cost
- Highest overall environmental compatibility
- Public Support

Route 3

- Primarily co-located on existing facilities
- Shortest distance



Proposed Routes

Route 1
Length - 17.4 miles
Cost - \$16.5 Million
Land Ownership
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Trust 60.5% • Private - 39.5%
Jurisdictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tucson - 21.6% • Pima County - 77% • Sahuarita - 1.4%

Route 3
Length - 13.3 miles
Cost - \$18 Million
Land Ownership
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Trust - 86.3% • Private - 13.7%
Jurisdictions
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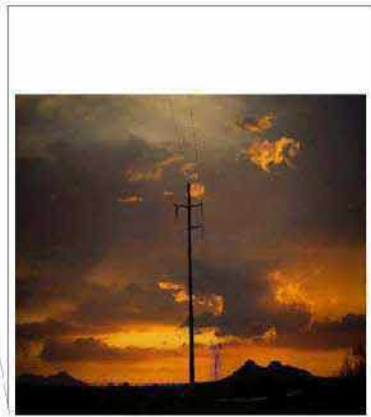
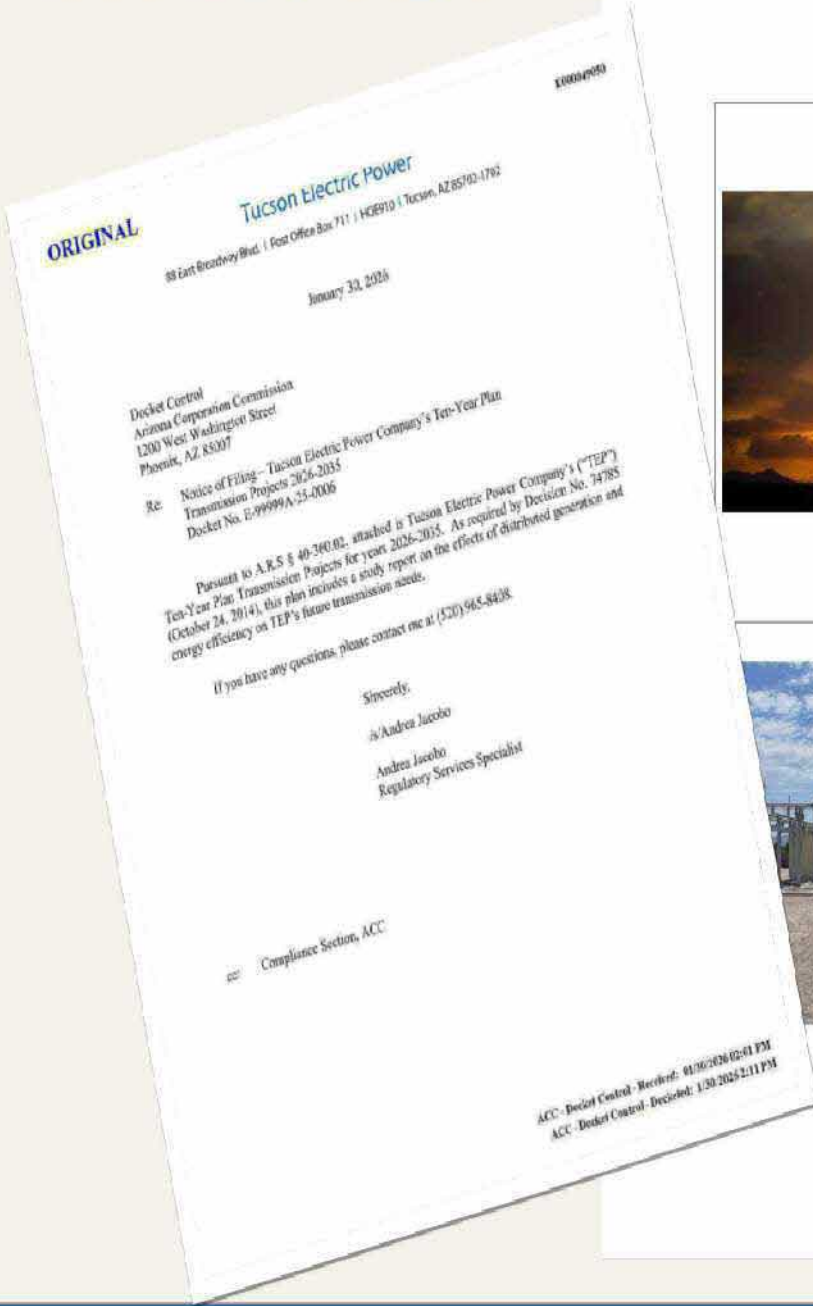
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Legal Requirements

Ten-Year Plan

Exhibit TEP-9



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TEN YEAR PLAN

TRANSMISSION PROJECTS FOR YEARS 2026-2035

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DOCKET
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Tucson Electric Power		TRANSMISSION PROJECTS TEN YEAR PLAN
Project Designation:		
Sonoran - Santa Rita 138-kV Transmission Line		
Facility Parameters:		
a) Voltage:	138-kV	
b) Capacity:	System dependent	
c) Point of Origin:	Sonoran 138-kV Substation	
d) Intermediate Point:	N/A	
e) Point of Termination:	Planned Santa Rita 138-kV Substation	
f) Length:	Approximately 16 miles	
Routing:	TBD	
Purpose:	New 138-kV transmission line connecting the Tucson load pocket south to the Sabuana area. This will provide additional redundancy serving the area south of Tucson to accommodate load growth.	
Date:		
a) Construction Start:	2028	
b) In-Service Date:	2029	
Is Certificate Necessary:		
Technical Studies:	Yes	Annual TEP Planning Studies.

TEP Ten Year Plan 2026-2035

Notice of Hearing

Exhibit TEP-10A

ORIGINAL

BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE

Case No. L-00000C-26-0125-00261

Case No. 261

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF A.R.S. § 40-360, ET SEQ. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE 138 KILOVOLT (KV) SANTA RITA CONNECTION TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT, WHICH INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 138 KV TRANSMISSION LINE ORIGINATING AT THE EXISTING SONORAN SUBSTATION (SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 16 S, RANGE 14 E) AND TERMINATING AT THE PLANNED SANTA RITA SUBSTATION (SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 17 S, RANGE 14 E), EACH LOCATED WITHIN PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA.

NOTICE OF HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee ("Committee") regarding the Application of Tucson Electric Power Company ("TEP" or "Applicant") for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility ("CEC") authorizing construction of the Santa Rita Connection Transmission Line Project ("Project").

The Project will involve the construction of a new, approximately 13.4 mile, 138 kilovolt ("KV") transmission line in Pima County, Arizona from the existing Santa Rita Substation to the planned Santa Rita Substation. A map of the Project is attached as **Exhibit A**.

The hearing will be held at the Desert Diamond Casino Conference Center, 5 Nogales Hwy, Tucson, Arizona 85756. The hearing will begin on **Friday, April 17, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.**, and will continue as necessary through Friday, April 18, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m. each day at the same location until the hearing is completed. If any revisions to the hearing schedule are required, they will be posted on the Project webpage at: <https://www.tep.com/santa-rita-connection/>.

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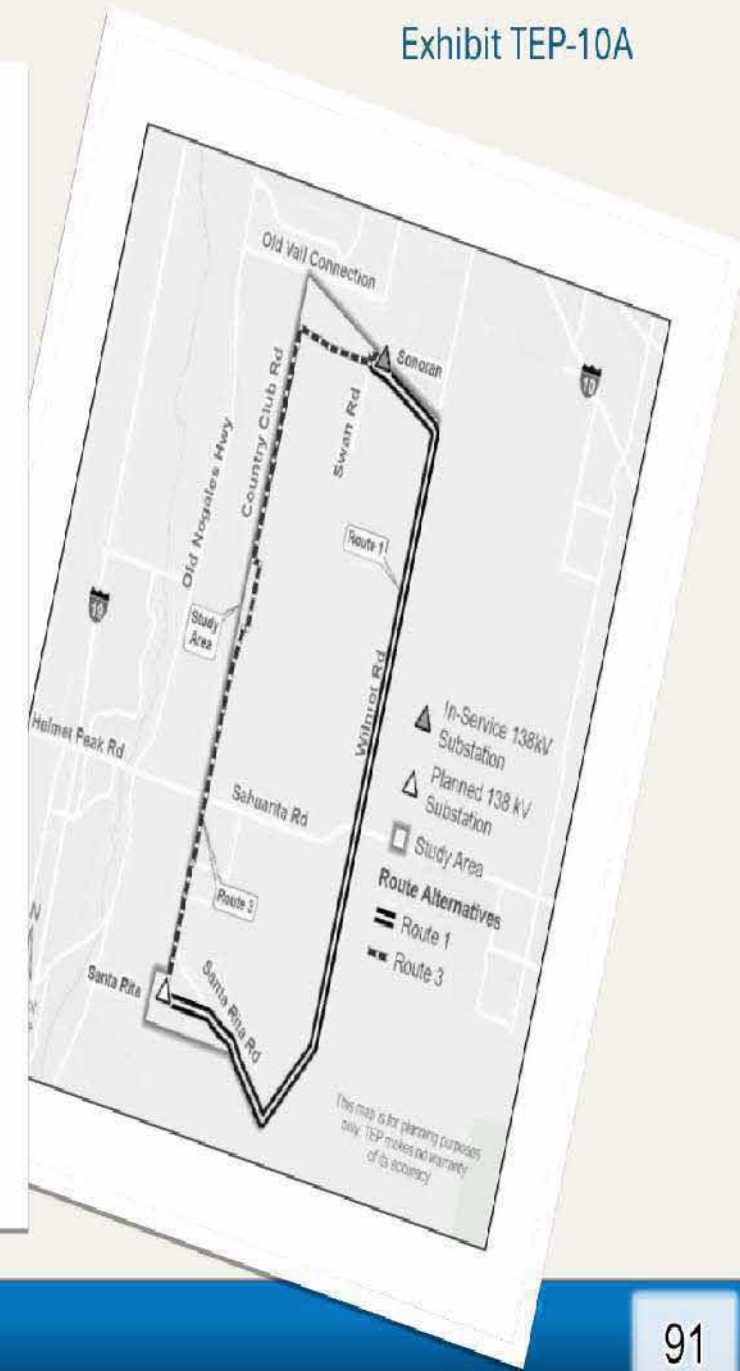
1 AZ 85007, and the Chairman of the Committee at 2005 North Central Avenue, Phoenix,
2 AZ 85004, not less than five (5) days before the date set for the hearing. A person making
3 a limited appearance will not be a party or have the right to present testimony or cross-
4 examine witnesses.

5 This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") §§ 40-360 to
6 40-360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code R14-3-201 to R14-3-220. No substantive
7 communication, not in the public record, may be made to any member of the Committee.
8 The written decision of the Committee will be submitted to the Commission pursuant to
9 A.R.S. § 40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party to the proceeding on the matter
10 before the Commission must be a party to the proceeding before the Committee.

11 ORDERED this 17th day of April, 2026.

12 

13 Adam Stafford, Chairman
14 Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee
15 Assistant Attorney General



Arizona Daily Star – Notice of Hearing

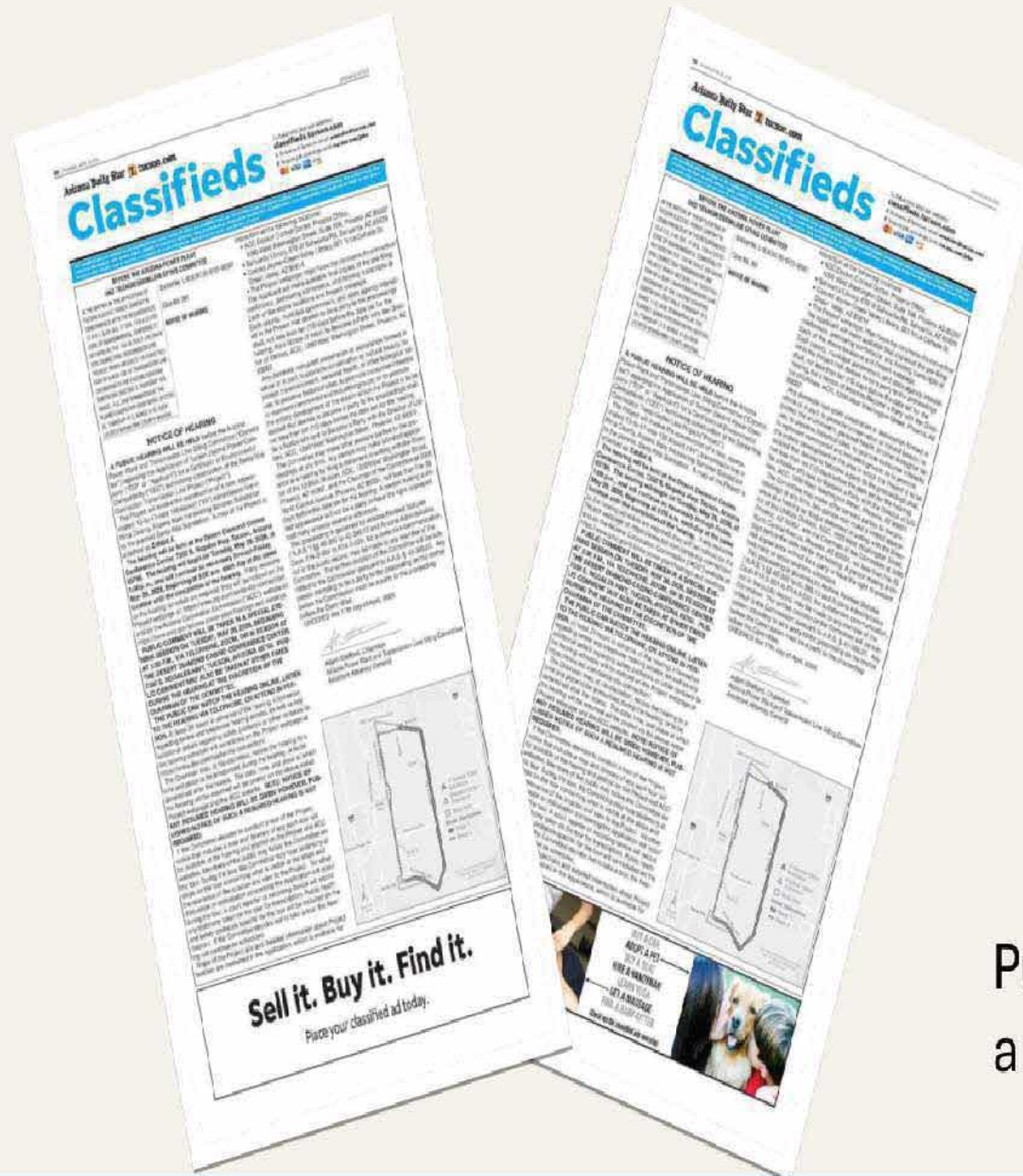


Exhibit TEP-10B

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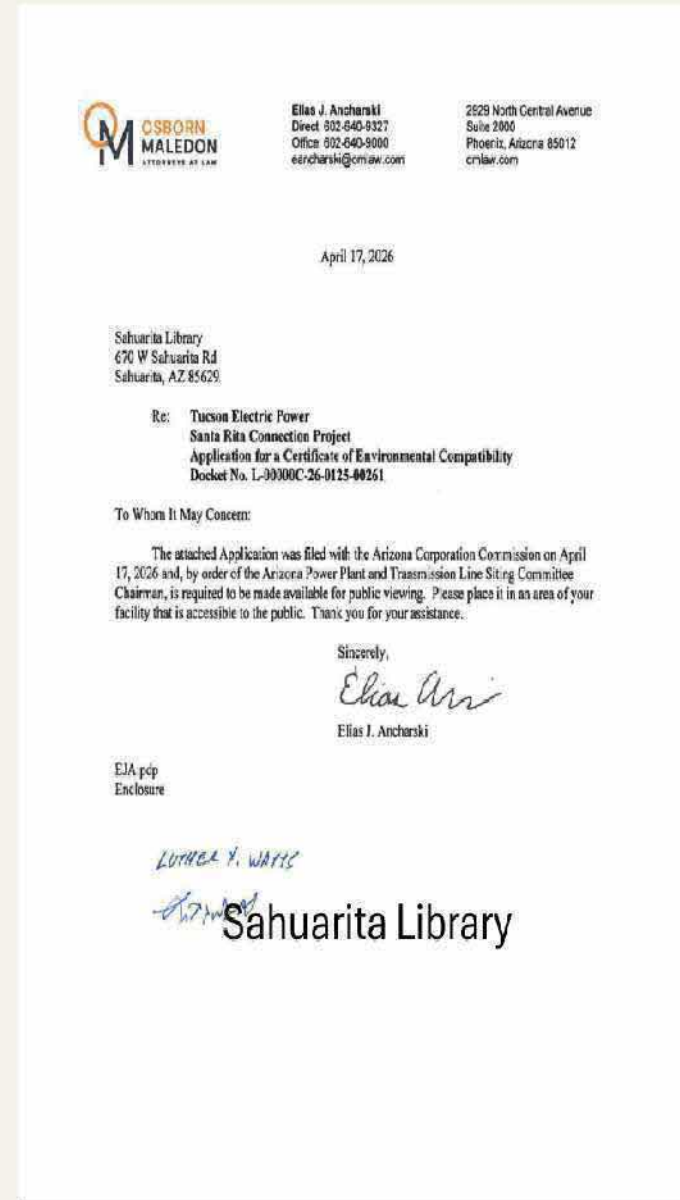
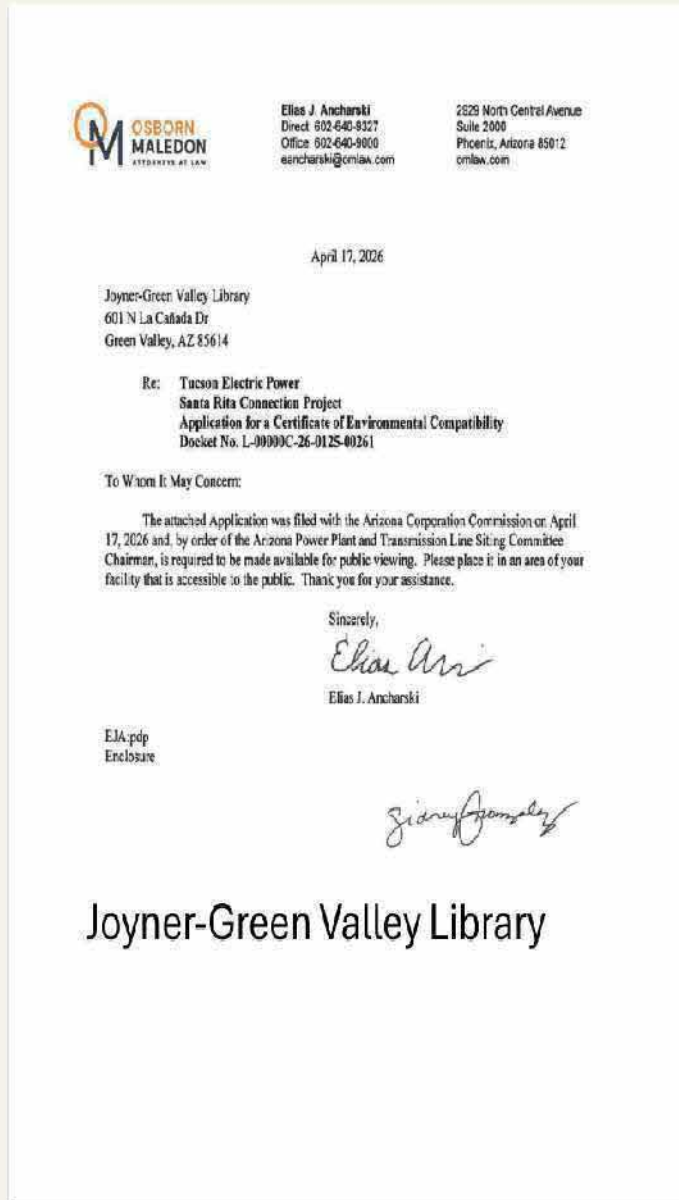



Exhibit TEP-10C

Hearing Signage



Posted May 6, 2026

Exhibits TEP-10D, TEP-10E, and TEP-10F



Tucson Electric Power


NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Santa Rita Connection


Tucson Electric Power invites the public to an upcoming hearing before the Arizona Power Plant & Transmission Line Siting Committee

Date	Time	Location
May 26, 2026	1PM - 5PM	Desert Diamond Casino Conference Center
May 27-29, 2026	9AM - 5PM	7350 S Nogales Hwy

In-person or virtual public comments can be made Tuesday, May 26, beginning at 5:30 p.m.



