

# APS Three Rivers 230kV Powerline Project

## Open House

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# Project Overview and Need



# Project Overview

- Three Rivers Project
  - One new 230/69kV substation (Three Rivers Substation)
  - Two new 230kV transmission lines from the planned substation to existing 230kV transmission lines
- APS is in the early stages of the planning process and is conducting agency and public involvement outreach prior to identifying preferred powerline routes.
- Following identification of preferred powerline routes, APS will apply for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) with the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) for a transmission line route corridor.

# Three Rivers Transmission Line Project (TS-16)

## Jurisdiction

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-  Avondale
-  Goodyear
-  Maricopa County
-  Litchfield Park
-  Phoenix
-  Tolleson

### Project Features

-  Regional Study Area
-  Data Center Site

### Planned Transmission Facilities

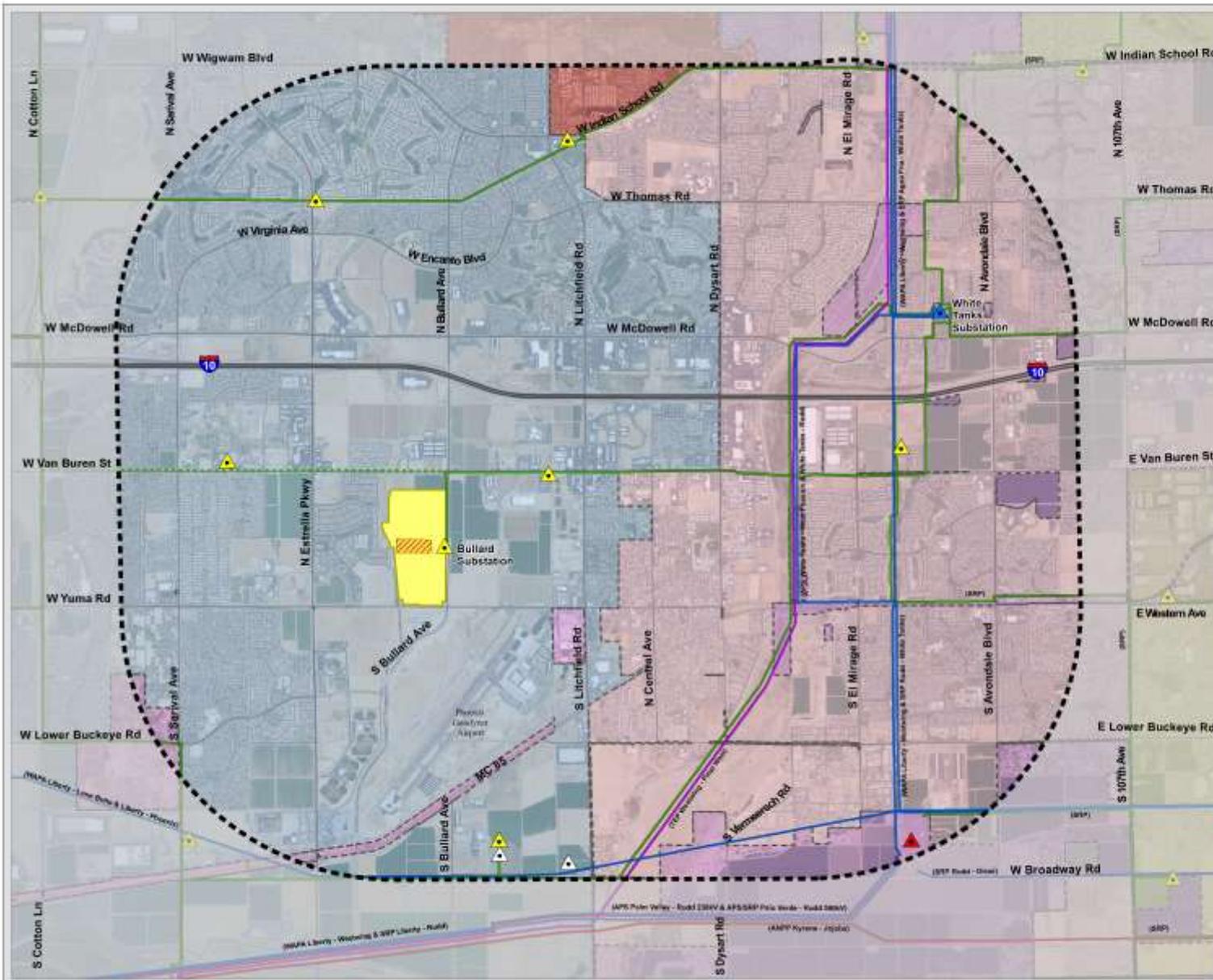
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-  500kV Substation
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# Project Need

- Provide dedicated and looped 230kV power sources to serve a new data center customer and support overall growth in the west valley

