



The National I-10 Freight Corridor Study

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The National I-10 Freight Corridor Study is a joint effort by eight state Departments of Transportation (DOTs) to analyze multimodal transportation needs and develop a plan for improving the Interstate 10 (I-10) Corridor. I-10 extends coast to coast across eight states - California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida - and includes 17 major urban areas.

The goals of this feasibility study are:

- 1) To provide an efficient and reliable intermodal transportation system, including an improved highway system, for the movement of goods in international and domestic trade; and
- 2) To foster development of multimodal freight transportation facilities.

I-10 is a corridor of international, national, regional, state and local significance. Not only is this interstate important to communities and facilities on the route, but to those linked to it as well. Cargo moves along I-10 to reach other interstates, international bridges, ports, airports, manufacturing plants and other facilities. Therefore, the development of a plan for the future requires coordination with local, state, regional and national interests along I-10 and beyond.

There is tremendous growth in freight traffic, specifically truck traffic. Trade now accounts for 25 percent of the U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP), up from 11 percent in 1970. Companies are warehousing fewer goods than in the past. Just-in-time (JIT) delivery of goods has become standard, making companies dependent on rapid cargo delivery.

A recent federal study suggests that domestic freight traffic will increase by 85 percent through 2020 and international trade will grow by 115 percent over the same period. Although other modes of transportation, like rail lines, could handle some of this cargo in the future, the major means of transport is expected to be trucks. By 2020, truck traffic is expected to carry 68 percent of all tonnage moved and represent 82 percent of the value of the freight moved in the United

States. While the large volume of truck traffic affects congestion, air quality, highway safety and highway maintenance, it also provides economic development and jobs.

Thus, though the focus of this study is freight, all travelers and communities that rely on I-10 will benefit. If truck congestion can be reduced, then travel conditions, air quality and safety will improve. Expediting cargo movements will increase productivity for businesses, benefiting local, state and national economies.

A Steering Committee and a Technical Advisory Committee, consisting of state DOT and federal transportation officials, direct the I-10 study. To assist these committees, a consultant team, led by Wilbur Smith Associates, has been selected.

Ultimately, development of an action plan and improvements to I-10 will depend on you. Your help will be critical to understanding the issues and problems on I-10 and implementing needed improvements.

The state DOTs will host Open House Public Meetings along I-10 during February and March 2002. Members of the consulting team will be available at each meeting to answer questions and take comments. Meeting locations and dates are listed on the back of this newsletter.

For more information on this project, visit our web site at www.i10freightstudy.org. Members of the Steering Committee and Technical Advisory Committee are listed on the General Information Sheet located in the Project News section of the web site.

To be added to the mailing list:

- Write: The National I-10 Freight Corridor Study
11301 Olympic Blvd., #413
West Los Angeles, California 90064
- Call: 1-866-4-I-10-FWY (1-866-441-0399) or
- Log on: to www.i10freightstudy.org and send an e-mail requesting to be added to the mailing list.

El Corredor Nacional de la Autopista Interestatal 10 (I-10) es un esfuerzo junto de parte de los ocho Departamentos de Transporte estatales (DOTs) para analizar las necesidades de transporte multi-modales y desarrollar un plan para mejorar la autopista I-10. I-10 extiende de costa a costa por ocho estados - California, Arizona, Nuevo México, Tejas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama y Florida e incluye 17 áreas metropolitanas.

I-10 es un corredor de importancia internacional, estatal, regional y local ya que conecta los estados unidos, puentes internacionales, puertos y aeropuertos.

Las metas de este estudio son:

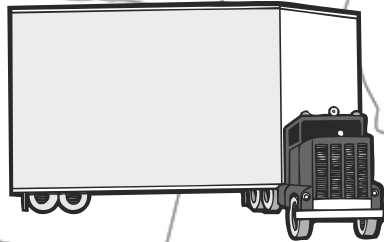
- 1 *Proveer un sistema de transporte inter-modal que sea eficiente y seguro para el movimiento de mercancías en comercio internacional y domestico y mejorar el sistema de carreteras.*
- 2 *Promover el desarrollo de facultades de transporte multi-modales para carga.*

Para mas información, llame al 1-866-441-0399 y deje su mensaje. Alguien le regresara su llamada para responder a sus preguntas o comentarios.

A Look at I-10 State-by-State

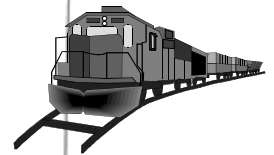
The study team has already begun collecting information on the I-10 Corridor and freight movements. The map below recognizes that the I-10 Corridor is an important link for cargo being transported not only within the United States, but to Canada, Mexico and Central and South America as well.

As the study progresses, key generators located on and linked to I-10 must be identified. We need to know what you see as key issues or concerns, and the state Departments of Transportation will need your support to help plan and fund needed improvements.