For information on commenting virtually, please visit:
tep.com/santa-rita-connection or call 520-770-7520



Arizona Corporation Commission Docket Number: L-00000C-26-0125-00261

Notice to Affected Jurisdiction



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April 24, 2026

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT

Arizona State Land Department
Attn: Robyn Sabid, Commissioner
1110 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85037

Re: **Tucson Electric Power Company - Santa Rita
Application for a Certificate of Environmental
Docket No. L-00000C-26-0125-00261
Notice of Hearing**

To Whom It May Concern:

The attached Notice of Hearing was filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission on April 22, 2026. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.04, the Arizona State Land Department has been identified as an affected area of jurisdiction. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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April 24, 2026

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT

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Attn: Melissa Matinez, Clerk
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Tucson, AZ 85701

Re: **Tucson Electric Power Company - Santa Rita Connection
Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility
Docket No. L-00000C-26-0125-00261
Notice of Hearing**

To Whom It May Concern:

The attached Notice of Hearing was filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission on April 22, 2026. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.04, Pima County has been identified as an affected area of jurisdiction. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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April 24, 2026

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT

City of Tucson
Marisa Stoller, City Clerk
City Hall
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Tucson, AZ 85701

Re: **Tucson Electric Power Company - Santa Rita Connection Project
Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility
Docket No. L-00000C-26-0125-00261
Notice of Hearing**

To Whom It May Concern:

The attached Notice of Hearing was filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission on April 22, 2026. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.04, the City of Tucson has been identified as an affected area of jurisdiction. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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April 24, 2026

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT

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Town Clerk
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Sahuarita, AZ 85625

Re: **Tucson Electric Power Company - Santa Rita Connection Project
Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility
Docket No. L-00000C-26-0125-00261
Notice of Hearing**

To Whom It May Concern:

The attached Notice of Hearing was filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission on April 22, 2026. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.04, the Town of Sahuarita has been identified as an affected area of jurisdiction. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Meghan H. Grabel

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Enclosure

Exhibit TEP-10G

Filing Fee

ORIGINAL E00050873



AZ Power Plant & Transmission Line Siting
 8th Avenue West
 1529 P. Washington Street
 Phoenix, AZ 85007

Sales Receipt

Date	Sale No.
4/16/2026	#6261

Site To
OSBORN MALLARD, P.A. 40 BOX 4375 2925N CENTRAL AVE, SUITE 200 PHOENIX, AZ 85007

Credit No.	Payment Method
12345	Check

Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
OSBORN MALLARD, P.A. LINE SITING DEPOSIT	1	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total			\$1,000.00

If there is a payment remaining on this receipt

ACC - Docket Control - Received: 04/20/2026 08:50 AM
 ACC - Docket Control - Docketed: 4/20/2026 8:50 AM

Exhibit TEP-11

Mailed Notification

Additional Notice of Hearing

2,923 Total Postcards Mailed

- Landowners
- Businesses
- Homeowners Associations
- Current Residents
- Occupants



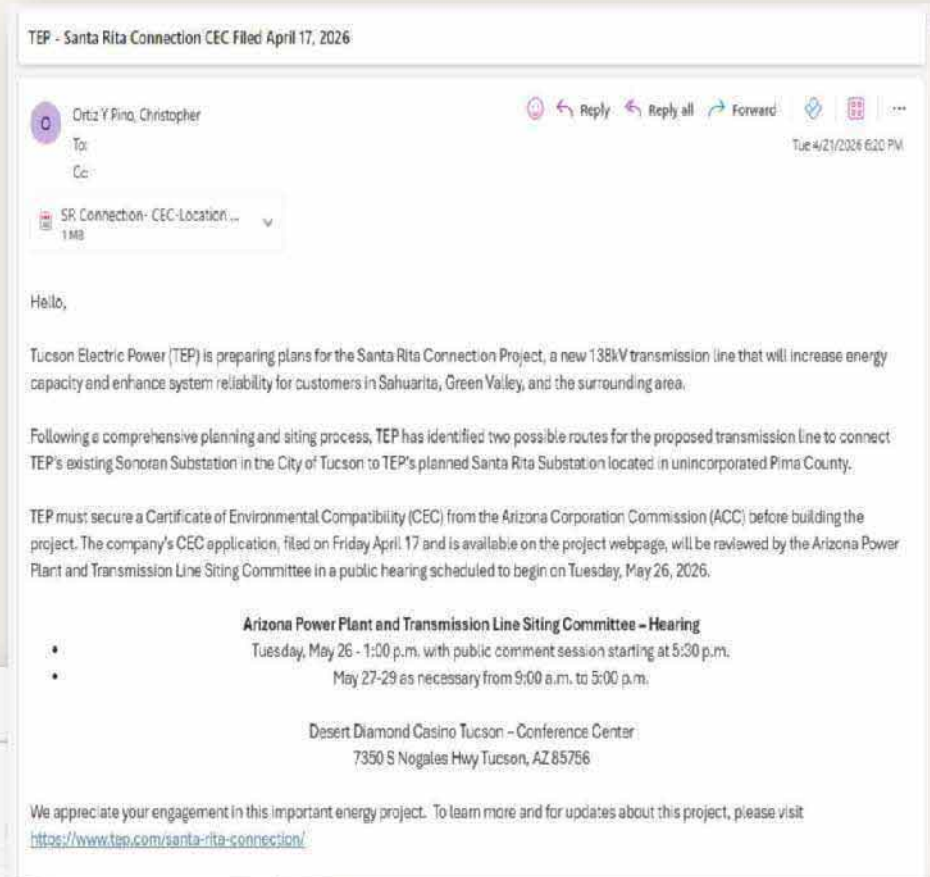
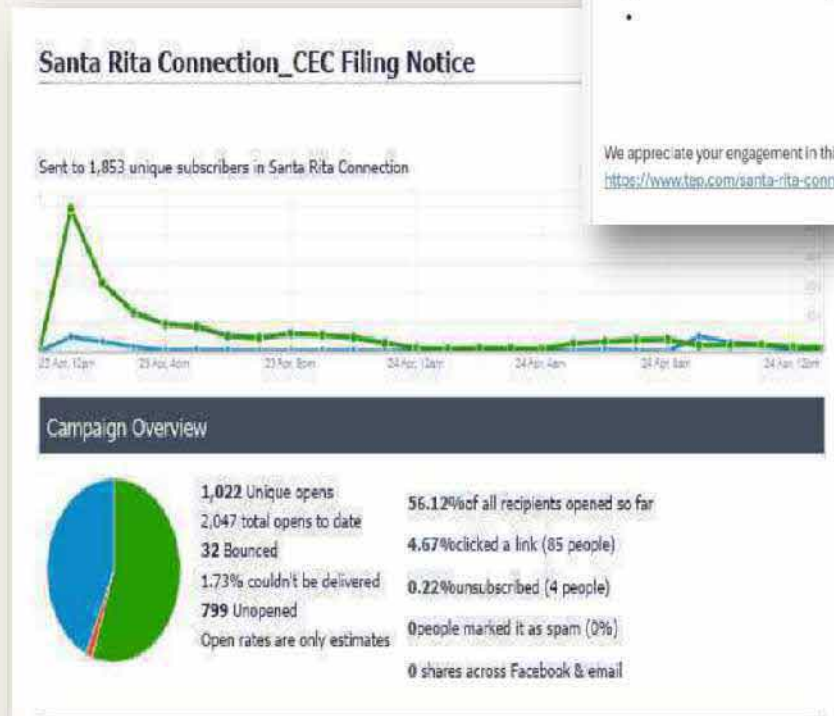
Notice Mailed May 12, 2026

Email Notification

Additional Notice of Hearing

1,924 Emails Sent,

- 1,821 TEP Customers and Members of the Public
- 64 Agency Representatives
- 22 Elected Officials
- 17 Tribal Members



Social Media

Additional Notice of Hearing

Ad Campaign Analytics

Active on Facebook and Instagram
in English and Spanish
from April 27 - May 27, 2026
As of May 12, 2026:

Impressions
139,974

Total Views

Reach
44,000

Individual Users

Clicks
325

Link to Project Webpage

Click-Through Rate (CTR)
23%

Percentage of people who clicked



Webpage

Additional Notice of Hearing

El 17 de abril de 2026, TEP presentó una solicitud ante la Comisión de Corporaciones de Arizona (Arizona Corporation Commission, ACC) para obtener un Certificado de Compatibilidad Ambiental (Certificate of Environmental Compatibility, CEC). En el CEC se detallan dos posibles rutas para la construcción de una línea de transmisión. Estas rutas se pueden ver a continuación o en nuestro [mapa interactivo](#). El Comité de Emplazamiento de Centrales Eléctricas y Líneas de Transmisión de Arizona considerará la solicitud de TEP en una próxima audiencia, que estará abierta al público.

Si tiene preguntas sobre el proyecto, envíe un correo electrónico a SantaRitaConnection@tep.com o llame al 520-770-7520.

Audiencia sobre el Certificado de Compatibilidad Ambiental

A partir del 26 de mayo de 2026, una audiencia pública ante el Comité de Emplazamiento de Centrales Eléctricas y Líneas de Transmisión de Arizona comenzará el lunes, 26 de mayo, en Desert Diamond Casino - Tucson, 7350 S Nogales Hwy, Tucson, Arizona. Los comentarios del público se tomarán en persona y virtualmente durante una sesión especial nocturna el 26 de mayo a partir de las 5:30 p.m.

El horario de la Audiencia Pública:

- **Martes, 26 de Mayo:** Comenzando a las 1:00 p.m. Una sesión de comentario pública a las 5:00 p.m.
- **27-29 de Mayo:** Como necesario desde las 9:00 a.m. a las 5:00 p.m.

Se pueden consultar copias impresas de la solicitud en:

- La biblioteca de Sahuarita, 670 W. Sahuarita Rd., Sahuarita, AZ 85629
- La biblioteca Conrad Joyner-Green Valley, 601 La Cañada Dr., Green Valley, AZ 85614

La Solicitud del Certificado de Compatibilidad Ambiental

- [Solicitud de Certificado de Compatibilidad Ambiental](#) 294 mb
- [Aviso de Audiencia Pública](#)

Pre-Conferencia de Presentación

- [Transmisión](#)
- [Documentos adjuntos](#)

On April 17, 2026, TEP filed an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) with the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC). The CEC describes two possible routes for the construction of a transmission line. These routes can be viewed below or on our [Interactive map](#). The Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee will consider TEP's application at an upcoming hearing, which is open to the public.

If you have questions about the project, please send an email to SantaRitaConnection@tep.com or call 520-770-7520.

Certificate of Environmental Compatibility Hearing

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

A public hearing before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee will begin on Monday, May 26 at the Desert Diamond Casino - Tucson, 7350 S Nogales Hwy, Tucson, Ariz. Public comment will be taken in person and virtually during a special evening session on May 26 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The hearing schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, May 26:** 1 p.m. with public comment session starting at 5:30 p.m.
- **May 27-29** as necessary from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Hardcopies of the application can be viewed at:

- Sahuarita Library, 670 W. Sahuarita Rd., Sahuarita, AZ 85629
- Conrad Joyner-Green Valley Library, 601 La Cañada Dr., Green Valley, AZ 85614

Certificate of Environmental Compatibility Application

- [Application](#) — Filed April 17, 2026 (204mb)
- [Notice of Public Hearing](#)

Prefiling Conference - April 7, 2026

- [Transcripts](#)
- [Exhibits](#)

Conclusion

Need and Benefits

- Improve the reliability and resiliency of the electrical transmission system.
- Strengthen the regional electric grid.
- Mitigates the risks of a transmission circuit overload under contingency conditions.
- Coupled with the planned Santa Rita Substation, will provide additional capacity to serve the Town of Sahuarita and surrounding communities.

Environmental Compatibility of Project

- Balances the need for an adequate, economical and reliable supply of electric power and the effects to the environment and ecology of the state.
- Minimizes impacts on environmental factors considered by the Committee.
- Consistent with applicable land use plans and policies.

EXHIBIT TEP-6

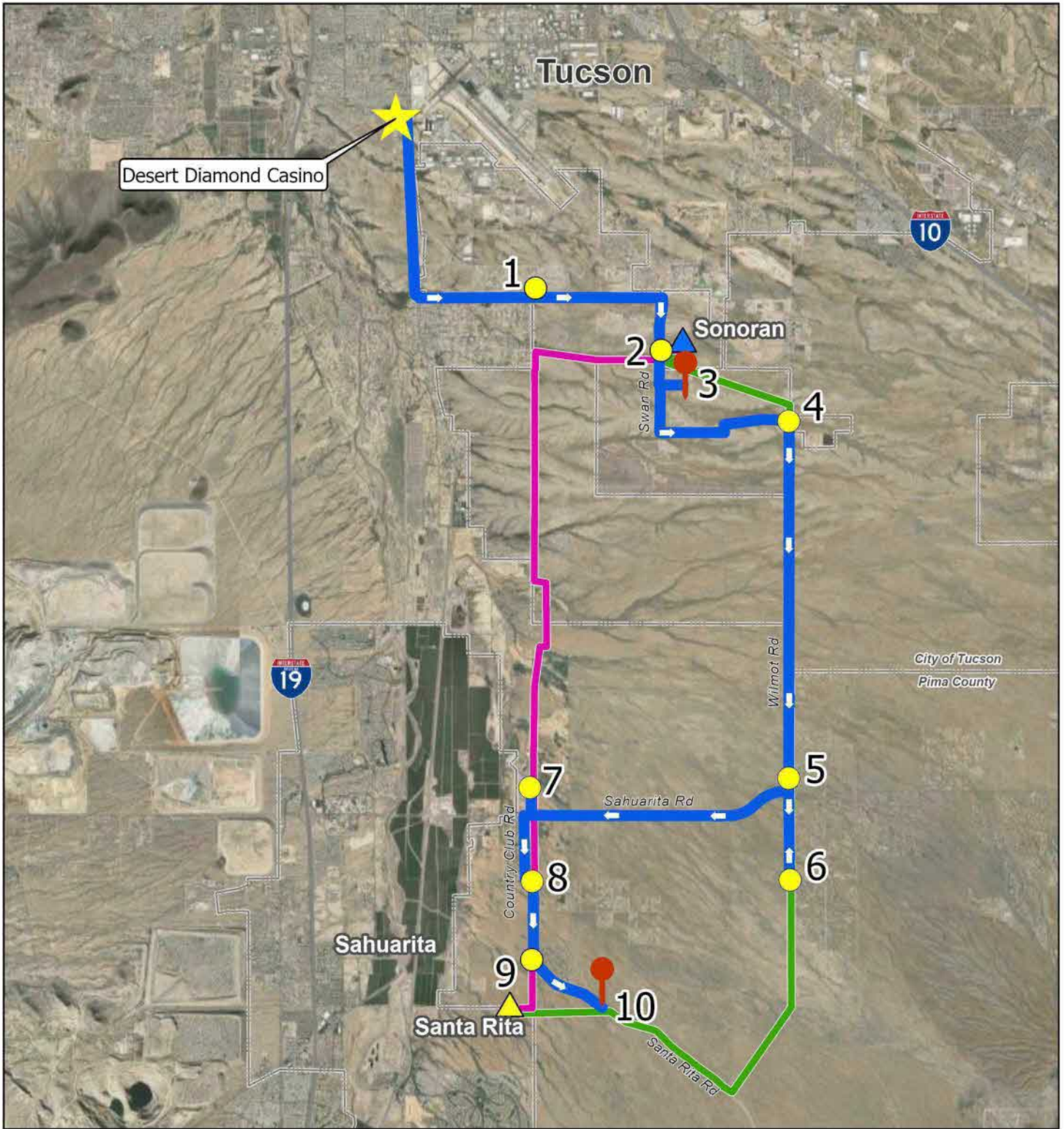
VIRTUAL TOUR

DOCKET NO. L-00000C-26-0125-00261

Pursuant to the April 22, 2026 Procedural Order, Applicant Tucson Electric Power Company provides the following exhibit. The Virtual Tour is provided to the Committee on the enclosed flash drive and is available on the Project website at: <https://www.tep.com/santa-rita-connection/>.

EXHIBIT TEP-7
TOUR ITINERARY/SCRIPT/PROTOCOL
DOCKET NO. L-00000C-26-0125-00261

Pursuant to the April 22, 2026 Procedural Order, Applicant Tucson Electric Power Company provides the following exhibit.



Santa Rita Connection

Tour Map



- Route 1
- Route 3
- Tour Route
- Tour Narration Point
- Tour Stop



NOT TO SCALE

This map is for planning purposes only. TEP and UNS Energy make no warranty of its accuracy.

Santa Rita Connection Project Line Siting Hearing Project Tour

Committee Member pick-up at the Desert Diamond Casino

Desert Diamond Casino, 7350 S Nogales Hwy, Tucson, AZ 85756

④ Drive south on business I-19 (Nogales Highway). Turn left on S Old Nogales Highway and in 0.1 miles turn left onto Old Vail Connection Road. In 1.8 miles pause at S Country Club Road.

1. Drive-By: Old Vail Connection Road at Country Club (Route 3)

On the right, looking to the south, coming from the east to the west is the existing Sonoran to South 138 kV transmission line, at this point the line turns to the-south. Further to the south, in a little over a mile, Route 3 would come from the east, co-located on the 46 kV sub-transmission line, and then turn to the south, and co-locate on the Sonoran to South 138 kV transmission line.

④ Proceed 2 miles to S Swan Road. Turn right. In 0.9 miles pause at the driveway to Sonoran Substation.