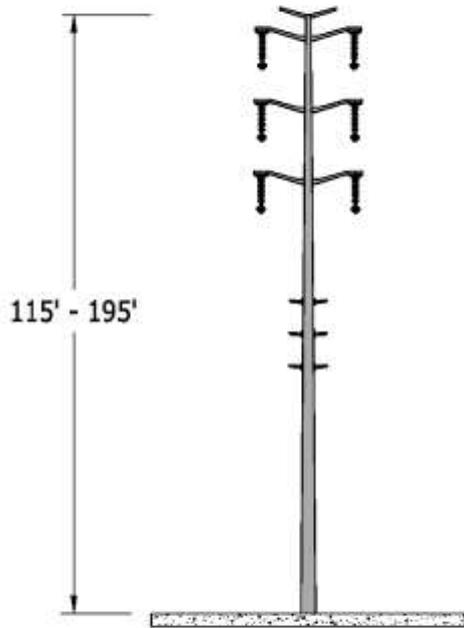
# Project Description and Design Considerations



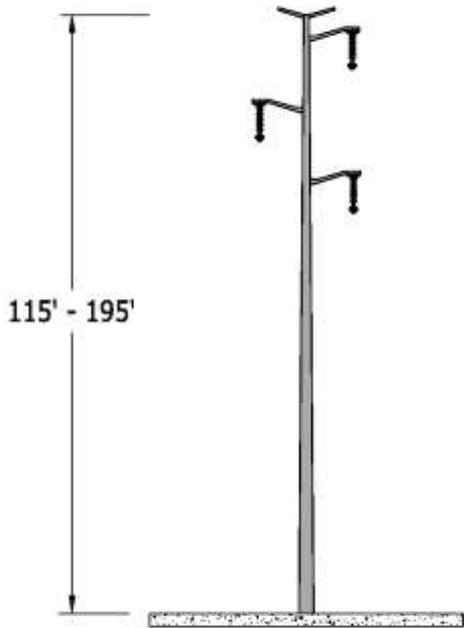
# Project Description

- Three Rivers Project
  - One new 230/69kV substation (Three Rivers Substation)
  - Two new 230kV transmission lines from the planned substation to existing 230kV transmission lines
- New 230kV transmission line routes will require:
  - Right-of-way or easement up to approximately 120 feet wide
  - Construction of new steel transmission line structures, approximately 115 to 195 feet tall, depending on routing and required crossing of other existing structures
- New 230kV substation will require approximately 15-acre site located on customer's property.

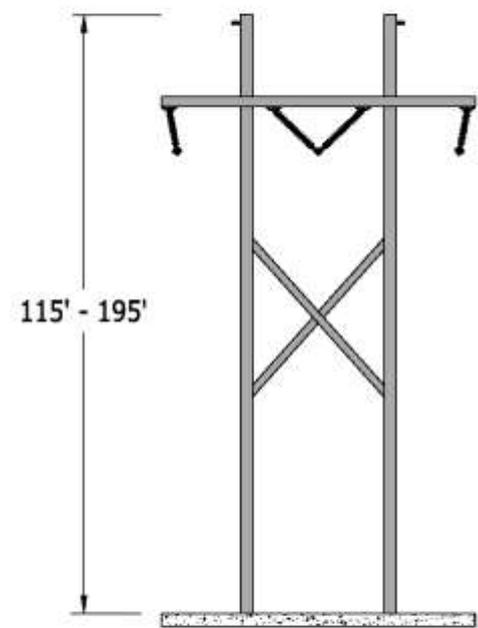
# Typical Structures



*Typical 230kV double circuit with  
69kV double circuit underbuild  
monopole structure*



*Typical 230kV single circuit  
monopole structure*



*Typical 230kV single circuit  
H-frame structure*

*Heights may vary according to terrain*

# Typical Structures



# Typical Substation



# Technical Considerations



# Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF)

## Electric Field

Fields created by voltage on the transmission line that can cause an electric charge to build up on insulated objects near the line. This can create nuisance shocks (much like walking across carpet and touching a door handle) to individuals touching grounded objects near the line.

The standard for maximum electrical field value outside of the powerline right-of-way is 5.0kV/m. The value calculated for this project is less than 0.5kV/m.

## Magnetic Field

Fields that are created by ALL devices that use, carry, or generate electricity. Magnetic fields drop off dramatically as distance from the source increases. To date, no federal or Arizona state standards have been established for magnetic field levels.

APS recognizes the public concern for magnetic fields and has included those considerations in the design of this project. The estimated value for magnetic field at the edge of a typical 230kV right-of-way is approximately 4mG.