How can you help?

- Attend one or more of the meetings listed on the back of this newsletter and discuss your issues or concerns.
- Send your comments either by mail or e-mail.
- Tell us about issues along I-10 or on roadways and other transportation systems linked to it.
- Be prepared to help support a plan for needed improvements.



California

I-10 Mileage = 237

Arizona

I-10 Mileage = 392

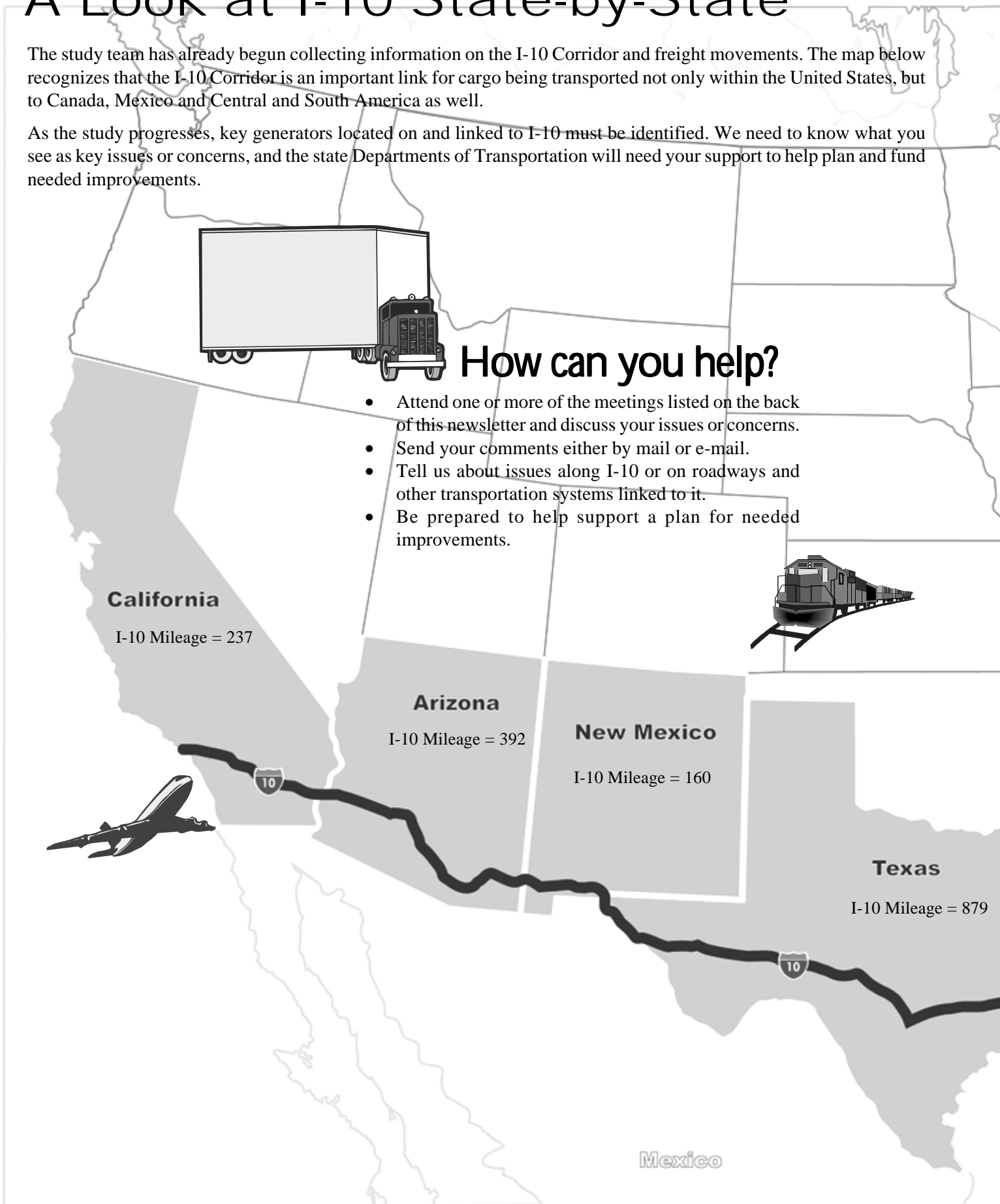
New Mexico

I-10 Mileage = 160

Texas

I-10 Mileage = 879

Mexico



Components of this Feasibility Study

The activities to be accomplished in this study include:

Corridor and Freight Demand Studies: Information will be collected on the corridor, major facilities and related roadways. Freight movements and growth projections, environmental and safety issues, and vehicle operating and other regulations will be analyzed. Current and planned Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) applications in each state will be identified.