2. Drive-By: Sonoran Substation (both routes)

On the left, looking east, is the Sonoran Substation. Both Routes 1 and 3 would exit the substation to the south heading west towards Swan Road. As we continue past the substation you see the wooden H-frame structures of the WAPA line that are planned to be rebuilt next year to a 115/230 kV double circuit. Just past this point Route 1 will turn to the east and parallel this line all the way to Wilmot Road (approximately 2 miles).

On the right, Route 3 continues to the west, co-located on the 46 kV line.

④ Continue south on S Swan Road. Turn left onto Whispering Sage Road. Stop in 0.25 mile at the TEP tent.

3. Stop: KOP-2 (Route 1)

Exit the bus at this location and gather under the tent.

4. Pause: Nogales Tap – WAPA Substation (Route 1)

To the left, looking north, is the Nogales Tap substation. The two prominent structures on both sides of the road are where Route 1 would co-locate with the soon-to-be-rebuilt, Vail to Kantor 138 kV transmission line. Route 1 would continue parallel to Wilmot Road, co-located on the Vail to Kantor 138 kV transmission line, for the next 9 miles, occupying the current 100-foot-wide right-of-way (ROW), and in the same alignment.

④ Drive south on Wilmot Rd for 5.8 miles.

5. Drive-By: Wilmot Rd. and Sahuarita Road (Route 1)

We are now approaching Sahuarita Road, a Pima County designated scenic major road. Route 1 and the existing line would cross Sahuarita Road and continue to the south in the existing ROW.

④ Drive south on Wilmot Road for 1.4 miles to Placita Madera Antigua.

Santa Rita Connection Project Line Siting Hearing Project Tour

6. Drive-By: Placita Medera Antigua (Route 1)

As the bus turns around, note the rural residential character of the neighborhood where the Vail to Kantor 138 kV transmission line exists today. The character of this residential area continues to the south for the next 2 miles until it reaches the end of Wilmot Road and the northern boundary of the Santa Rita Experimental Range.

Route 1 would continue on the Vail to Kantor 138 kV transmission line for another 1.6 miles towards Santa Rita Road. At Santa Rita Road, Route 1 would co-locate with the planned Copper World 138 kV transmission line, and head northwest along the north side of Santa Rita Road.

- ④ Make a U-turn. Drive 1.4 miles north on Wilmot Rd. Turn left on Sahuarita Road and drive west for 4.2 miles. Turn right onto Sahuarita Acres Road and drive 0.4 miles.

7. Pause: Sahuarita Acres Road (Route 3)

On the right, looking east, is a utility corridor. The line furthest west is the AEPCO 230 kV line, located on wooden H-Frame structures. Adjacent to the east are tan colored monopoles, which support the TEP 138 kV line. This line would be rebuilt to double-circuit capable structures to accommodate Route 3. The rebuild would be located within the same alignment and existing ROW.

- ④ Turn left on S Ormes Sunset Place, left on E Yaney Lane, and right back onto Sahuarita Acres Road, and return to Sahuarita Road. Turn right, and in 0.1 miles turn left onto Country Club Road. Drive south along Country Club Road for 1 mile. Turn left and in 0.1 miles pause at El Toro Road.

8. Pause: Intersection of Toro Rd and Country Club Rd. (Route 3)

To the left, looking northwest, are two transmission lines crossing southwest across both El Toro Road and Country Club Road. The TEP 138 kV line is on tan monopoles, and an AEPCO 230 kV line is on the larger metal H-Frame replacement structures. Coordination would be required with AEPCO to raise their structures to allow the double-circuit rebuild for Route 3 to pass underneath the 230 kV conductors.

- ④ Drive south on Country Club Road for 1.25 miles to Santa Rita Road. Pause at the intersection.

9. Drive-By: Country Club Rd and Santa Rita Rd (Route 3)

The Route 3 alignment continues south for another 0.75 mile to the planned Santa Rita Substation.

- ④ Turn left onto Santa Rita Road. Proceed east for 1.4 miles. Stop at the TEP tent.

10. Stop: KOP-12 Santa Rita Rd and Corto Rd (Route 1)

Exit the bus and gather under the tent.

Tour end.

EXHIBIT TEP-8

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC OUTREACH

DOCKET NO. L-00000C-26-0125-00261

Pursuant to the April 22, 2026 Procedural Order, Applicant Tucson Electric Power Company provides the following exhibit.

EXHIBIT J: SPECIAL FACTORS

Describe any special factors not previously covered herein, which applicant believes to be relevant to an informed decision on its application.

J.1 Introduction	J-1
J.2 Public Involvement Program Summary	J-1
J.3 Meetings and Briefings	J-4
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J.1 Introduction

The following summary describes special factors not covered in the other exhibits of the CEC application, namely public outreach and engagement.

J.2 Public Involvement Program Summary

Public participation and engagement are an important part of TEP’s environmental planning and line siting process. The Company developed and implemented a comprehensive Public Engagement Plan to ensure timely communication with the public. The Public Engagement Plan is included in Exhibit J-1. The plan

encouraged input throughout the Project's development and afforded the public opportunities to influence the Project outcome.

Project stakeholders included residents, property owners, businesses, agencies, public officials, tribal communities, and other community partners. The Stakeholder Lists* are included in Exhibit J-2.

The engagement efforts included (Figure 7):


- Meetings and Briefings (14)
 - Public Open Houses (2)
 - Agency Briefings (3)
 - Elected Official Briefings (1)
 - Individual Agency Meetings (5)
 - Tribal Briefings (3)
- External Communication
 - Postcard Mailers**
 - Email Updates
 - Newspaper Public Notices**
 - Social Media Advertisements**
 - Street Signage
 - Webpage**
- Ways to Comment
 - Online Comment Form**
 - Paper Comment Form
 - Project Email
 - Project Phone Line
 - Mail

**Residents and property owners not included for privacy purposes*

***Bilingual*

Outreach & Engagement


MEETINGS

 **2** Open Houses
 November 13, 2025 - 13 attendees
 March 4, 2026 - 55 attendees


 **3** Agency Briefings
 November 12, 2025 - 20 attendees
 January 28, 2026 - 18 attendees
 March 3, 2026 - 16 attendees

- 19** Agency departments participating
- 5** Individual Agency meetings
- 1** Meeting with Elected Officials

WAYS TO COMMENT


 **13** Online Comment Form
 13 submitted on project webpage

 **22** Paper Comment Form
 22 submitted at open houses


 **7** Project Email Account
 7 sent to project email

 **4** Project Phone Line
 4 voicemail messages

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

 **3** Postcards
 2,500 - 3,000 recipients each mailing

 **3** Email Updates
 1,800+ recipients each round

 **5** Newspaper Notices

- 2** Arizona Daily Star
- 2** Green Valley News
- 1** Arizona Bilingual

 **13** Street Signs

- 6** Open House 1
- 7** Open House 2

 **Project Webpages**

English: 2,563 views | 1,664 individual users
 Spanish: 116 views | 68 individual users

SOCIAL MEDIA ADS - FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM



 	November 6 - November 13, 2025 English & Spanish Total	February 24 - March 4, 2026 English & Spanish Total
Impressions	92,173	226,481
Reach	64,557	22,784
Clicks	371	1,291
CTR	0.40%	0.57%

Figure 7. Outreach and Engagement Infographic

J.3 Meetings and Briefings

J.3.1 Open Houses

Two open house meetings were held at the Desert Diamond Casino – Sahuarita from 6-8 p.m. The meetings were held in an open house format with stations representing different aspects of the siting process and the Project. All public open house events were noticed to the public via a mailed postcard, email update, street signage, newspaper public notice, and social media advertisements. All outreach materials are documented in Exhibit J-7. Each meeting drew approximately 13 to 55 members of the public respectively, for a total of 68 participants (Table 21).

One bilingual team member was also available to engage with the public and answer questions in Spanish. There were two predominately Spanish-speakers who attended the first open house; those individuals spoke to the Spanish-speaking team member.

Open House No. 1 – November 13, 2025

The purpose of the first public open house was to inform the community of the need for and benefits of the Project, the project study area and scope, identified opportunities and constraints within the study area, share preliminary segments, and encourage public engagement and comments. Approximately 13 individuals attended, and 8 individuals signed in. See Exhibits J-8.1 through 8.3 for the display boards, table maps, and table signs from the first open house.

Open House No. 2 – March 4, 2026

The purpose of the second public open house was to introduce route alternatives, present the results of the compatibility analysis, share visual simulations of the transmission line, discuss design elements, and encourage public engagement and comment. Approximately 55 individuals attended, and 34 individuals signed in. See Exhibits J-8.4 through 8.6 for the display boards, table maps, and table signs from the second open house.

Table 21. Open House Overview

Open House #	Date	Location	Format	# Attended*	Exhibit #
1	Nov. 13, 2025	Desert Diamond Casino – Sahuarita	In-person	8	J-8.1 through 8.3
2	Mar. 4, 2026	Desert Diamond Casino – Sahuarita	In-person	34	J-8.4 through 8.6

**Not all attendees signed in*

J.3.2 Agency Briefings

Three (3) virtual agency briefings were held to gather input from federal, state, and local public officials; other utilities; and community partners. Each meeting drew 16 to 20 agency representatives, some of whom attended multiple meetings, for a total of 54 participants (Table 22). A summary of the attendance, presentation, and the Q & A session for each briefing is included in Exhibit J-3.

Table 22. Agency Briefing Overview

Agency Briefing #	Date	Format	# Attended	Presentation Ex. #	Summary Ex. #
1	Nov. 12, 2025	Virtual	20	J-3.1	J-3.2
2	Jan. 28, 2026	Virtual	18	J-3.3	J-3.4
3	Mar. 3, 2026	Virtual	16	J-3.5	J-3.6

J.3.3 Elected Official Outreach

Elected officials with jurisdiction within the project study area were also emailed regular project updates along with materials recently distributed to the public and offered individual briefings. Elected officials include those who hold a position representing the public in federal, state, or local government.

The project team provided the Sahuarita Town Council with a project briefing at a regularly scheduled and noticed meeting on January 26, 2026. Email correspondence with elected officials and a detailed summary of the briefing is included in Exhibit J-4.

J.3.4 Individual Agency Meetings

Agencies that were invited to attend the three (3) briefings outlined in Section J.3.2 also participated in separate, one-on-one meetings with the project team to discuss more technical aspects that related specifically to their organizations. The project team held five (5) individual agency meetings. A list of those meetings is provided below, with a detailed summary of each included in Exhibit J-5.

- State
 - Arizona State Land Department, Real Estate Division
 - February 9, 2026
- Local
 - Town of Sahuarita, Community Development and Planning & Zoning Division
 - January 12, 2026
 - Tucson Water, Operational Reliability & Condition Assessment Division
 - March 25, 2026
- Independent Nonprofit
 - Tucson Airport Authority, Business and Commercial Development Division
 - February 9, 2026
- Private Organization
 - Robson Communities – Quail Creek, Development & Planning Division
 - March 31, 2026

J.3.5 Tribal Outreach

Using the Arizona Government to Government Consultation Toolkit (AZ SHPO, 2025), TEP identified the following tribal communities, that have expressed an ancestral affiliation to the land within the project study area, to engage with through informal consultation:

- Ak Chin Indian Community
- Gila River Indian Community
- Hopi Tribe
- Mescalero Apache Tribe
- Pascua Yaqui Tribe
- Pueblo of Zuni
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Tohono O’odham Nation
- Tonto Apache Tribe
- White Mountain Apache Tribe
- Yavapai-Apache Nation

TEP informed and engaged tribal representatives from each of these tribal communities throughout the Project’s development. Outreach included mailed letters and follow-up emails to provide Project updates, offers for in-person briefings, and field visits.

Additionally, TEP presented to the Four Southern Tribes Cultural Resources Working Group – consisting of the Ak-Chin Indian Community, Gila River Indian Community, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and Tohono O’odham Nation – at their in-person meeting on March 20, 2026.

Table 23 provides a summary of the outreach efforts and materials shared with tribal representatives for the Project. Meeting summaries and notifications shared with the Tribal communities are located in Exhibit J-6.

Table 23. Tribal Outreach Overview

Outreach Method	Date	Summary
Letter	November 19, 2025	Project introduction and purpose; Required Approvals; Briefing invitation; Study Area map
Email	December 8, 2025	Follow-up to November 19 Letter
Letter	February 19, 2026	Project updates and status; Required Approvals; Cultural Report available; Briefing invitation; Study Area map; Route Alternatives map
Email	March 11, 2026	Follow-up to February 19 Letter; CEC Routes map

J.3.6 State Historic Preservation Office

The SHPO was invited to and participated in all three (3) of the Project Agency Briefings. As part of the briefings, SHPO provided several comments and recommendations, including:

- Agency Briefing 1 – November 12, 2025
 - A request to see cultural resource reports when ready
 - Encourage TEP to reach out to Native American tribes early
- Agency Briefing 2 – January 28, 2026
 - Communicate with Tohono O'odham as their reservation is close by
 - A request to see cultural resource reports when ready
- Agency Briefing 3 – March 3, 2026
 - A request to see cultural resource reports when ready

J.4 External Communication

The following communication methods were used to inform all stakeholders of Project developments (see Figure 7 for an overview).

J.4.1 Postcard Mailers

Three (3) bilingual postcards, each mailed to more than 2,500 recipients, provided a project update and encouraged the public to attend upcoming open houses (Table 24). Mailing addresses were compiled as described below to reach residents, businesses, property owners and other stakeholders within a notification area extending one (1) mile beyond the project study area.

The mailing list was developed: 1) using publicly available data from the Pima County Assessor’s Office to capture mailing addresses for residents, businesses and property owners within the notification area, 2) incorporating team-identified Project stakeholders, and 3) a manual inspection to remove duplicate addresses to ensure data quality and minimize returns.

A copy of each of the mailers is available in Exhibit J-7.

Table 24. Postcard Mailer Overview

Postcard #	Date Mailed	# Mailed	Included Updates
1	October 31, 2025	2,545	Project introduction and purpose Open House on November 13, 2025
2	February 9, 2026	2,921	Suitability Assessment Refined Segments
3	February 18, 2026	2,921	Route Alternatives Open House on March 4, 2026

J.4.2 Email Updates

Portions of the notification area are located outside of TEP's service territory. For the areas within service territory, an email list of current residents, businesses and other customers located within the notification area was compiled for electronic distribution of project information.

Three (3) emails were sent to customers within the notification area with an email on file with TEP or who had requested to be included on the project email list. Each of the emails were sent to nearly 2,000 recipients (Table 25). Both the paper and online comment forms included an option for participants to opt-in to the project email distribution list and receive updates. The mass email service provider allows recipients who no longer wish to receive project-related emails to opt out of future updates. This is the reason why each email update was sent to slightly fewer recipients than the one before.

The distributed emails and corresponding engagement reports are included in Exhibit J-7.

Table 25. Email Updates Overview

Email #	Date Sent	# Emailed	Included Updates
1	October 28, 2025	1,896	Project introduction and purpose; Study Area map; Planning and Siting Process; Required Approvals and Timeline; Ways to Comment Open House on November 13, 2025
2	February 2, 2026	1,854	Project purpose; Siting Status Update; Suitability Assessment video; Refined Segments map; Required Approvals and Timeline; Ways to Comment
3	February 18, 2026	1,850	Project status; Route Alternatives map; Required Approvals and Timeline; Ways to Comment Open House on March 4, 2026

J.4.3 Public Notices

Two (2) rounds of bilingual public notices were published in local newspapers in print as well as digital versions online. The first notice was placed in the Arizona Daily Star and the Green Valley News. The second notice was placed in the Arizona Daily Star, Green Valley News, and the Arizona Bilingual (Table 26). The public notices ran in the newspapers approximately 2 weeks prior to each open house. These newspapers reach more than 40,000 daily readers and 150,000 monthly readers. The public notices are available in Exhibit J-7.

Table 26. Public Notice Overview

Newspaper	1 st Publication Date	2 nd Publication Date
Arizona Daily Star	November 2, 2025	February 22, 2026
Green Valley News	November 2, 2025	February 22, 2026
Arizona Bilingual	N/A	March 2026 Issue

J.4.4 Social Media Advertisements

Geotargeted Facebook and Instagram ads were used to notify residents and other stakeholders of upcoming open house meetings. The ads were directed to reach platform users within the notification area and ran for 1 week prior to each open house, during the dates identified in Figure 8. The social media advertisements and reports of engagement results are in Exhibits J-7.

SOCIAL MEDIA ADS - FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM


	November 6 - November 13, 2025 English & Spanish Total	February 24 - March 4, 2026 English & Spanish Total
Impressions	92,173	226,481
Reach	64,557	22,784
Clicks	371	1,291
CTR	0.40%	0.57%

Figure 8. Social Media Analytics

J.4.5 Street Signage

Two (2) sets of temporary signs were placed at important intersections within the project notification area notifying the public of the November 2025 and March 2026 open house meetings. For the first open house, six (6) 24x36” double-sided bilingual signs were posted. For the second open house, seven (7) 36x48” signs were posted that included a Quick Response (“QR”) code to the Project Webpage for ease of access to view the details in Spanish. The signs, representative photos of sign placement, and map of sign locations are included in Exhibit J-7.

J.4.6 Webpage

English and Spanish webpages were established at the inception of the Project and were continually updated throughout the Project’s development. The webpages included information about the Project need and benefits, Project status and updates, all outreach materials, an interactive map, details about upcoming open houses, and required approvals and timing. Both webpages contained the Online Comment Form which was available for members of the public to submit feedback at any time. Outreach materials including the project mailers, public notices in local newspapers, and street signage included a QR code that directed visitors to the English webpage, which contains a link to the Spanish webpage. See Table 27 for a summary of webpage visits.

Screenshots of the webpages and the interactive map are in Exhibit J-7. The webpages, www.tep.com/santa-rita-connection and www.tep.com/santa-rita-connection-spanish, will remain live until the Project is in-service.

Table 27. Webpage Overview

Language	# Total Views*	# Individual Users*
English	2,563	1,664
Spanish	116	68

*As of March 24, 2026

J.4.7 Media Coverage

The Project received media coverage through the following outlets:

- Green Valley News
- AZPM News
- KOLD News 13

Articles are included in Exhibit J-9.

J.4.8 Ways to Comment

Comments were accepted in both English and Spanish. The public was encouraged to provide feedback on the Project through the following options:

- Filling out an online comment form
- Filling out a paper comment form
- Sending email comments to SantaRitaConnection@tep.com
- Calling 520-770-7520 and leaving a voicemail message
- Mailing a letter with comments to:
 Santa Rita Connection Project
 P.O. Box 711
 Mail Stop CB200
 Tucson, AZ 85701-0711

As of March 24, 2026, the public provided a total of 46 comments and questions, via the methods shown in Figure 9. There were no letters or forms sent to the project mailbox. The most common topics mentioned in comments included route location, proximity to residences, and utilizing existing infrastructure. All topics and the number of times each were referenced are detailed in Figure 10.

All comments have personal information redacted and are provided in Exhibit J-10.