***APS continues to monitor U.S. and international studies regarding EMF, and offers free in-home measurements of EMF levels to all APS customers.***

# Planning Process



# Next Steps in Planning Process

- Collect, respond to, and document public and agency comments – February/March 2020
- Alternative route/corridor identification – December 2019/January 2020
- Complete detailed inventory – December 2019/January 2020
- Impact assessment – February/March 2020
- Identify and refine preferred route/corridor location alternatives – May/June 2020
- Next open house – May/June 2020
- Submit CEC Application and Publish Notice of CEC Hearing – Q3/Q4 2020
- Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee holds Evidentiary Hearing on CEC Application – Q4 2020
- ACC makes decision on CEC Application at an ACC Open Meeting – Q4 2020/Q1 2021

Q = Quarter

# Environmental Studies Overview

- Land Use – compatibility with existing/future land use, transportation facilities (roadway and air), and jurisdictional planning guidelines
- Visual – minimize impacts to sensitive viewers (residences, parks, and travel routes)
- Cultural – minimize impacts to culturally or archaeologically sensitive sites (historic buildings)
- Biological – minimal sensitive habitat, based on existing development

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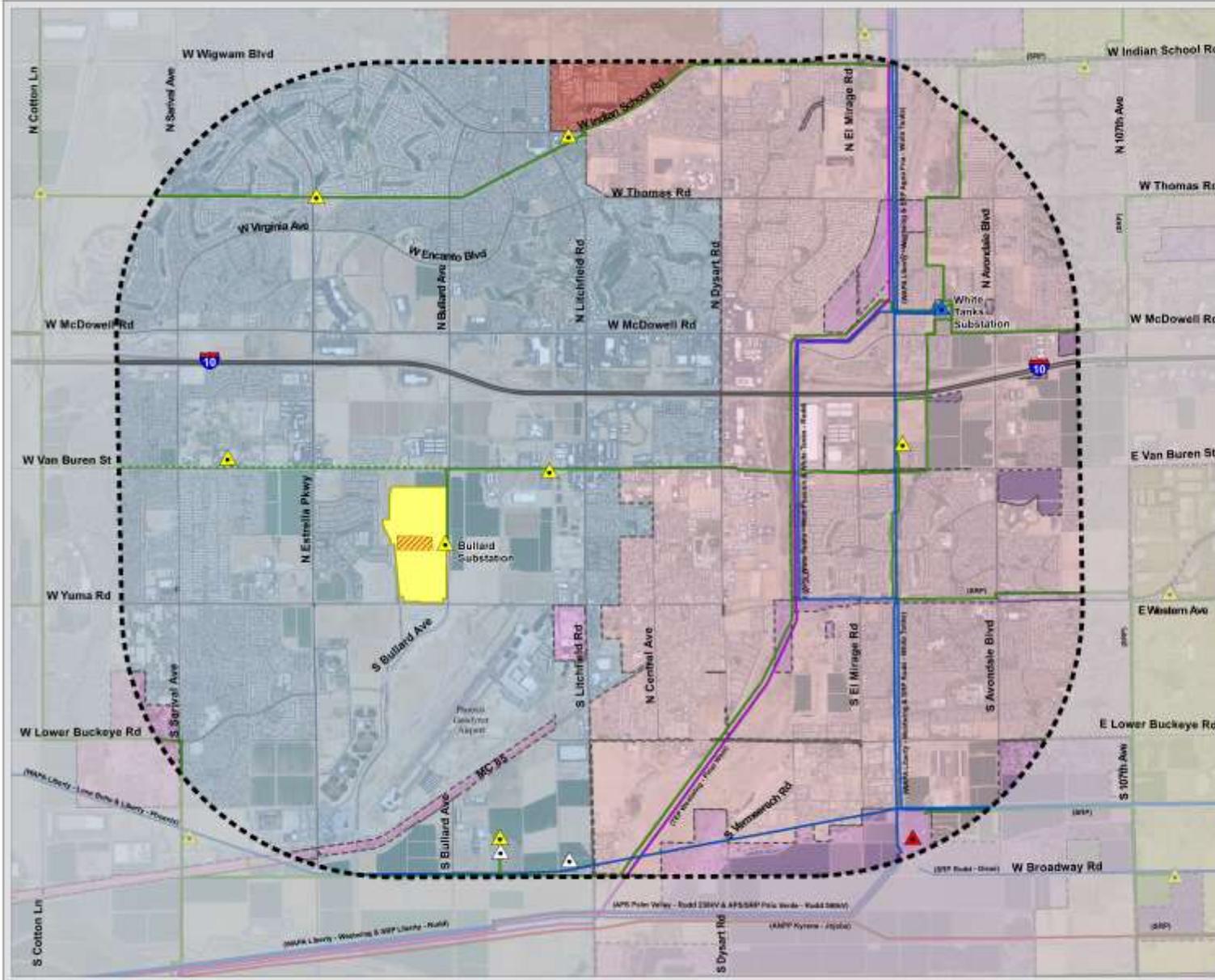
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## Existing Land Use

