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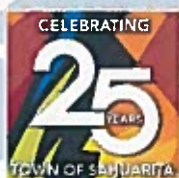
This letter is being submitted for public record as part of the Draft Tier 1 EIS Public Comment Process. While public hearings have been held since April in nearby Tucson, Marana, and Nogales, there was no meeting held in Sahuarita to hear from our elected officials or constituents after the Draft was released. The Sahuarita Town Council thereby held a discussion to hear from residents during its June 24, 2019 council meeting, and Council requested I send a letter on their behalf.

The Draft Tier 1 EIS indicates a Recommended Corridor Alternative and Other Build Corridor Alternatives in Sahuarita that would seemingly traverse residential neighborhoods. A solid representation of residents from that area who are not in favor of the proposed routes voiced their concerns at the council meeting. Many are long-time residents, including one who has lived on her property for more than 50 years. Residents do not want to lose their acreage and rural setting they enjoy, nor have the natural landscape destroyed. Sahuarita has become known for its small town feel throughout its history, and residents are concerned this will be lost. Council encouraged the individuals to submit public comment directly to your study team through the prescribed process by July 8, 2019.

As a participating agency, we are in support of regional transportation planning and have previously requested that El Toro Rd. be considered a connection point in the I-11 Tier 1 EIS (July 22, 2016 Letter from Sheila Bowen.) We still believe this location is an important connector, especially for the proposed Sonoran Corridor. If Interstate 11 Corridor moves to a Tier 2 study, however, we would like to request you consider alternative routes that would not have an impact on our residential neighborhoods, including but not limited to, an overlay of I-11 with the I-19 alignment (Orange Alternative.) We would also request that future meetings include Sahuarita Town representatives and that public meetings are held in our town for our residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. Kelly Udall".



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