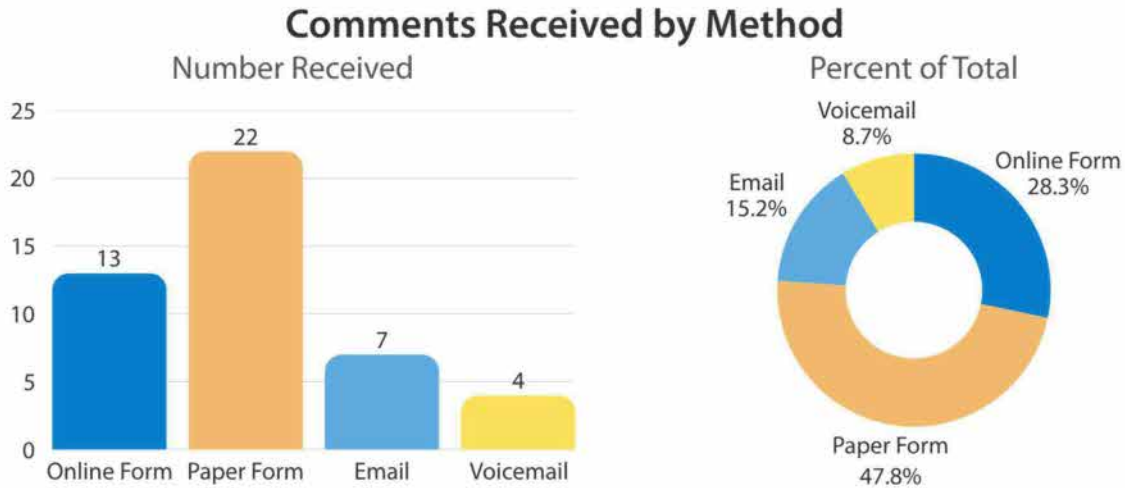


Figure 9. Public Comment Methods

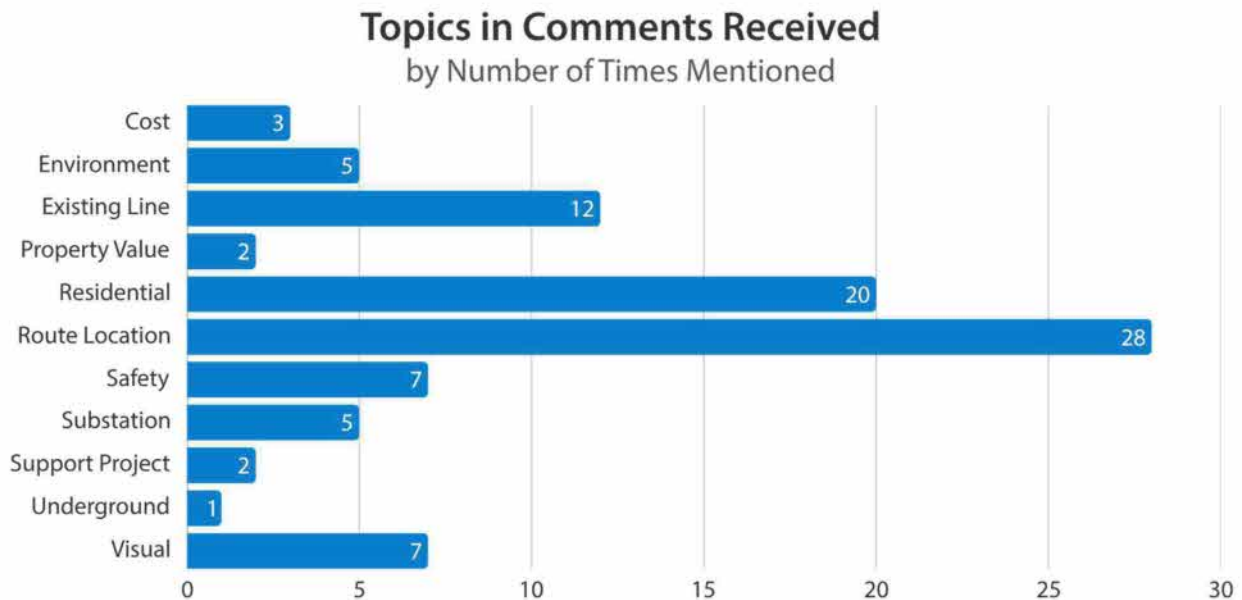


Figure 10. Public Comment Topics

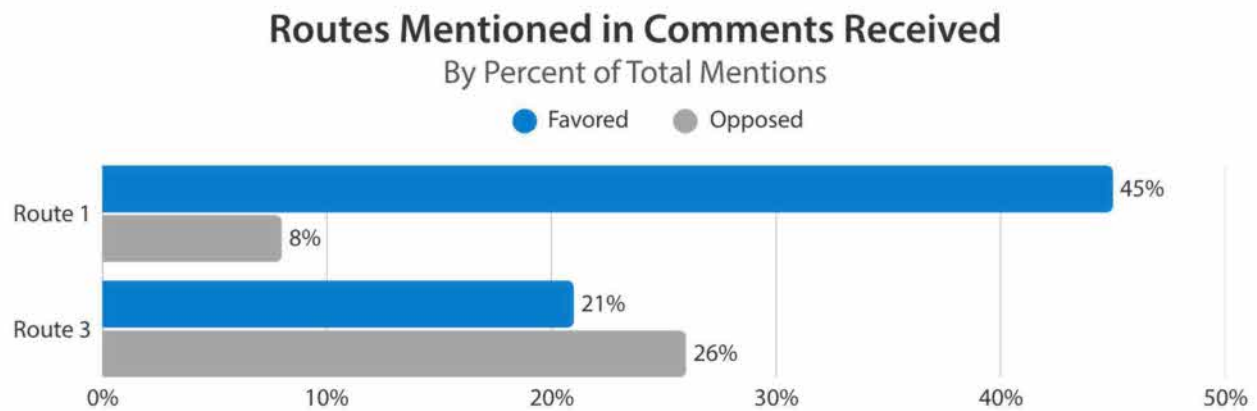


Figure 11. Public Comment – Routes

J.5 References

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EXHIBIT TEP-9

EXCERPT FROM TEP TEN-YEAR PLAN FOR 2026 (JAN. 31, 2026)

DOCKET NO. L-00000C-26-0125-00261

Pursuant to the April 22, 2026 Procedural Order, Applicant Tucson Electric Power Company provides the following exhibit.

Tucson Electric Power

88 East Broadway Blvd. | Post Office Box 711 | HQE910 | Tucson, AZ 85702-1702

January 30, 2026

Docket Control
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Notice of Filing – Tucson Electric Power Company’s Ten-Year Plan
Transmission Projects 2026-2035
Docket No. E-99999A-25-0006

Pursuant to A.R.S § 40-360.02, attached is Tucson Electric Power Company’s (“TEP”) Ten-Year Plan Transmission Projects for years 2026-2035. As required by Decision No. 74785 (October 24, 2014), this plan includes a study report on the effects of distributed generation and energy efficiency on TEP’s future transmission needs.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (520) 965-8408.

Sincerely,

/s/Andrea Jacobo

Andrea Jacobo
Regulatory Services Specialist

cc: Compliance Section, ACC



Tucson Electric Power

TEN YEAR PLAN

**TRANSMISSION
PROJECTS
FOR YEARS
2026-2035**



JANUARY 30, 2026

DOCKET NO:

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 Tucson Electric Power	TRANSMISSION PROJECTS TEN YEAR PLAN
Project Designation:	
Sonoran – Santa Rita 138-kV Transmission Line	
Facility Parameters:	
a) Voltage:	138-kV
b) Capacity:	System dependent
c) Point of Origin:	Sonoran 138-kV Substation
d) Intermediate Point	N/A
d) Point of Termination:	Planned Santa Rita 138-kV Substation
e) Length:	Approximately 16 miles
Routing:	TBD
Purpose:	New 138-kV transmission line connecting the Tucson load pocket south to the Sahuarita area. This will provide additional redundancy serving the area south of Tucson to accommodate load growth.
Date:	
a) Construction Start:	2028
b) In-Service Date:	2029
Is Certificate Necessary:	Yes
Technical Studies:	Annual TEP Planning Studies.

EXHIBIT TEP-10

EXHIBITS REGARDING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

DOCKET NO. L-00000C-26-0125-00261

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The following sub-exhibits are attached.

Exhibit TEP-10A	Notice of Hearing
Exhibit TEP-10B	Tear Sheets for Arizona Daily Star
Exhibit TEP-10C	Letters to Public Facilities re Copies of Application for Public Viewing
Exhibit TEP-10D	Map of Notice of Hearing Sign Locations
Exhibit TEP-10E	Photographs of Sign Placement
Exhibit TEP-10F	Example of Sign Contents
Exhibit TEP-10G	Letters to Affected Jurisdictions with Notice of Hearing

EXHIBIT TEP-10A

NOTICE OF HEARING

DOCKET NO. L-00000C-26-0125-00261

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3 **PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN IN A SPECIAL EVENING**
4 **SESSION ON TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026, BEGINNING AT 5:30 P.M., VIA**
5 **TELEPHONE, ZOOM, OR IN PERSON AT THE DESERT DIAMOND CASINO**
6 **CONFERENCE CENTER, 7350 S. NOGALES HWY, TUCSON, ARIZONA 85756.**
7 **PUBLIC COMMENT MAY ALSO BE TAKEN AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE**
8 **HEARING AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE**
9 **COMMITTEE.**

10 **THE PUBLIC CAN WATCH THE HEARING ONLINE, LISTEN TO THE**
11 **HEARING VIA TELEPHONE, OR ATTEND IN PERSON.** At least 24 hours in
12 advance of the hearing, information regarding online and telephone hearing access, as well
13 as any additional details regarding safety protocols or other revisions to the hearing
14 schedule will be noticed on the Project webpage at <https://www.tep.com/santa-rita-connection/>.

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16 The Chairman may, at his discretion, recess the hearing to a time and place to be
17 announced during the hearing, or to be determined after the recess. The date, time, and
18 place at which the hearing will be resumed will be posted on the above-noted Project
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20 **WILL BE GIVEN; HOWEVER, PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SUCH A RESUMED**
21 **HEARING IS NOT REQUIRED.**

22 If the Committee decides to conduct a tour of the Project, notice that includes a
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25 the tour, the Committee may hear testimony at stops on the tour concerning what is visible
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27 or deliberation concerning the Application will occur during the tour. A court reporter or
28 recording device will record any testimony taken on the tour for transcription. Public

1 health and safety protocols specific for the tour will be included on the itinerary. If the
2 Committee decides not to take a tour, the hearing will continue as scheduled.

3 Maps of the Project site and detailed information about Project facilities are
4 contained in the Application, which is available for inspection at the following locations:

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6 1200 West Washington Street, Suite 108, Phoenix AZ 85007
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9 85614
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11 The Applicant will make available final copies of the pre-filing conference,
12 prehearing conference, and hearing transcripts at each of the above locations and Project
13 webpage.

14 Each county, municipal government, and state agency interested in the Project that
15 desires to be a party to the proceedings shall, not less than ten (10) days before the date
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17 ACC, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

18 Any domestic non-profit corporation or association formed in whole or in part: to
19 promote conservation or natural beauty; to protect the environment, personal health, or
20 other biological values; to preserve historical sites; to promote consumer interests; to
21 represent commercial and industrial groups; or to promote the orderly development of the
22 area in which the Project is to be located that desires to become a party to the proceedings
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25 Phoenix, AZ 85007.

26 The Committee may make other persons parties to the proceedings at any time.
27 Any person may make a limited appearance at a hearing by filing a statement in writing
28 with the Director of the Utilities Division, ACC, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix,

1 AZ 85007, and the Chairman of the Committee at 2005 North Central Avenue, Phoenix,
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3 a limited appearance will not be a party or have the right to present testimony or cross-
4 examine witnesses.

5 This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes (“A.R.S.”) §§ 40-360 to
6 40-360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code R14-3-201 to R14-3-220. No substantive
7 communication, not in the public record, may be made to any member of the Committee.
8 The written decision of the Committee will be submitted to the Commission pursuant to
9 A.R.S. § 40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party to the proceeding on the matter
10 before the Commission must be a party to the proceeding before the Committee.

11 ORDERED this 17th day of April, 2026.

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16 Adam Stafford, Chairman
17 Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee
18 Assistant Attorney General
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1 CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

2 ORIGINAL of the foregoing e-filed this 22nd day of April, 2026 with:

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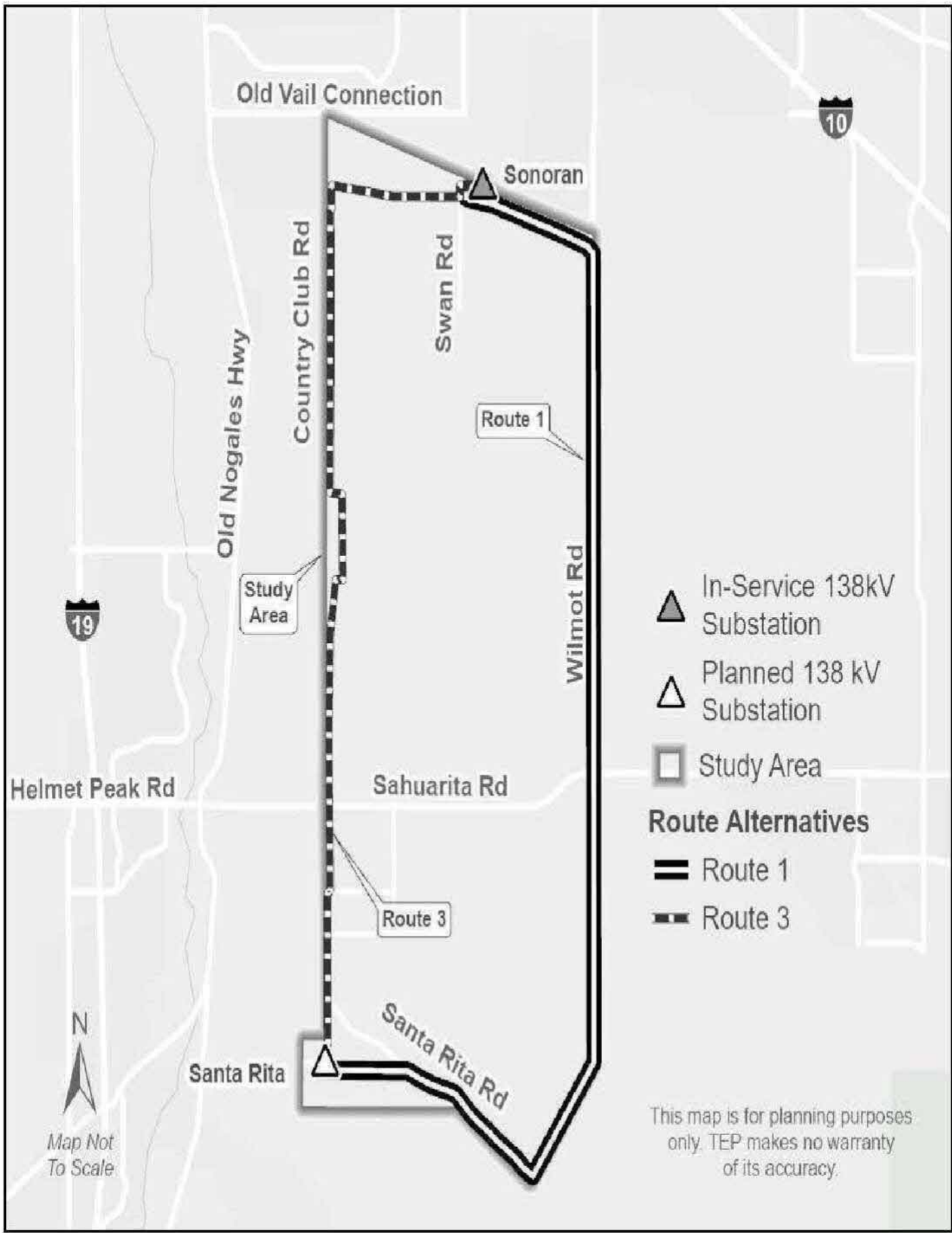


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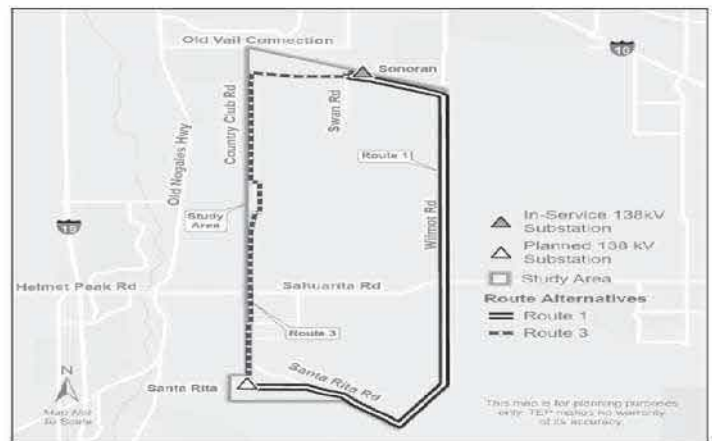
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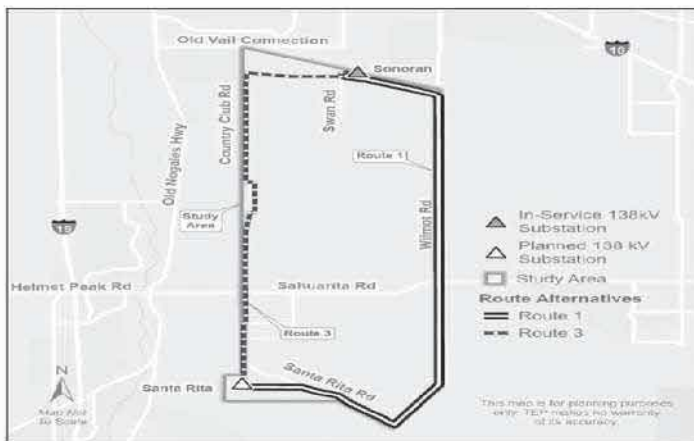
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ORDERED this 17th day of April, 2026.