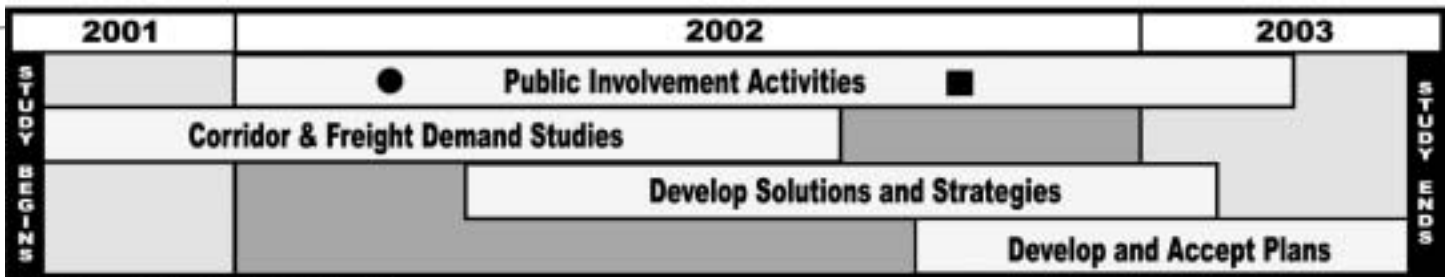
Develop Solutions and Strategies: Possible solutions and strategies to expedite freight traffic will be developed. These include actual highway improvements and needed connections to international bridges, ports of entry, ports, airports and rail lines. ITS applications, such as systems that weigh trucks as they travel the corridor (weigh-in-motion) and other automated vehicle control and information systems, are also possible solutions. The

benefit-to-cost ratio and funding analysis will be developed for proposed improvements.

Develop and Accept Plans: Implementation plans will be prepared which include improvements that are shown to be feasible. To be feasible, improvements must have a benefit-cost ratio greater than one and must be financially viable. For some major improvements, funding availability may require a phased approach. The next federal transportation bill, scheduled for Congressional development in 2002 and adoption for 2003 and beyond, will be an important resource.

Public Involvement: There will be public outreach and involvement throughout this study. For implementation to occur, there must be public knowledge of and support for improvement plans.

Study Timeline



● Public Meetings (February 13th through March 7th)

■ I-10 Summit (Fall 2002)



Public Meetings

An important aspect of this feasibility study is public involvement. A broad range of activities are planned to provide continuing opportunities throughout the study to receive input and provide information to public officials, stakeholders and the general public on the progress of the study. Newsletters, media releases, the project web site and a telephone hot-line will provide the latest information. To discuss alternatives and develop strategies for implementation of improvement scenarios, an I-10 Summit is planned for Fall 2002 at a central location.

State DOTs will be hosting Open House Public Meetings throughout the project area. All meetings will be held from **4:00 PM - 6:30 PM** at the locations listed below. Members of the consulting team will be available at each meeting to answer questions and take comments. Please visit our web site, www.i10freightstudy.org, or call 1-866-4-I-10-FWY for additional meeting information.

LOCATION	DATE	MEETING PLACE	ADDRESS
Los Angeles, CA	February 13, 2002	LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	One Gateway Plaza
San Bernardino, CA	February 19, 2002	County of San Bernardino Administration Building	385 North Arrowhead Avenue
Phoenix, AZ	February 25, 2002	Maricopa Association of Governments - Saguaro Room	302 North 1 st Avenue
San Antonio, TX	February 25, 2002	Texas Department of Transportation District Office	4615 NW Loop 410
Tucson, AZ	February 26, 2002	Randolph Golf Course Club House	600 South Alvernon Way
Houston, TX	February 26, 2002	Texas Department of Transportation District Office	7721 Washington Avenue
Baton Rouge, LA	February 27, 2002	Radisson Hotel - Cypress Ballroom	4728 Constitution Drive
El Paso, TX	February 27, 2002	Texas Department of Transportation District Office	13301 Gateway West
Las Cruces, NM	February 28, 2002	Thomas Branigan Memorial Library	200 East Picacho Avenue
Kenner, LA	February 28, 2002	Pontchartrain Center - Mary Minor Room	4545 Williams Boulevard
Gulfport, MS	March 4, 2002	Handsboro Community Center	1890 Switzer Road
Mobile, AL	March 5, 2002	Mobile Convention Center	One South Water Street
Tallahassee, FL	March 6, 2002	Florida DOT Hayden-Burns Building Auditorium	605 Suwannee Street
Jacksonville, FL	March 7, 2002	Florida DOT District 2 Urban Office Training Center	2250 Irene Street

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend one of meetings and need auxiliary aids or services or who will require Spanish translation are requested to contact 1-866-4-I-10-FWY prior to February 6, 2002.

Si desea traducción al español y asistirá las reuniones, por favor llame al 1-866-441-0399. Así mismo, personas incapacitadas o con impedimentos auditivos que asistirán las reuniones y necesitan asistencia especial favor de comunicarse con nosotros antes del 6 de febrero de 2002.

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