Adam Stafford, Chairman
Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee
Assistant Attorney General



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**LETTERS TO PUBLIC FACILITIES RE COPIES OF APPLICATION FOR
PUBLIC VIEWING**

DOCKET NO. L-00000C-26-0125-00261



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April 17, 2026

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Re: **Tucson Electric Power
Santa Rita Connection Project
Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility
Docket No. L-00000C-26-0125-00261**

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

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Elias J. Ancharski

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Enclosure



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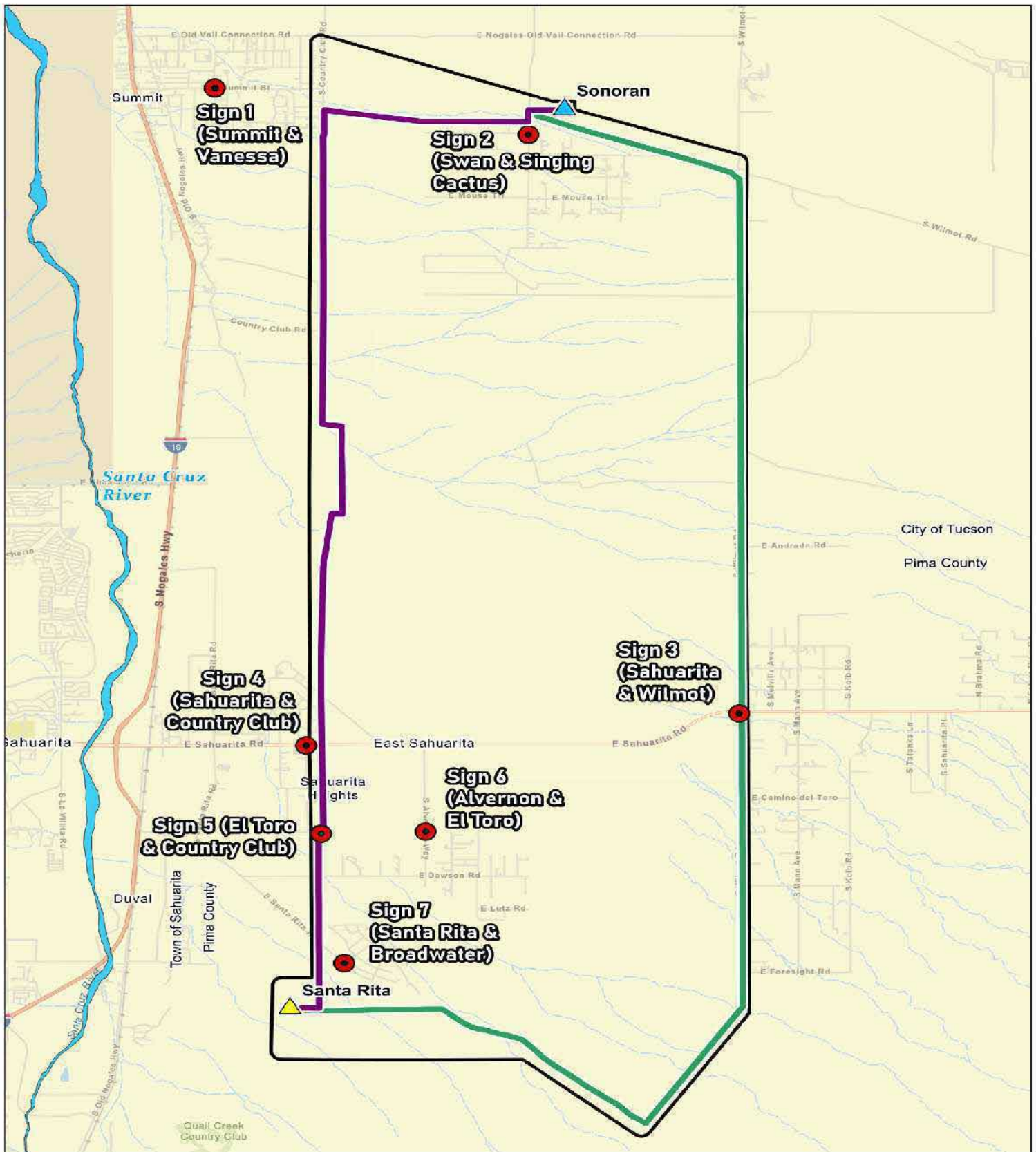
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MAP OF NOTICE OF HEARING SIGN LOCATIONS

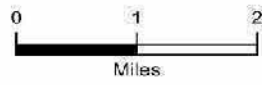
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TEP
Tucson Electric Power
Road Sign Locations

Santa Rita Connection Project

-  in-Service 138kV Substation
 -  Planned 138kV Substation
 -  Road Sign Location
 -  Study Area
- Route Alternatives**
-  Preferred Route
 -  Alternative Route



This map is for planning purposes only. TEP and UNS Energy make no warranty of its accuracy.

Sources: CIP, UNS, TEP, BLV, and Pima County GIS.
Projection: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 12N
Basemap: Esri World Imagery

EXHIBIT TEP-10E
PHOTOGRAPHS OF SIGN PLACEMENT
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Tucson Electric Power

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Santa Rita Connection

Public Hearing Notice under the 1990 Clean Air Act regarding the proposed Santa Rita Power Plant & Connection Line (SRPC) Project.

Date	Time	Location
May 26, 2026	7:00 - 8:00	Office of Environmental Quality Community Center 1115 N. Douglas Ave.

For more information on the SRPC Project, please visit the project website at www.tep.com/srpc.
Public Hearing: May 26, 2026, 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM.



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TEP Project No. SRPC-2024-001

**East Summit Street &
South Vanessa Lane**
May 5, 2026, 8:39 AM
32°4'1.5096"N 110°56'40.6602"W

TEP
Tucson Electric Power

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Santa Rita Connection

Tucson Electric Power invites the public to an open-house meeting on the
Arizona Power Plant & Transmission Line Safety Connection

Date	Time	Location
May 16, 2026	10:00 - 2:00 PM	Edward Dunfield, Owner Caldwell Road, 1100 S. Nogales Hwy
May 27-28, 2026	10:00 - 5:00 PM	

Information in this notice is available in Spanish. Call 800 670-6726
Tuesday, May 26, beginning at 7:00 a.m.



For information on this project, visit the TEP website
the website is the project page at www.tep.com

Approved by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality on 04/15/2025

**South Swan Road &
East Singing Cactus Lane**
May 5, 2026, 9:04 AM
32°3'33.6096"N 110°53'35.5302"W



**East Sahuarita Road &
South Wilmot Road**

May 5, 2026 4:37 PM

31°57'45.89215"N 110°51'31.67158"W

Sahuarita Rd



**East Sahuarita Road &
South Country Club Road**

May 5, 2026 3:43 PM

31°57'26.97505"N 110°55'46.96014"W



**East El Toro Road &
South Country Club Road**
May 5, 2026 3:55 PM
31°56'34.32692"N 110°55'38.3344"W



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Santa Rita Connection

Public Hearing for the Santa Rita Connection project. The project is located in the Santa Rita Mountains area. The hearing is scheduled for May 5, 2026, at 4:00 PM. The location is at the intersection of South Alvernon Way and East El Toro Road. The project is being developed by TEP. The hearing is open to the public. For more information, please contact TEP at (505) 251-1234. The hearing will be held at the intersection of South Alvernon Way and East El Toro Road. The project is being developed by TEP. The hearing is open to the public. For more information, please contact TEP at (505) 251-1234.

**South Alvernon Way &
East El Toro Road**

May 5, 2026 4:22:47 PM

31°56'38.34366"N 110°54'36.69242"W

TEP
a Tarrant County Project

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Santa Rita Connection

Public Hearing on the proposed Santa Rita Connection Project
Tarrant County, Texas

Time	Date	Location
10:00 AM	May 5, 2026	Southwest Tower 1000 Tower Drive Ft. Worth, TX 76102

For more information, please contact the project manager at 817-855-1234 or visit the project website at www.tep-texas.com.



Public Hearing on the proposed Santa Rita Connection Project
Tarrant County, Texas



**South Santa Rita Road &
East Broadwater Way**

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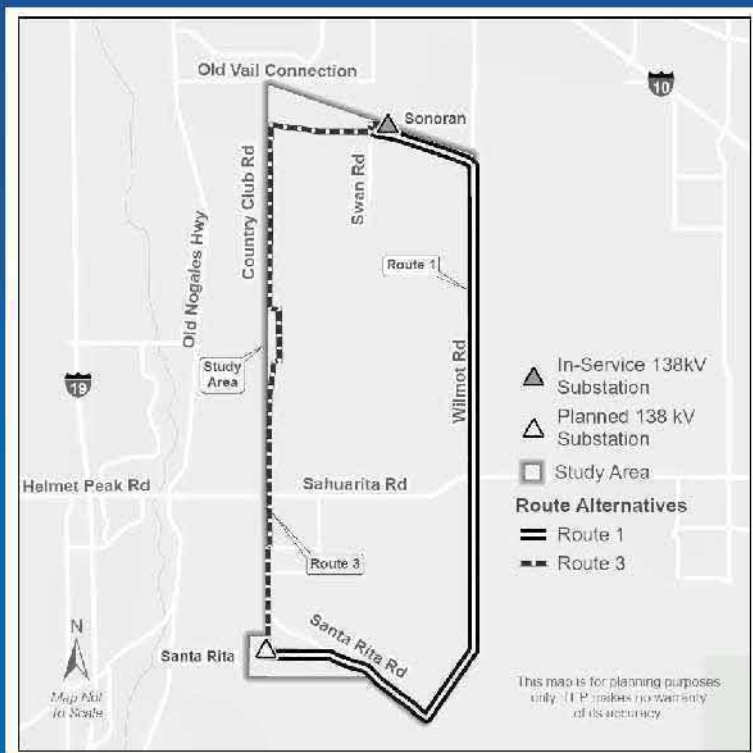
Tucson Electric Power

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Santa Rita Connection

Tucson Electric Power invites the public to an upcoming hearing before the Arizona Power Plant & Transmission Line Siting Committee

Date	Time	Location
May 26, 2026	1PM - 5PM	Desert Diamond Casino Conference Center
May 27-29, 2026	9AM - 5PM	7350 S Nogales Hwy

**In-person or virtual public comments can be made
Tuesday, May 26, beginning at 5:30 p.m.**



For information on commenting virtually, please visit:
tep.com/santa-rita-connection or call 520-770-7520



Arizona Corporation Commission Docket Number: L-00000C-26-0125-00261

EXHIBIT TEP-10G

**LETTERS TO AFFECTED JURISDICTIONS WITH NOTICE OF
HEARING**

DOCKET NO. L-00000C-26-0125-00261



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April 24, 2026

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT

Arizona State Land Department
Attn: Robyn Sahid, Commissioner
1110 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: **Tucson Electric Power Company - Santa Rita Connection Project
Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility
Docket No. L-00000C-26-0125-00261
Notice of Hearing**

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

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Enclosure

**BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT
AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY IN
CONFORMANCE WITH THE
REQUIREMENTS OF A.R.S. § 40-360, ET SEQ.,
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE 138
KILOVOLT (KV) SANTA RITA CONNECTION
TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT, WHICH
INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW
138 KV TRANSMISSION LINE ORIGINATING
AT THE EXISTING SONORAN SUBSTATION
(SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 16 S, RANGE 14 E),
AND TERMINATING AT THE PLANNED
SANTA RITA SUBSTATION (SECTION 29,
TOWNSHIP 17 S, RANGE 14 E), EACH
LOCATED WITHIN PIMA COUNTY,
ARIZONA.

Docket No. L-00000C-26-0125-00261

Case No. 261

NOTICE OF HEARING

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A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD before the Arizona Power Plant and
Transmission Line Siting Committee (“Committee”) regarding the Application of Tucson
Electric Power Company (“TEP” or “Applicant”) for a Certificate of Environmental
Compatibility (“CEC”) authorizing construction of the Santa Rita Connection
Transmission Line Project (“Project”).

The Project will involve the construction of a new, approximately 13-to-17-mile
138 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission line in Pima County, Arizona from the existing Sonoran
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Exhibit A.

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11 ORDERED this 17th day of April, 2026.

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

ORIGINAL of the foregoing e-filed this 22nd day of April, 2026 with:

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Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

COPIES of the above emailed this 22nd day of April, 2026:

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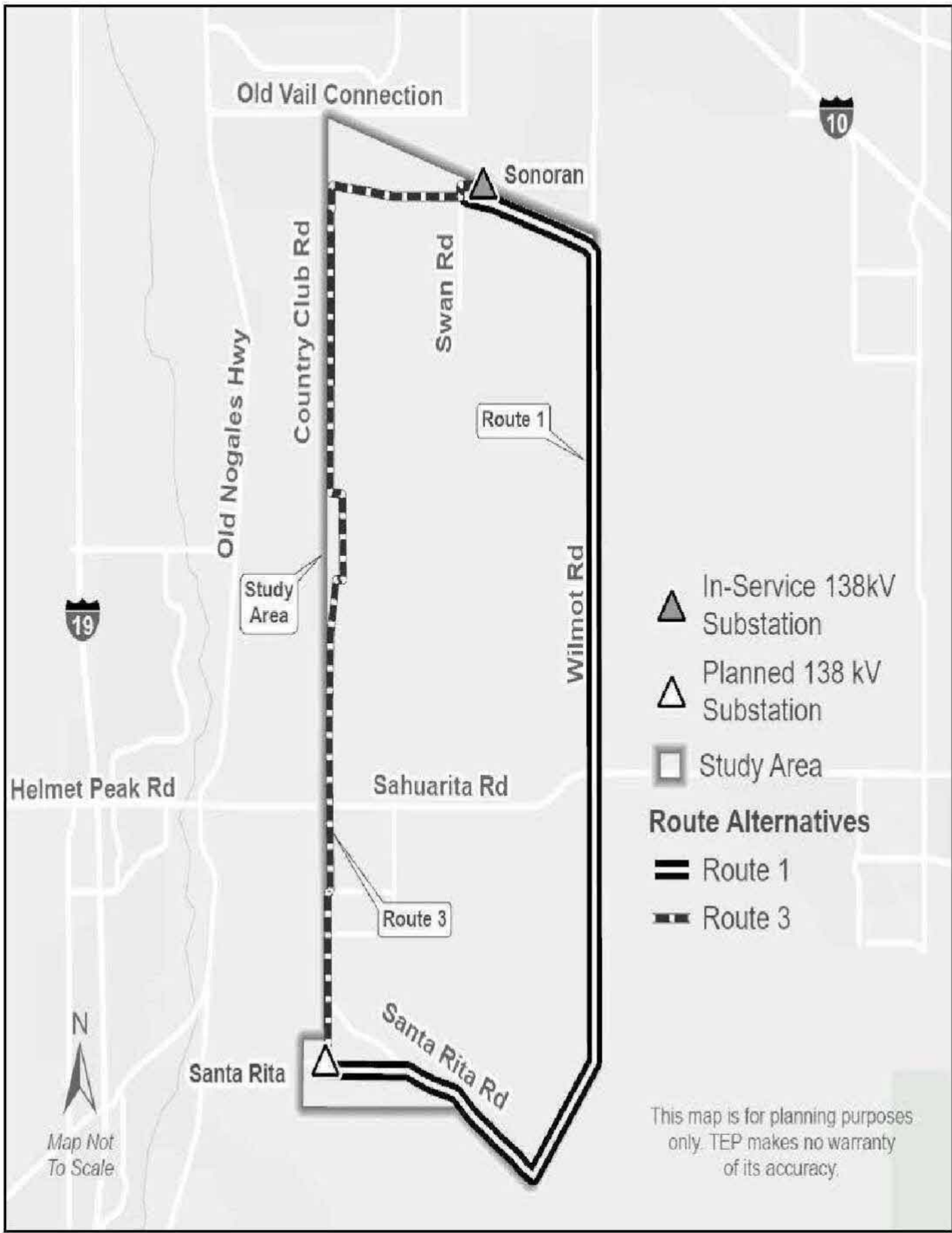
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April 24, 2026

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Pima County Board of Supervisors
Attn: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
130 W Congress St, 1st Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

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Re: **Tucson Electric Power Company - Santa Rita Connection Project
Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility
Docket No. L-00000C-26-0125-00261
Notice of Hearing**

To Whom It May Concern:

The attached Notice of Hearing was filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission on April 22, 2026. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.04, the City of Tucson has been identified as an affected area of jurisdiction. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Re: **Tucson Electric Power Company - Santa Rita Connection Project**
Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility
Docket No. L-00000C-26-0125-00261
Notice of Hearing

To Whom It May Concern:

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EXHIBIT TEP-11

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Pursuant to the April 22, 2026 Procedural Order, Applicant Tucson Electric Power Company provides the following exhibit.



**AZ Power Plant & Transmission Line
Siting**

Attn: Anthony Yanez
1300 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Sales Receipt

Date	Sale No.
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Sold To
OSBORN MALEDON, P.A. PO BOX 36379 2929 N CENTRAL AVE, SUITE 2000 PHOENIX, AZ, 85067

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It's been a pleasure working with you!			Total
			\$1,000.00

EXHIBIT TEP-12

PROPOSED CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY

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Pursuant to the April 22, 2026 Procedural Order, Applicant Tucson Electric Power Company provides the following exhibit.

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**BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT
AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER, IN
CONFORMANCE WITH THE
REQUIREMENTS OF A.R.S. § 40-360, ET
SEQ., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY
AUTHORIZING THE SANTA RITA
CONNECTION 138 KILOVOLT (KV)
TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT, WHICH
INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A
NEW 138 KV TRANSMISSION LINE
ORIGINATING AT THE EXISTING
SONORAN SUBSTATION (SECTION 2,
TOWNSHIP 16 S, RANGE 14 E), AND
TERMINATING AT THE PLANNED
SANTA RITA SUBSTATION (SECTION 29,
TOWNSHIP 17 S, RANGE 14 E), EACH
LOCATED WITHIN PIMA COUNTY,
ARIZONA.

Docket No. L-00000C-26-0125-00261

Case No. 261

**CERTIFICATE OF
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COMPATIBILITY**

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A. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to notice given as provided by law, the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee (“Committee”) held public hearings in Tucson, Arizona, on May 26, 2026 through May 2X, 2026, in conformance with the requirements of the Arizona Revised Statutes (“A.R.S.”) § 40-360 *et seq.* for the purpose of receiving evidence and deliberating on the April 17, 2026 Application of Tucson Electric Power Company (“Applicant” or “TEP”) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (“Certificate”) in the above-captioned case.

The following members and designees of members of the Committee were present at one or more of the hearing days for the evidentiary presentations, public comment, and/or the deliberations:

Adam Stafford

Chairman, Designee for Arizona Attorney General Kris Mayes

1	Nicole Hill	Designee for Director, Governor’s Energy Office
2	Michael Comstock	Designee of the Chairman, Arizona Corporation Commission (“Commission”)
3	Leonard Drago	Designee for Director, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (“ADEQ”)
4	Clint Chandler	Designee for Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”)
5	Roman Fontes	Appointed Member, representing counties
6	Sal DiCiccio	Appointed Member, representing cities and towns
7	Margaret “Toby” Little	Appointed Member, representing the general public
8	Gabby Saucedo Mercer	Appointed Member, representing the general public
9	Douglas Fant	Appointed Member, representing the general public
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11 The Applicant was represented by Meghan H. Grabel and Elias Ancharski of
12 Osborn Maledon, P.A. and in-house counsel for TEP, Megan C. Hill. No parties
13 requested intervention pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.05.

14 At the conclusion of the hearing, the Committee, after considering the
15 (i) Application, (ii) evidence, testimony, and exhibits presented by the Applicant, and
16 (iii) comments of the public, and being advised of the legal requirements of A.R.S. §§
17 40-360 through 40-360.13, upon motion duly made and seconded, voted **X** to **X** to grant
18 Applicant, its successors and assigns, this Certificate for the construction of the Santa
19 Rita Connection Project (“Project”) as described below.

20 **B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

21 The Project will involve the construction of an approximately 13-to 17-mile 138
22 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission line to connect TEP’s existing Sonoran Substation in Pima
23 County to TEP’s planned Santa Rita Substation in Santa Cruz County. A map of the
24 final approved Project, including the Project corridor, is included as **Exhibit A**. The
25 proposed width of the corridor for the Project is up to 1,500 feet wide to allow for
26 routing flexibility. In areas outside of existing rights-of-way (“ROW”), the final ROW
27 for the for Project will be no greater than 100 feet wide.

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1 **Route and Corridor**

2 *Route 1*

3 Route 1 originates at the existing Sonoran Substation in Pima County, where it
4 exits from a bay on the south side. The route proceeds west for approximately 0.3 miles
5 to Swan Road. The line extends south on Swan Road and crosses beneath the
6 TEP/Western Area Power Administration (“WAPA”) 230/115 kV line. After crossing
7 the TEP/WAPA 230/115 kV line, the route turns east-southeast and continues parallel
8 to and south of the TEP/WAPA line, as a new single-circuit line built on double-circuit
9 capable structures for approximately 2 miles to Wilmot Road. At Wilmot Road, the
10 line will be co-located on existing double-circuit capable structures owned by UNSE
11 and continue south for approximately 9.6 miles. It will continue on these shared
12 structures as it turns to the southwest for 1.6 miles to Santa Rita Road. At Santa Rita
13 Road, the line will turn to the northwest, co-locating on existing double-circuit
14 structures. Route 1 will continue on the existing double-circuit structures to the
15 northwest, paralleling Santa Rita Road, for approximately 2.5 miles, then turn to the
16 west at the Corto Road alignment where it will continue on the existing structures for
17 approximately 1 mile to the planned Santa Rita Substation. Route 1 will enter the Santa
18 Rita Substation from the Corto Road alignment.

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20 *Route 3*

21 Route 3 originates at the existing Sonoran Substation, exiting from a bay on the
22 south side. The route proceeds west for approximately 0.3 miles to Swan Road. The
23 line will go south on Swan Road and cross beneath the TEP/WAPA 230/115 kV line.
24 After crossing the TEP/WAPA 230/115 kV line, the route proceeds south
25 approximately 700 feet to existing double-circuit capable structures, where it co-locates
26 as a second circuit and extends to the west for approximately 2 miles to Country Club
27 Road. At Country Club Road, the route will co-locate with an existing single-circuit
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1 TEP 138 kV line by rebuilding some of the structures to a double-circuit standard and
2 proceed south for approximately 3.5 miles to approximately 750 feet north of the
3 westward turning point of the existing 138 kV line. At this point, the route constructs
4 a new single-circuit line on double-circuit capable structures and turns east for
5 approximately 1,000 feet to cross under a TEP 345 kV line and two Arizona Electric
6 Power Cooperative, Inc. (“AEPCO”) transmission lines (230 kV and 345 kV). The
7 route then proceeds south for approximately 1 mile, where it turns west to an existing
8 TEP 138 kV line and will be co-located with that existing line by rebuilding the
9 structures to a double-circuit standard then continuing south for approximately 5.7
10 miles to the Corto Road alignment. The route will turn west for approximately 0.2
11 miles until it reaches the planned Santa Rita Substation site where it will enter from the
12 south.

13 The Committee approves the construction of Routes 1 and 3, subject to the
14 Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein. The Applicant will
15 construct only one of the routes depending on which is ultimately selected by the
16 Applicant as best suited for the Project. The map of the final approved routes, including
17 corridor width, is attached as **Exhibit A**.

18 CONDITIONS

19 This Certificate is granted upon the following conditions:

- 20 1. This authorization to construct the Project ~~, as a single circuit, double~~
21 ~~circuit capable, or double circuit 500 kV transmission line,~~ shall expire ten (10) years
22 from the date this Certificate is approved by the Commission, with or without
23 modification. Construction of the Project shall be complete, such that the Project is in
24 service within this ten-year timeframe. However, prior to the expiration of the time
25 period, the Applicant may request that the Commission extend the time limitation.

26 [CEC 259]

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1 2. In the event the Project requires an extension of the term of this
2 Certificate prior to completion of construction, the Applicant shall file such time
3 extension request at least one hundred and eighty (180) days prior to the expiration of
4 the Certificate. Within ten (10) days of the filing of the request to extend the term of
5 this Certificate, the Applicant shall use reasonable means to promptly notify the
6 Arizona ~~Department of Transportation ("ADOT")~~ State Land Department ("ASLD"),
7 ~~Maricopa-Pima~~ County, the City of Tucson, the Town of ~~Gila Bend~~ Sahuarita, ~~ASLD~~,
8 and all landowners and residents within a ~~three and one-half~~ one (13.5) mile radius of
9 the centerline of the Project, all persons who made public comment at this proceeding
10 who provided a mailing or email address, and all parties to this proceeding. Any person
11 who receives notice of the request to extend the term of the Certificate may request that
12 the Applicant notify them by email of the date, time, and place of the hearing or open
13 meetings during which the Commission will consider the request for extension. The
14 Applicant shall notify such persons of the date and time of the open meeting or hearing
15 as soon as the Applicant is made aware of the open meeting or hearing date. [CEC 259]

16 3. During the development, construction, operation, maintenance, and
17 reclamation of the Project, the Applicant shall comply with all existing applicable air
18 and water pollution control standards and regulations, and with all existing applicable
19 statutes, ordinances, master plans, and regulations of any governmental entity having
20 jurisdiction including, but not limited to, the United States of America, the State of
21 Arizona, ~~Maricopa-Pima~~ County, the City of Tucson, the Town of ~~Sahuarita~~ Gila Bend,
22 and their agencies and subdivisions, including but not limited to the following:

- 23 (a) All applicable land use regulations;
- 24 (b) All applicable zoning stipulations and conditions including, but not
25 limited to, landscaping and dust control requirements;
- 26 (c) All applicable water use, discharge and/or disposal requirements of
27 ADWR and ADEQ;

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1 (d) All applicable noise control standards; and

2 (e) All applicable regulations governing storage and handling of
3 hazardous chemicals and petroleum products. [\[CEC 259\]](#)

4 4. The Applicant shall obtain all approvals and permits necessary to
5 construct, operate, and maintain the Project required by any governmental entity having
6 jurisdiction including, but not limited to, the United States of America, the State of
7 Arizona, ~~Maricopa~~-Pima County, ~~the City of Tucson~~, the Town of ~~Sahuarita~~~~Gila Bend~~,
8 and their agencies and subdivisions. [\[CEC 259\]](#)

9 5. The Applicant shall comply with the Arizona Game and Fish Department
10 (“AGFD”) guidelines and recommendations for handling protected animal species,
11 should any be encountered during construction and operation of the Project, and shall
12 consult with AGFD or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as appropriate, on other issues
13 concerning wildlife. The Applicant shall, in consultation with AGFD, follow the
14 ~~mitigation-environmental protection~~ measures listed in **Exhibit B**. [\[CEC 259\]](#)

15 6. The Applicant shall design the Project’s facilities to incorporate
16 reasonable measures to minimize electrocution of and impacts to avian species in
17 accordance with the Applicant’s avian protection program. Such measures will be
18 accomplished through incorporation of Avian Power Line Interaction Committee
19 guidelines set forth in the current versions of *Suggested Practices for Avian Protection*
20 *on Power Lines* and *Reducing Avian Collisions with Power Lines* manuals. [\[CEC 259\]](#)

21 7. The issuance of a Certificate by the Commission is a state action pursuant
22 to A.R.S. §§ 41-861 through 41-864, also known as the State Historic Preservation Act
23 (“State Act”). The Applicant shall consult with the Arizona State Historic Preservation
24 Office (“SHPO”) regarding the Project and its impacts on historic properties.
25 Construction shall not commence until SHPO has had an opportunity to review and
26 comment in accordance with the State Act. The Applicant shall, in cooperation with the
27 landowner, complete a Class III cultural inventory of the portions of the final ROWs
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1 that have not been previously surveyed to modern standards. If any historic property
2 will be substantially altered or demolished as a result of the construction or operation
3 of the Project, the Applicant shall take timely steps to make appropriate documentary
4 recordation in accordance with the standards established by SHPO. [\[CEC 259\]](#)

5 8. If any archaeological, paleontological, or historical site or a significant
6 cultural object is discovered on state, county, or municipal land during the construction
7 or operation of the Project, the Applicant or its authorized representative shall promptly
8 report the discovery to the Director of the Arizona State Museum (“ASM”), and in
9 consultation with the Director, shall immediately take all reasonable steps to secure and
10 maintain the preservation of the discovery as required by A.R.S. § 41-844. [\[CEC 259\]](#)

11 9. If human remains and/or funerary objects are encountered during the
12 course of any ground-disturbing activities related to the construction or operation of the
13 Project, the Applicant shall cease work on the affected area of the Project and notify
14 the Director of the ASM as required by A.R.S. § 41-865 for private land, or as required
15 by A.R.S. § 41-844 for state, county, or municipal lands. [\[CEC 259\]](#)

16 10. The Applicant shall comply with the notice and salvage requirements of
17 the Arizona Native Plant Law (A.R.S §§ 3-901 *et seq.*) and shall, to the extent feasible,
18 minimize the destruction of native plants during the construction and operation of the
19 Project. [\[CEC 259\]](#)

20 11. The Applicant shall make every reasonable effort to promptly investigate,
21 identify, and correct, on a case-specific basis, all complaints of interference with radio
22 or television signals from operation of the Project addressed in this Certificate and
23 where such interference is caused by the Project take reasonable measures to mitigate
24 such interference. The Applicant shall maintain written records for a period of five (5)
25 years of all complaints of radio or television interference attributable to operations,
26 together with the corrective action taken in response to each complaint. All complaints
27 shall be recorded and shall include notation on the corrective action taken. Complaints
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1 not leading to a specific action or for which there was no resolution shall be noted and
2 explained. Upon request, the written records shall be provided to the Staff of the
3 Commission. In addition, the Project shall be evaluated on a regular basis so that
4 damaged insulators or other line materials that could cause interference are repaired or
5 replaced in a timely manner. [\[CEC 259\]](#)

6 12. Within one hundred twenty (120) days of the Commission's decision
7 approving this Certificate, the Applicant shall post signs in or near public ROWs, to the
8 extent authorized by law, reasonably adjacent to the Project giving notice of the Project.
9 Such signage shall be no smaller than a roadway sign. The signs shall advise:

10 (a) The future site of the Project;

11 (b) A phone number and website for public information regarding the
12 Project; and

13 (c) Refer the public to the Docket.

14 Such signs shall be inspected at least once annually and, if necessary, be repaired or
15 replaced, and removed at the completion of construction.

16 The Applicant shall make every reasonable effort to communicate the decision
17 either approving or disapproving the Certificate in digital media. [\[CEC 259\]](#)

18 13. At least ninety (90) days before construction commences on the Project,
19 the Applicant shall provide [ADOTASLD](#), [Maricopa-Pima County](#), [the City of Tucson](#),
20 the Town of [Gila Bend](#), [ASLDSahuarita](#), and builders and developers who are building
21 upon or developing land within one (1) mile of the of the centerline of the Project with
22 a written description, including the approximate height and width measurements of all
23 structure types, of the Project. The written description shall identify the location of the
24 Project and contain a pictorial depiction of the facilities being constructed. The
25 Applicant shall also encourage the developers and builders to include this information
26 in their disclosure statements. Upon approval of this Certificate by the Commission, the
27 Applicant may commence construction of the Project. [\[CEC 259\]](#)

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1 14. The Applicant shall use non-specular conductor and non-reflective
2 surfaces for the transmission line structures on the Project. [\[CEC 259\]](#)

3 15. The Applicant shall be responsible for arranging that all field personnel
4 involved in the Project receive training as to proper ingress, egress, and on-site working
5 protocol for environmentally sensitive areas and activities. Contractors employing such
6 field personnel shall maintain records documenting that the personnel have received
7 such training. [\[CEC 259\]](#)

8 16. The Applicant shall follow the most current Western Electricity
9 Coordinating Council (“WECC”) and North American Electric Reliability Corporation
10 (“NERC”) planning standards, as approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory
11 Commission (“FERC”), National Electrical Safety Code (“NESC”) standards, and
12 Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) regulations. [\[CEC 259\]](#)

13 ~~17.— The Applicant shall provide Commission Staff with a copy of the~~
14 ~~Interconnection Agreement(s) related to the Project when executed and approved by~~
15 ~~the Applicant and SRP, which will be provided under the existing Protective Agreement~~
16 ~~with Commission Staff, and Applicant shall comply with all requirements contained in~~
17 ~~the Interconnection Agreement(s). Applicant shall be responsible for any future~~
18 ~~network upgrades necessary or mitigation measures directly related to the Project as~~
19 ~~determined by SRP.~~

20 ~~18-17.~~ The Applicant shall participate in good faith in state and regional
21 transmission study forums to coordinate transmission expansion plans related to the
22 Project and to resolve transmission constraints in a timely manner. [\[CEC 259\]](#)

23 ~~19-18.~~ When Project facilities are located parallel to and within one hundred
24 (100) feet of any existing natural gas or hazardous pipeline, the Applicant shall:

- 25 A. Ensure grounding and cathodic protection studies are performed to show
26 that the Project’s location parallel to and within one hundred (100) feet
27 of such pipeline results in no material adverse impacts to the pipeline or
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1 to public safety when both the pipeline and the Project are in operation.
2 The Applicant shall take appropriate steps to ensure that any material
3 adverse impacts are mitigated. The Applicant shall provide to Staff of the
4 Commission, and file with Docket Control, a copy of the studies
5 performed and additional mitigation, if any, that was implemented as part
6 of its annual compliance-certification letter; and

- 7 B. Ensure that studies are performed simulating an outage of the Project that
8 may be caused by the collocation of the Project parallel to and within one
9 hundred (100) feet of the existing natural gas or hazardous liquid pipeline.
10 The studies should either: (i) show that such simulated outage does not
11 result in customer outages, or (ii) include operating plans to minimize any
12 resulting customer outages. The Applicant shall provide a copy of the
13 study results to Staff of the Commission and file them with Docket
14 Control as part of the Applicant's annual compliance certification letter.

15 [CEC 259]

16 ~~20-19.~~ The designation of the transmission line corridor in this Certificate, as
17 shown in **Exhibit A**, does not authorize ROWs greater than ~~1200~~ feet wide for the
18 Project on private land nor does it grant the Applicant exclusive rights within the
19 corridor outside of the final designated transmission ROWs. ~~Subject to the approval of~~
20 ~~ASLD, the Project ROW on State Trust Land will be determined in coordination with~~
21 ~~APS regarding APS's future Cotton Transmission Corridor 500 kV/230 kV Project.~~ The
22 maximum height of the structures shall not exceed ~~199-150~~ feet. [CEC 259]

23 ~~21-20.~~ The Applicant shall submit a compliance certification letter annually,
24 identifying progress made with respect to and current status of each condition contained
25 in this Certificate. The letter shall be submitted to Commission's Docket Control
26 commencing on June 1, 2027. Attached to each certification letter shall be
27 documentation explaining how compliance with each condition was achieved. Copies
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1 of each letter, along with the corresponding documentation, shall be submitted to the
2 Arizona Attorney General's Office. With respect to the Project, the requirement for the
3 compliance letter shall expire on the date the Project is placed into operation.
4 Notification of such filing with Docket Control shall be made to ADOTASLD,
5 Maricopa-Pima County, the City of Tucson, the Town of Gila BendSahuarita, ASLD,
6 all parties to this Docket, and all parties who made a limited appearance in this Docket.
7 [CEC 259]

8 22-21. The Applicant shall provide a copy of this Certificate to ADOTASLD,
9 Maricopa-Pima County, the City of Tucson, and the Town of SahuaritaGila Bend,
10 ASLD, and the owner/operator of the natural gas pipeline that serves the Gila River
11 Power Station (as shown in Exhibit A). [CEC 259]

12 23-22. Any transfer or assignment of this Certificate shall require the assignee
13 or successor to assume, in writing, all responsibilities of the Applicant listed in this
14 Certificate and its conditions as required by A.R.S. § 40-360.08(A) and R14-3-213(F)
15 of the Arizona Administrative Code. [CEC 259]

16 24-23. In the event the Applicant, its assignee, or successor, seeks to modify the
17 Certificate terms at the Commission, it shall provide copies of such request to ADOT
18 ASLD, Maricopa-Pima County, the City of Tucson, the Town of SahuaritaGila Bend,
19 ASLD, all parties to this Docket, and all parties who made a limited appearance in this
20 Docket. [CEC 259]

21 25-24. The Certificate Conditions shall be binding on the Applicant, its
22 successors, assignee(s) and transferees, and any affiliates, agents, or lessees of the
23 Applicant who have a contractual relationship with the Applicant concerning the
24 construction, operation, maintenance or reclamation of the Project. The Applicant shall
25 provide in any agreement(s) or lease(s) pertaining to the Project that the contracting
26 parties and/or lessee(s) shall be responsible for compliance with the Conditions set forth
27 herein, and the Applicant's responsibilities with respect to compliance with such
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1 Conditions shall not cease or be abated by reason of the fact that the Applicant is not in
2 control of or responsible for operation and maintenance of the Project facilities. [CEC
3 259]

4 **FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

5 This Certificate incorporates the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of
6 Law:

7 1. The Project aids the State and the Southwest Region of the United States
8 in meeting the need for an adequate, economical, and reliable supply of electric power.

9 2. When constructed in compliance with the conditions imposed in this
10 Certificate, the Project aids the State, preserving a safe and reliable electric transmission
11 system.

12 3. During the course of the hearing, the Committee considered evidence on
13 the environmental compatibility of the Project as required by A.R.S. § 40-360 *et seq.*

14 4. The Project and the conditions placed on the Project in this Certificate
15 effectively minimize the impact of the Project on the environment and ecology of the
16 State.

17 5. The conditions placed on the Project of this Certificate resolve matters
18 concerning balancing the need for the Project with its impact on the environment and
19 ecology of the state arising during the course of the proceedings, and, as such, serve as
20 finding and conclusions on such matters.

21 6. The Project is in the public interest because the Project's contribution to
22 meeting the need for an adequate, economical, and reliable supply of electric power
23 outweighs the minimized impact of the Project on the environment and ecology of the
24 State. [CEC 259]








25 DATED this _____ day of May, 2026.

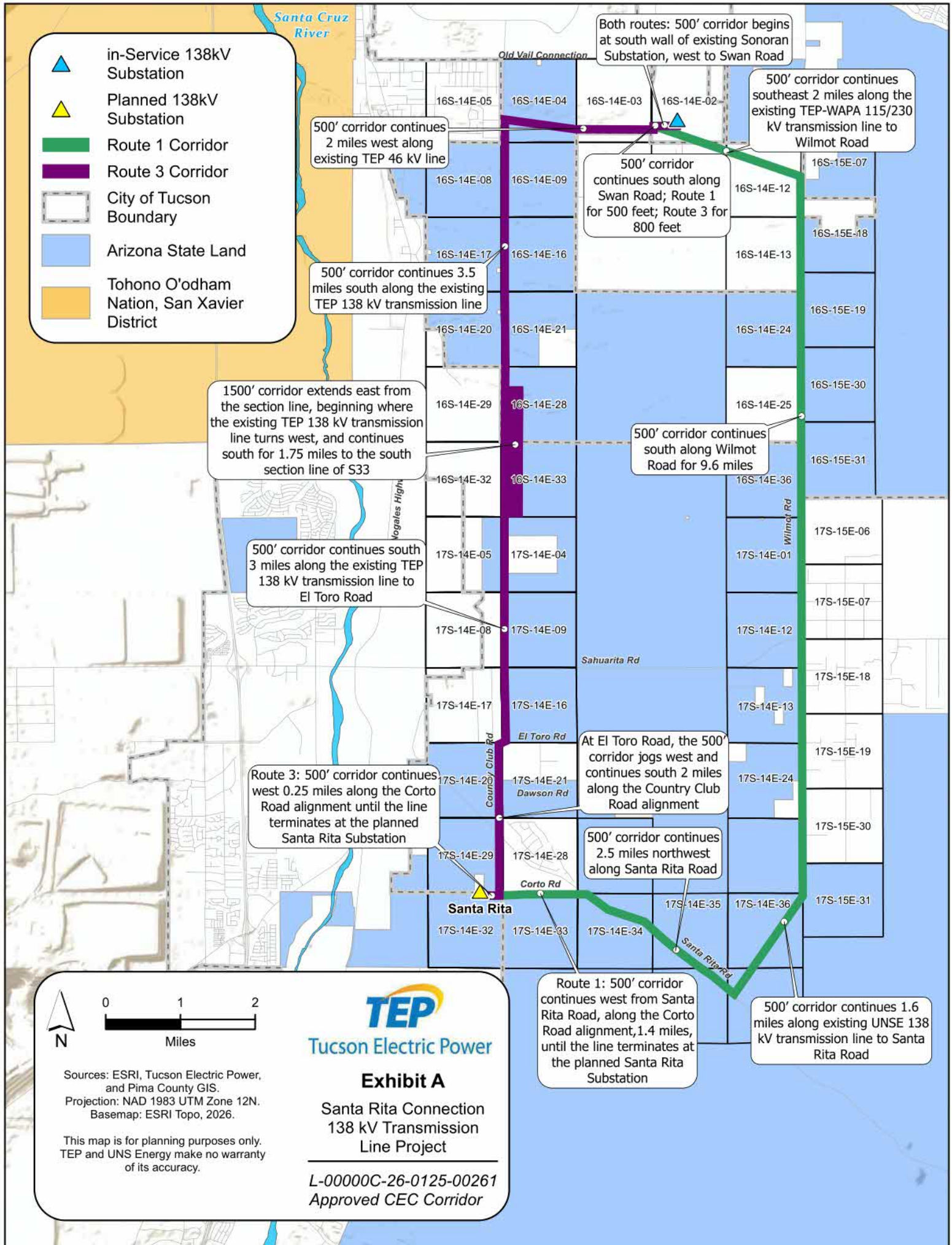
THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND
TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE

By: _____
Adam Stafford, Chairman

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EXHIBIT A

-  in-Service 138kV Substation
-  Planned 138kV Substation
-  Route 1 Corridor
-  Route 3 Corridor
-  City of Tucson Boundary
-  Arizona State Land
-  Tohono O'odham Nation, San Xavier District



Both routes: 500' corridor begins at south wall of existing Sonoran Substation, west to Swan Road

500' corridor continues southeast 2 miles along the existing TEP-WAPA 115/230 kV transmission line to Wilmot Road

500' corridor continues 2 miles west along existing TEP 46 kV line

500' corridor continues south along Swan Road; Route 1 for 500 feet; Route 3 for 800 feet

500' corridor continues 3.5 miles south along the existing TEP 138 kV transmission line

1500' corridor extends east from the section line, beginning where the existing TEP 138 kV transmission line turns west, and continues south for 1.75 miles to the south section line of S33

500' corridor continues south along Wilmot Road for 9.6 miles

500' corridor continues south 3 miles along the existing TEP 138 kV transmission line to El Toro Road

Route 3: 500' corridor continues west 0.25 miles along the Corto Road alignment until the line terminates at the planned Santa Rita Substation

At El Toro Road, the 500' corridor jogs west and continues south 2 miles along the Country Club Road alignment

500' corridor continues 2.5 miles northwest along Santa Rita Road

Route 1: 500' corridor continues west from Santa Rita Road, along the Corto Road alignment, 1.4 miles, until the line terminates at the planned Santa Rita Substation

500' corridor continues 1.6 miles along existing UNSE 138 kV transmission line to Santa Rita Road









Exhibit A

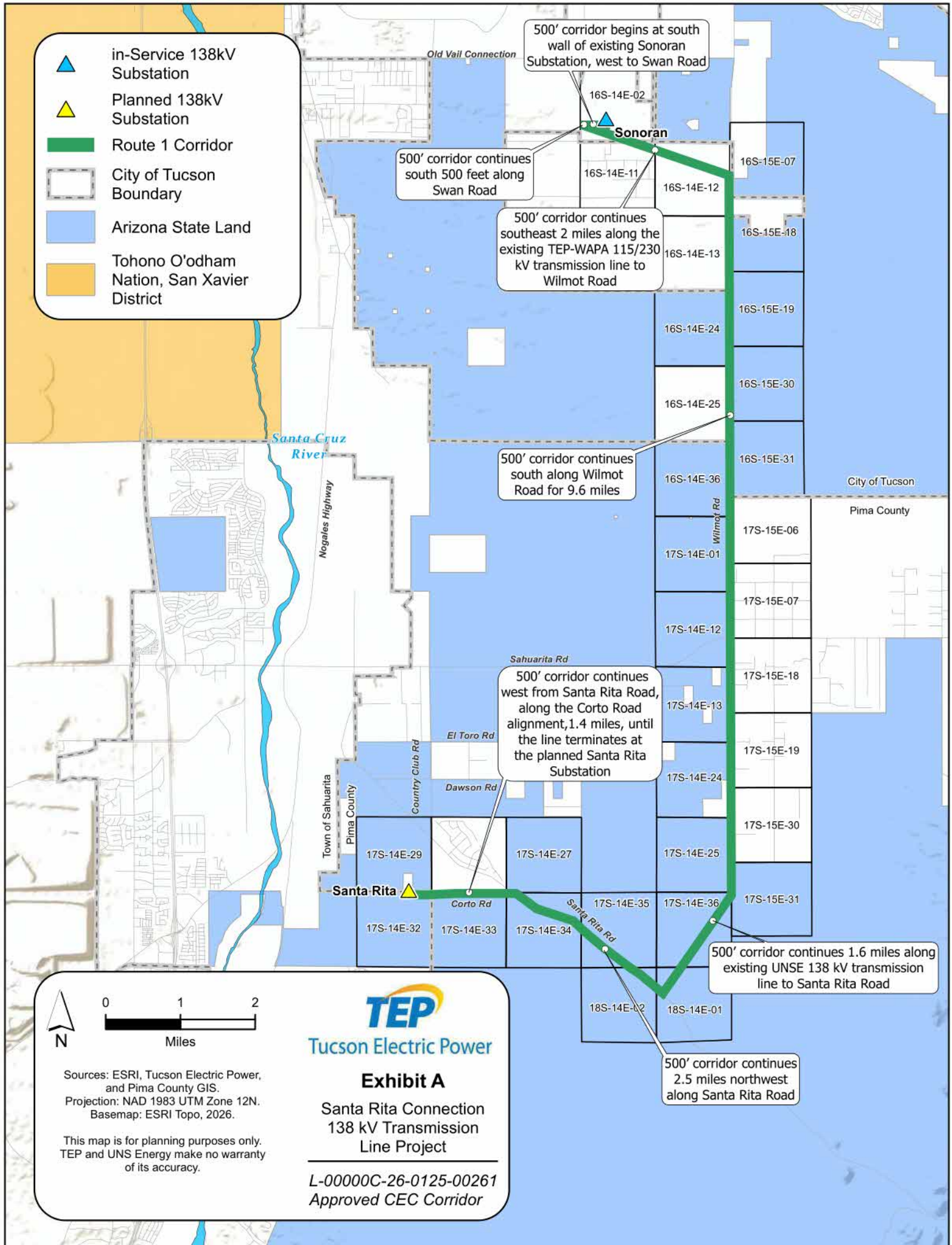
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Projection: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 12N.
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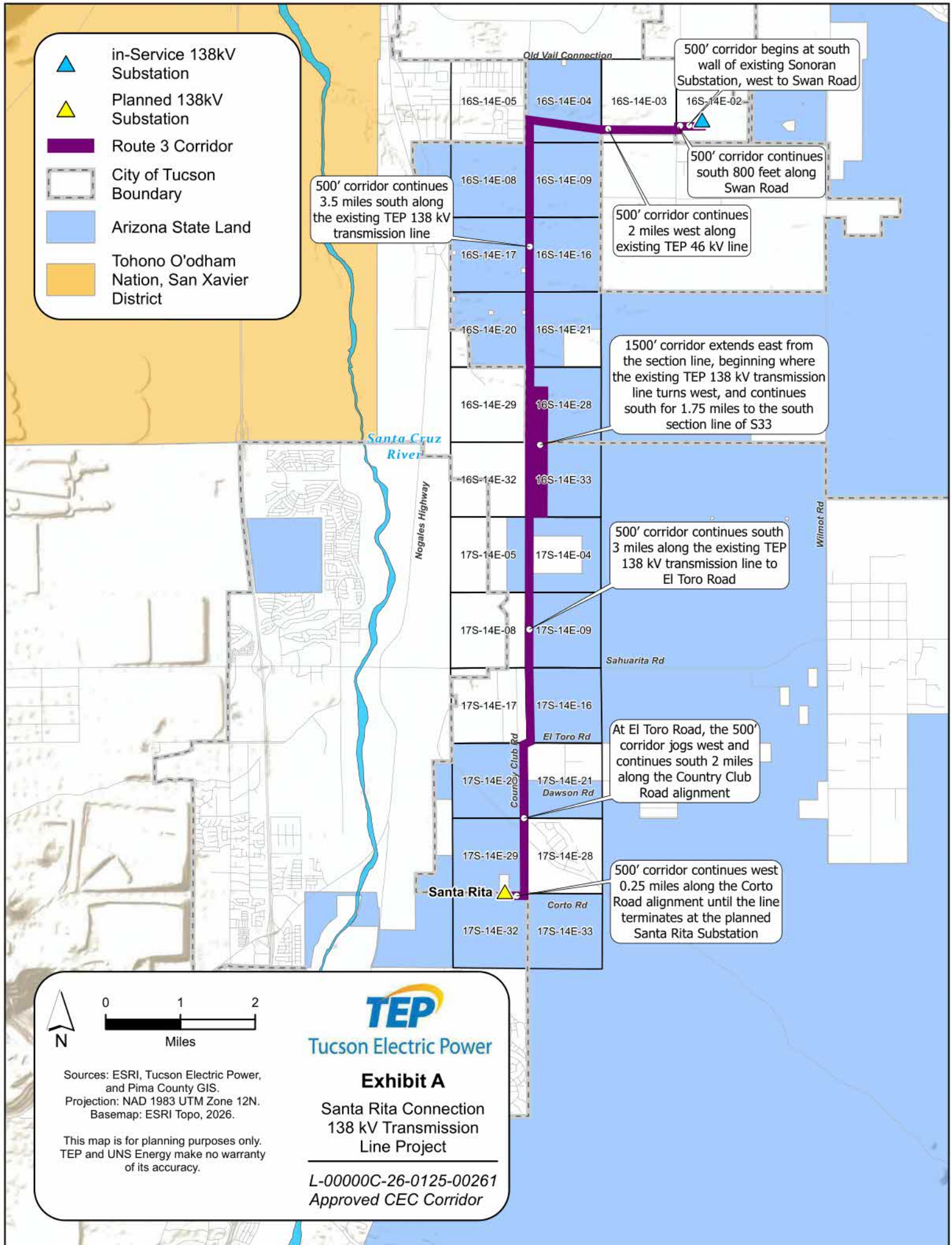


EXHIBIT B

SANTA RITA CONNECTION PROJECT CEC 261
EXHIBIT B – ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEASURES

Standard EPMs

- Minimize vegetation clearing and ground disturbance, especially within riparian areas and ephemeral washes.
- Provide construction period monitors in areas where pre-construction surveys indicate a presence of sensitive species.
- Follow TEP established raptor protection protocols, as well as guidelines published by the Edison Electric Institute and the Avian Power Line Interaction Committee (APLIC) (Suggested Practices for Avian Protection on Power Lines: State of the Art in 2024, and Reducing Bird Collisions with Power Lines: State of the Art in 2012). Follow APLIC guidelines for power line design to reduce the likelihood of bird electrocution.
- Inspect and wash all construction equipment before entering or leaving the site to prevent the spread of invasive, non-native species.
- Follow standard Best Management Practices (BMPs) to prevent contamination of downstream waters from stormwater exiting the site.
- Implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) as required.
- Implement a spill prevention, control, and countermeasures plan (SPCCP) as required.
- Implement worker environmental awareness training to inform site personnel on the appearance of protected species and their legal protections.
- Clear the construction site of project or construction-related trash each day.
- Restore disturbed areas to pre-construction or native condition following completion of project activities, by planting seeds or native vegetation of species that represent the natural surrounding landscape.
- If native plants listed under the ANPL are proposed for removal, a Notice of Intent to Clear Land should be submitted to the AZDA prior to commencing ground disturbance.
- If other wildlife are encountered during construction activities, move them out of harm's way, no more than 0.25 mile outside the project boundary, and within similar habitat.
- Trenching or digging of large holes should be close together to minimize the amount of open holes at any given time. If not back-filled immediately, escape ramps should be conducted at least every 300 feet. Trenches and holes that have been left open should be inspected to remove animals prior to back-filling.
- If any areas are to be fenced, refer to the AZGFD Wildlife Compatible Fencing Guidelines to ensure wildlife movement is not restricted.
- If listed species are identified during construction, activities should stop work at that location, and notification made to TEP and appropriate federal or state wildlife agencies.

Cactus Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl

- The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) recommends conducting pre-construction surveys to determine species presence and inform conservation measures.
- If CFPO is present, avoid construction in suitable or occupied habitat during CFPO breeding season (June 15 to August 15).
- If nests are located, establish disturbance-free buffers 0.25 to 0.5 miles from the nests.

SANTA RITA CONNECTION PROJECT CEC 259
EXHIBIT B – PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEASURES

- Avoid or minimize clearance of riparian vegetation.

Western Burrowing Owl

- In addition to standard EPMs for protection of migratory birds, the AZGFD recommends conducting occupancy surveys within suitable habitat to inform conservation measures. The surveys should be conducted by a surveyor who is certified by the AZGFD or has similar training and qualification.

Migratory Bird Species

To avoid impacts to migratory birds and/or their nests, the following measures are recommended during the general migratory bird breeding season of March 1 to August 31:

- Conduct preconstruction surveys for migratory bird and raptor nests (by a qualified biologist) within 10 days of construction activities, vegetation clearance, or ground disturbance commencing.
- Conduct additional nest surveys in areas that had no disturbance for 10 days or more.
- Establish avoidance buffers around active nests. No construction activities should occur within the buffer until cleared by a qualified biologist.
- Avoid conducting vegetation clearance of thinning near active nests.
- Identify nesting and foraging areas, and flag to avoid disturbance, with buffers appropriate for expected species.
- Minimize disturbance to riparian zones, dense vegetation, and areas rich in saguaros.

Sonoran Desert Tortoise

The following measures are recommended to avoid impacts to the Sonoran desert tortoise.

- Survey by a qualified biologist for burrows, shelters, and individual tortoises.
- Train site personnel on the appearance of the species and their legal protections.
- Ensure personnel who might handle tortoises have received training on AZGFD Desert Tortoise Handling Guidelines (Rubke, 2024) (Appendix C) to minimize or eliminate any potential impacts to desert tortoise.
- While work is being conducted within suitable Sonoran desert tortoise habitat, construction crews should refer to the Sonoran Desert Tortoise Conservation Guidelines for general handling guidelines and recommended avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures if the species is detected.
- If construction activities are scheduled to occur during active periods, pre-construction surveys and construction monitoring are recommended (AIDTT, 2008).

Monarch Butterfly

The USFWS recommended the following measures to protect the Monarch butterfly:

- Keep vegetation removal to a minimum.
- To encourage creation of habitat for the Monarch butterfly, when revegetating, refer to the USFWS Nationwide Monarch Butterfly Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances.

Pima Pineapple Cactus

The USFWS has established standard measures to avoid or minimize impacts to the PPC:

- Conduct pre-construction surveys in suitable habitat to identify individual plants and inform conservation measures. Follow current survey protocols.
- Establish 10- to 50-foot-wide buffers around identified PPCs to avoid impacting individual PPCs and their surrounding habitat during construction and ground-disturbing activities. These buffered areas should be flagged or fenced.
- Restrict construction during wet seasons to avoid excessive soil compaction.
- Minimize soil disturbance in suitable habitat (e.g., limit grading, vehicle travel, equipment laydowns, trenching).
- Implement appropriate erosion and sediment control measures to protect habitat from runoff.
- Restore disturbed habitat with native seed and/or plantings.
- Educate site personnel on species' appearance and legal protections. Prohibit plant collection and/or removal.

EXHIBIT TEP-13

**PROJECT EVALUATION REQUEST TO ARIZONA GAME AND FISH
DEPARTMENT**

DOCKET NO. L-00000C-26-0125-00261

Project Evaluation Request
Arizona Game and Fish Department

Notice: In order to obtain a review of your project, we require all of the information requested on this form to be provided. This review is free of charge. However, due to staff and budgetary constraints, we ask you to submit this form early in the process, as estimated turn around time is 30 days (if you need this review in less than 30 days, please include a needed by date and we will try to accommodate your request). This request is a preliminary review and further project review should include draft documents and a letter formally requesting further environmental review.

Project Evaluation Objectives:

Habitat Evaluation incorporates fish and wildlife resource needs or features in land and water development projects and land and water management planning efforts in Arizona.

Habitat Protection ensures habitat protection through environmental compliance and regulation, and to monitor the implementation and effectiveness of mitigation commitments for various land and water development projects and management planning activities in Arizona.

Instructions:

The following is required to process the request

- Completed form
- Map(s) delineating the project area (preferably a USGS quadrangle map)
- Relevant attachments (other supportive documents, photographs, etc.)

Send to:

Arizona Game and Fish Department
Project Evaluation Program, WMHB
5000 W Carefree Highway
Phoenix, Arizona 85086
Fax: 623-236-7366
Email: PEP@azgfd.gov

Proposed Project Information

Project Name and/or Identification Number: TEP Santa Rita Connection Project

Date of Request: 4/20/2026

What is the proposed date you intend to begin work on the project? 2027

Applicant Requesting Project Evaluation

Name: CeCe Aguda

Organization: DockIt Consulting, LLC

Street Address: 4848 Oak Pointe Way

City: Sarasota

State: FL

Zip Code: 34233

E-mail: caguda@dockitconsulting.com

Telephone Number: 360-682-8222

Fax Number:

Individual/Organization/Agency Proposing Project (if different from above)

Name: Chris Ortiz Y Pino

Organization: Tucson Electric Power

Street Address: 4350 E Irvington Road, Mailstop CB200

City: Tucson

State: AZ

Zip Code: 85702

E-mail: Christopher.OrtizYPino@tep.com

Telephone Number: 520-633-8693

Fax Number:

Location of Proposed Project *Remember to attach a topographic and/or plat map delineating the project area*

County(ies): Pima County

Township(s): See attached

Range(s):

Section(s):

Proposed Project Information (continued)

Please briefly describe the project and project activities.

The proposed project consists of a transmission line connecting the existing Sonoran Substation on Swan Road to the planned Santa Rita Substation approx 10 miles to the southwest, at Country Club Road and Corto Road. TEP is applying to the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) and is requesting a PEP letter to assist in developing the conditions of the CEC. The two routes under consideration both follow existing powerline corridors and would attach to existing lines for most of the routes. Route 1 has ~2 miles of new build, and Route 3 has ~1 mile of new build, but both sections are parallel and adjacent to existing powerlines. A biological review was conducted, and due to the project using existing lines and following existing corridors, and use of appropriate EPMs, avoidance and minimization measures there should be no adverse impacts.

Briefly describe current land uses and habitat types in the project area.

The proposed route alternatives mostly follow existing powerline corridors. The corridors have been previously disturbed for construction of the existing powerlines, and are adjacent to existing roadways (Swan Road, Wilmot Road, Country Club Road, Santa Rita Road), or along potential roadway corridors. Residential areas or open desert border the corridors. Route 1 passes through the Santa Rita Experimental Range adjacent to Santa Rita Road, and along an ACC approved corridor for a planned transmission line, on which this line will be co-located.

List any waterbodies such as rivers, intermittent streams, lakes, or wetlands within or near the project area. Xeric washes should also be described, along with any anticipated impacts as a result of the project.

The routes span numerous intermittent washes. TEP standard procedures and guidance directs contractors not to impact wash banks, and to span them completely. Towers will be designed to be outside of wash boundaries.

List any reports that have been prepared to describe the habitat that will be affected by the proposed project (e.g. habitat reconnaissance surveys, wetland delineation, etc.)

A biological resources report was prepared and is attached. It addresses the results of the USFWS IPaC search and the HDMS tool results. Please see photos in the biology report.

List any other resources or reviews that relate to the proposed project (correspondence, other phases of the project, other alternatives, etc.)

Route 1 would be co-located for most of its alignment along a line being reconducted under ACC Case 176, Decision 76468, and ACC Case 164, Decisions 73232, 76886, 78598, 78961. Route 3 would be co-located on existing double-circuit capable lines, or would rebuild existing single-circuit lines to be double-circuit and co-located with that existing line. A Class I cultural resource study was prepared for the project and is being provided to SHPO.

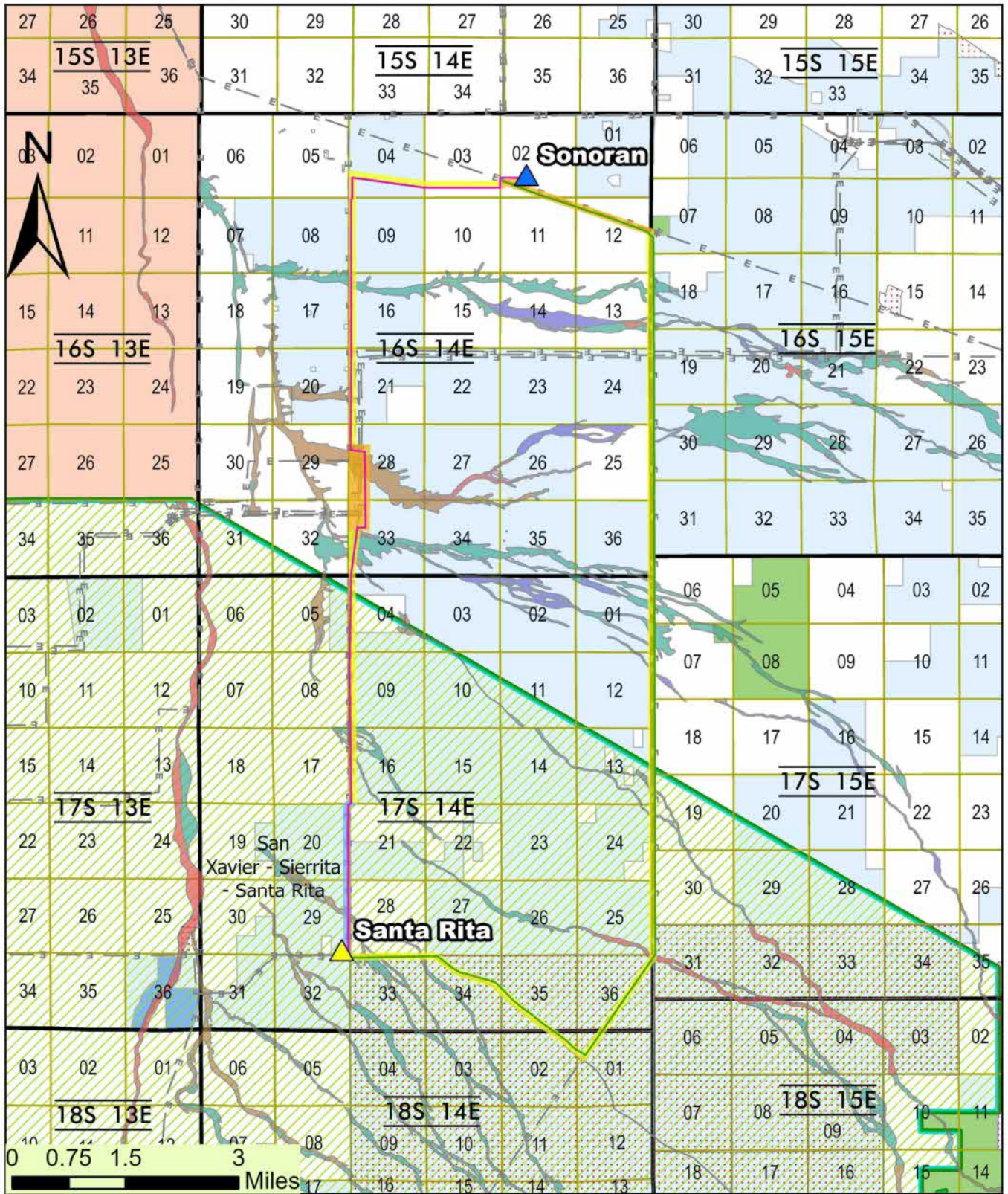
List any permits, licenses, or regulatory approvals you have or plan on applying for, or have already received as part of this project.

TEP is currently applying for a CEC from the ACC for this project. The CEC application was filed on April 17, 2026, and the hearing is scheduled for May 26-29, 2026. We would need the response to this request within the next week for incorporation into the proposed CEC Resolution for the project.

Return as hard copy to AZ Game & Fish Dept., Project Evaluation Program-Habitat Branch, 5000 W Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086 or via email to pep@azgfd.gov or fax 623-236-7366

TEP SRCP: TRS in which Route Alternatives are located:

Township	Range	Sections
16S	14E	2,3,4,9,11,12,16,21,28,33
16S	15E	7,18,19,30,31
17S	14E	4,9,16,20,21,29,32,33,34,35,36
17S	15E	6,7,18,19,30,31
18S	14E	1,2



- In-Service 138 kV Substation
- Planned 138 kV Substation
- Route 1
- Route 3
- Existing Powerlines
- PLSSTownship_AZ
- PLSSTownship_AZ

- Co-locate
- New Build
- Rebuild
- Santa Rita Experimental Range
- Potential Linkage Zones

- Legend**
- Important Riparian Areas**
- IRA-A
 - IRA-B
 - IRA-C
 - IRA-D
 - IRA-H

- Surface Management**
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
 - Bureau of Land Management
 - Local Government
 - Private
 - State

Santa Rita Connection Project
4/20/2026



Santa Rita Connection Project
Biological Resources Report
omitted. Copy is included with
Application for Certificate of
Environmental Compatibility as
Exhibit C-2.

EXHIBIT TEP-14

RESPONSE FROM ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

DOCKET NO. L-00000C-26-0125-00261



May 8, 2026

Ms. CeCe Aguda
DockIt Consulting, LLC
4848 Oak Pointe Way
Sarasota, FL 34233

Electronically submitted to Caguda@dockitconsulting.com

RE: Santa Rita Connection Project

Dear Ms. Aguda,

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (Department) appreciates the opportunity to review the proposed project. The Department understands that Tucson Electric Power (TEP) proposes to construct a 9-10-mile 138 kV transmission line and associated infrastructure to connect TEP's existing Sonoran Substation with the proposed Santa Rita Substation. The Department also understands the goal of the project is to increase energy capacity, enhance system reliability, and modernize infrastructure for customers in Sahuarita, Green Valley, and surrounding areas in Pima County south of Tucson. The project is located on private and Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) lands near the City of Tucson, the Town of Sahuarita, and unincorporated Pima County, Arizona, in primarily upland Sonoran desert scrub and semidesert habitat. Current land use is mixed and includes residential, solar generation and transmission, agricultural and rangeland, institutional, aggregate production, as well as vacant undeveloped land.

Under Title 17 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, the Department, by and through the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, has jurisdictional authority and public trust responsibilities to conserve and protect the state fish and wildlife resources. In addition, the Department manages threatened and endangered species through authorities of Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act and the Department's Section 10(a)(1)(A) permit. It is the mission of the Department to conserve and protect Arizona's diverse fish and wildlife resources and manage for safe, compatible outdoor recreation opportunities for current and future generations.

The Department recognizes the importance of planning efforts to develop energy infrastructure that contribute to regional and state economic growth needs and would like to work closely with DockIt Consulting and TEP during the planning and development of this project. The Department recognizes that appropriate coordination, proper planning, and voluntary implementation of best management practices allow projects to be developed that avoid, minimize, or offset potential impacts to wildlife and wildlife-related recreational access during

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development and operation of the facilities. For your consideration, the Department provides the following comments based on the agency's statutory authorities, public trust responsibilities, and special expertise related to wildlife resources and wildlife-related recreation:

- As noted within the Santa Rita Connection Project Biological Resources Report (Report), suitable habitat for the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl, which is federally listed as Threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), may occur within the project area. Additionally, the Endangered Pima pineapple cactus has been recorded within the project area. Pre-construction surveys are recommended to determine species presence and inform conservation measures. If you are uncertain about the effects of your project on these species, or if you anticipate your project will not be in compliance with the ESA, the Department recommends contacting the [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#) (USFWS) for their Technical Assistance. The USFWS will provide options to comply with the ESA.
- The western burrowing owl, a special status species that is regulated under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA), has the potential to occur in the project area. The Department recommends conducting occupancy surveys for this species within suitable habitat to inform conservation measures. Guidelines for conducting this survey are found in [Burrowing Owl Project Clearance Guidance for Landowners](#)¹. The Department appreciates that a copy of this guidance is included in the Report. Please note that the survey should be conducted by a surveyor who is certified by the Department or has similar training and qualifications. If an active burrowing owl burrow is detected, please contact the Department and the USFWS for direction, in accordance with the guidelines.
- The Sonoran desert tortoise, which is a federal and state species of special concern, could occur in the project area. While work is being conducted within suitable Sonoran Desert tortoise habitat, construction crews should refer to the [Sonoran Desert Tortoise Conservation Guidelines](#)² for general handling guidelines and recommended avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures if this species is detected. The Department appreciates that these guidelines are included in the Report.
- Maintaining habitat connectivity is a priority for the Department, and wildlife movement corridors are important for wildlife to respond to changing environmental conditions. The Department appreciates that both alternatives (Route 1 and Route 2) are co-located with existing transmission lines, which will help minimize potential impacts to wildlife movement. The Department recommends minimizing ground disturbance within the riparian areas and ephemeral washes that intersect the project footprint to maintain connectivity and minimize potential impacts to wildlife movement within these areas.
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² <https://azgfd-portal-wordpress-pantheon.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/16114611/Rubke-2024.-Sonoran-Desert-Tortoise-Conservation-Guidelines.pdf>

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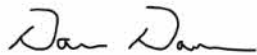
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See the [Arizona Department of Agriculture's website](#)⁵ for a list of prohibited and restricted noxious weeds and the [Arizona Native Plant Society](#)⁶ for recommendations on how to control them. To view a list of documented invasive species or to report invasive species in or near your project area, visit [iMapInvasives](#)⁷, which is a national cloud-based application for tracking and managing invasive species.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the Santa Rita Connection Project. For further coordination, please contact Katie Matthiesen at kmatthiesen@azgfd.gov or 520-359-7073.

Sincerely,



Dave Daniels
Regional Supervisor, Region V

cc: Callie Cavalcant – Habitat, Evaluation, and Lands Branch Chief, AZGFD

AZGFD #M26-04202310

⁵ <https://agriculture.az.gov/pestspest-control/agriculture-pests/noxious-weeds>

⁶ <https://aznps.com/invas>

⁷ <https://imap.natureserve.org/imap/services/page/map.html>

⁸ https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Final_CCAA_040720_Fully%20Executed.pdf

EXHIBIT TEP-15

LETTER TO STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

DOCKET NO. L-00000C-26-0125-00261



Kathryn Leonard
State Historic Preservation Officer
1110 W. Washington St., #100 Phoenix, AZ 85007
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Sincerely,

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Attachment 1

Excerpt from Exhibit E of the CEC application:
Scenic Areas, Historic Sites and Structures, and Archaeological Sites

Table 12. Summary of Route Analysis from Class I Study

Route Alternative	Length (Miles)	% Surveyed	# Sites in Corridor	Eligible Sites in Corridor	In Sensitivity Zone	Recommend Class III Survey
Route 1	17.4	66%	18	7	No	Yes
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Table 13. Sites and Site Buffers Intersecting Route 1

Site	Eligibility
AZ BB:13:558(ASM)	Eligible (SHPO-2000-1218)
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AZ BB:13:562(ASM)	Ineligible (SHPO-2008-0510)
AZ BB:13:563(ASM)	Ineligible (SHPO-Unknown)
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AZ BB:13:643(ASM)	Eligible Criterion D (SHPO-2000-1218)
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AZ EE:1:161(ASM)	Eligible (SHPO-2008-0131)
AZ EE:1:329(ASM)	Recommended not eligible by recorder
AZ EE:1:392(ASM)	Eligible Criterion D (SHPO-2011-0898)
AZ EE:1:442(ASM)	Ineligible (SHPO-2011-0898)
AZ EE:1:463(ASM)	Eligible, Criterion D (SHPO-2011-1338)
AZ EE:1:464(ASM)/ Santa Rita Road	Recommended not eligible by recorder
AZ EE:1:99(ASM)	Eligible, Criterion D (SHPO-2018-0515)
AZ BB:13:1013(ASM)	Unknown
AZ BB:13:565(ASM)	Eligible, Criterion D (SHPO-2000-1218)
AZ BB:13:573(ASM)	Recommended eligible by recorder
AZ EE:1:244(ASM)	Not Evaluated by recorder
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AZ BB:13:317(ASM)	Ineligible (SHPO-2017-0005)
AZ BB:13:318(ASM)	Not Evaluated by recorder
AZ BB:13:549(ASM)	Recommended eligible by recorder
AZ BB:13:802(ASM)	Recommended not eligible by recorder
AZ BB:13:803(ASM)	Recommended not eligible by recorder
AZ BB:13:869(ASM)	Recommended not eligible by recorder
AZ BB:13:968(ASM)	Unknown
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E.4 Historic District Analysis

No historic districts are present within or adjacent to any of the routes.

E.5 Conclusion

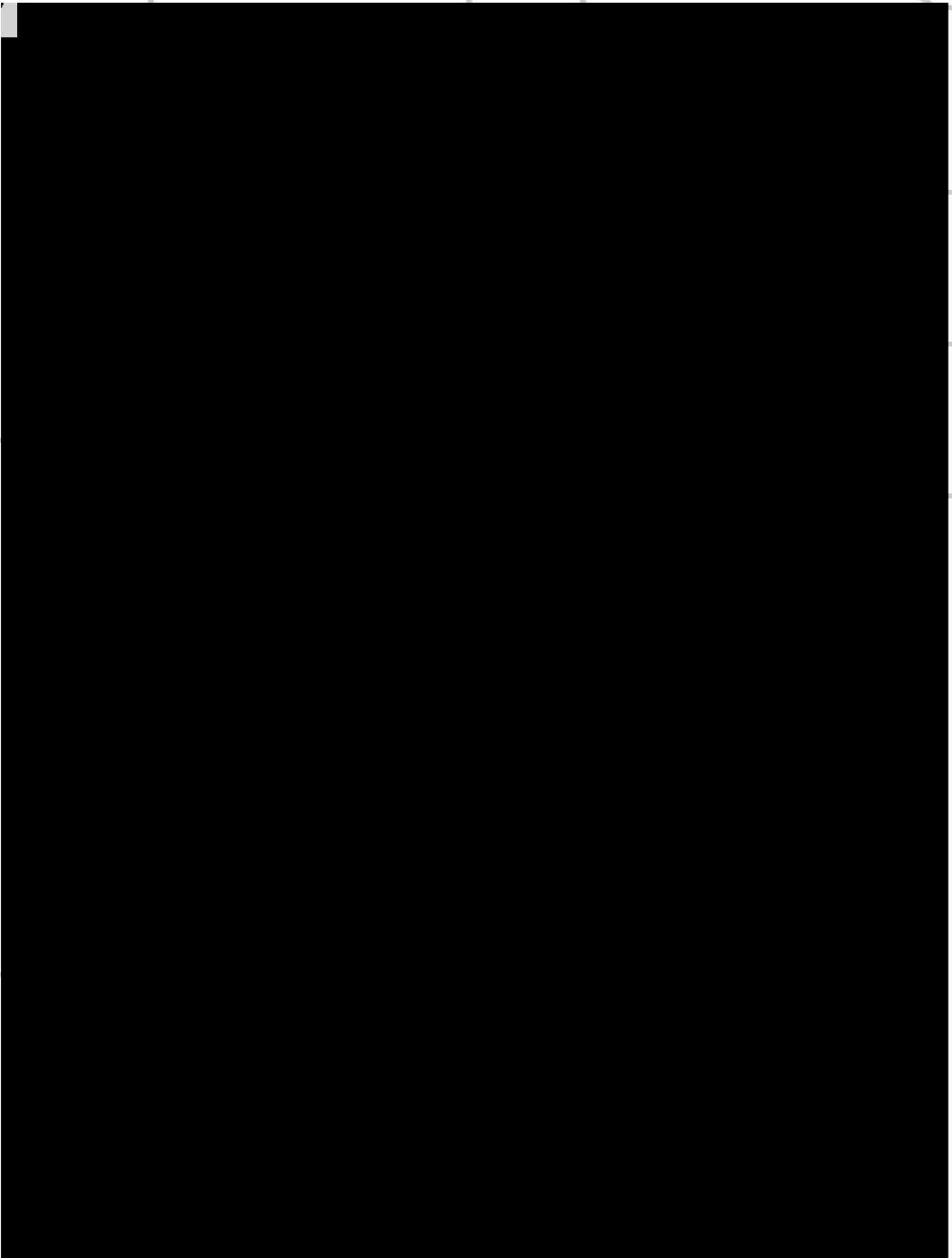
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Attachment 2

Map of Proposed Routes with Intersecting Site Boundaries

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Attachment 3

Class I Literature Review:
Chronicle Heritage, April 9, 2026
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Santa Rita Connection Project
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EXHIBIT TEP-16

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**Caroline Klebacha, M.A.
Arizona State Historic Preservation Office
May 8, 2026**