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-  Residential, Single-Family Low Density
-  Residential, Single-Family Medium Density
-  Residential, Single-Family High Density
-  Residential, Multi-family
-  Residential, RV Park/Mobile Home Park
-  Residential, Under Construction
-  Air Facility
-  Agriculture
-  Commercial
-  Communication Facilities
-  Industrial
-  Public/Quasi-public
-  Recreation
-  School/Education Facility
-  Park/Preservation
-  Utility
-  Transportation
-  Vacant

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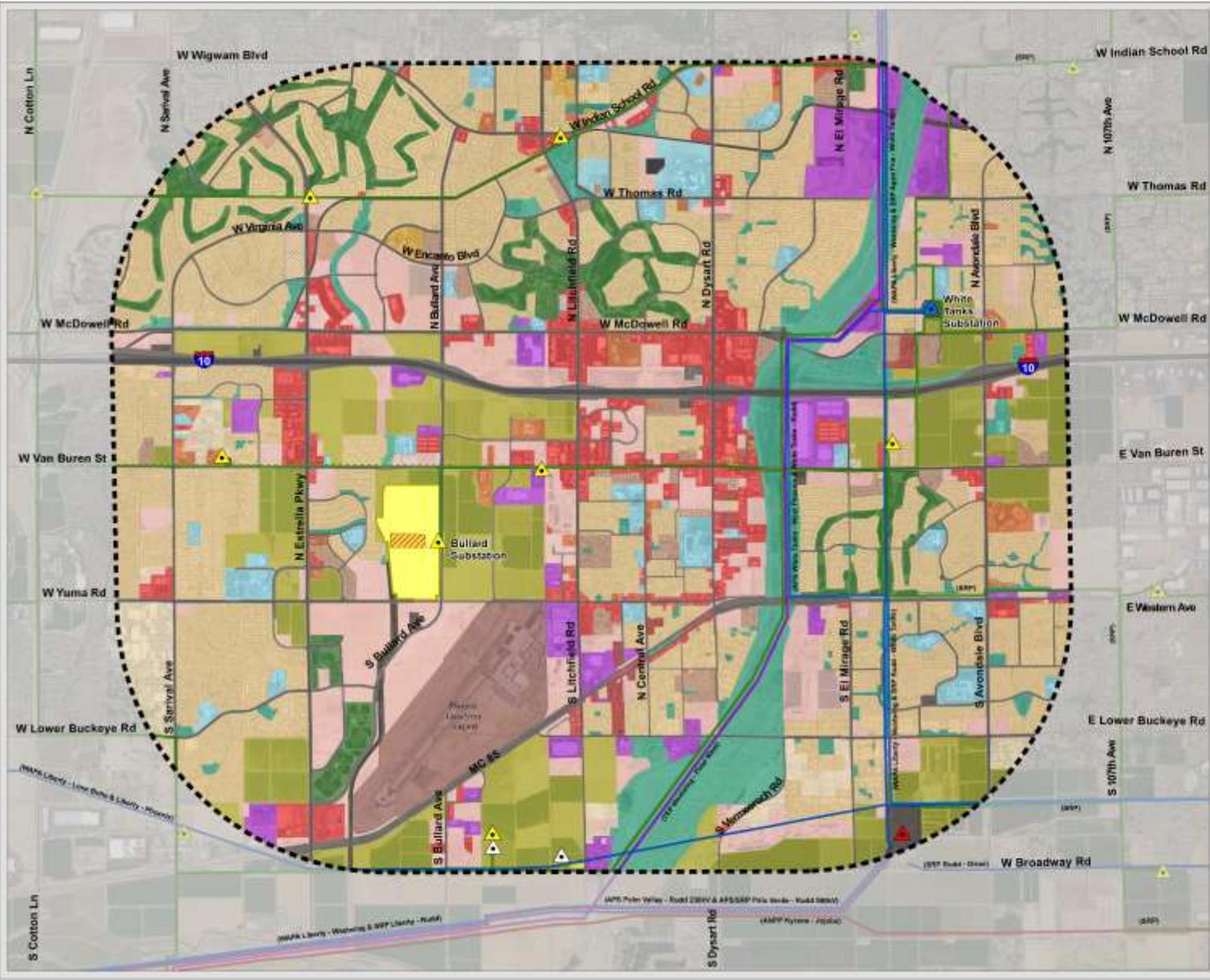
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  - Recreation
  - School/Education Facility
  - Park/Preservation
  - Mixed Use
  - Utility
  - Transportation

- Development Status**
- Under Construction
  - Final Plat
  - Preliminary Plat
  - Conceptual

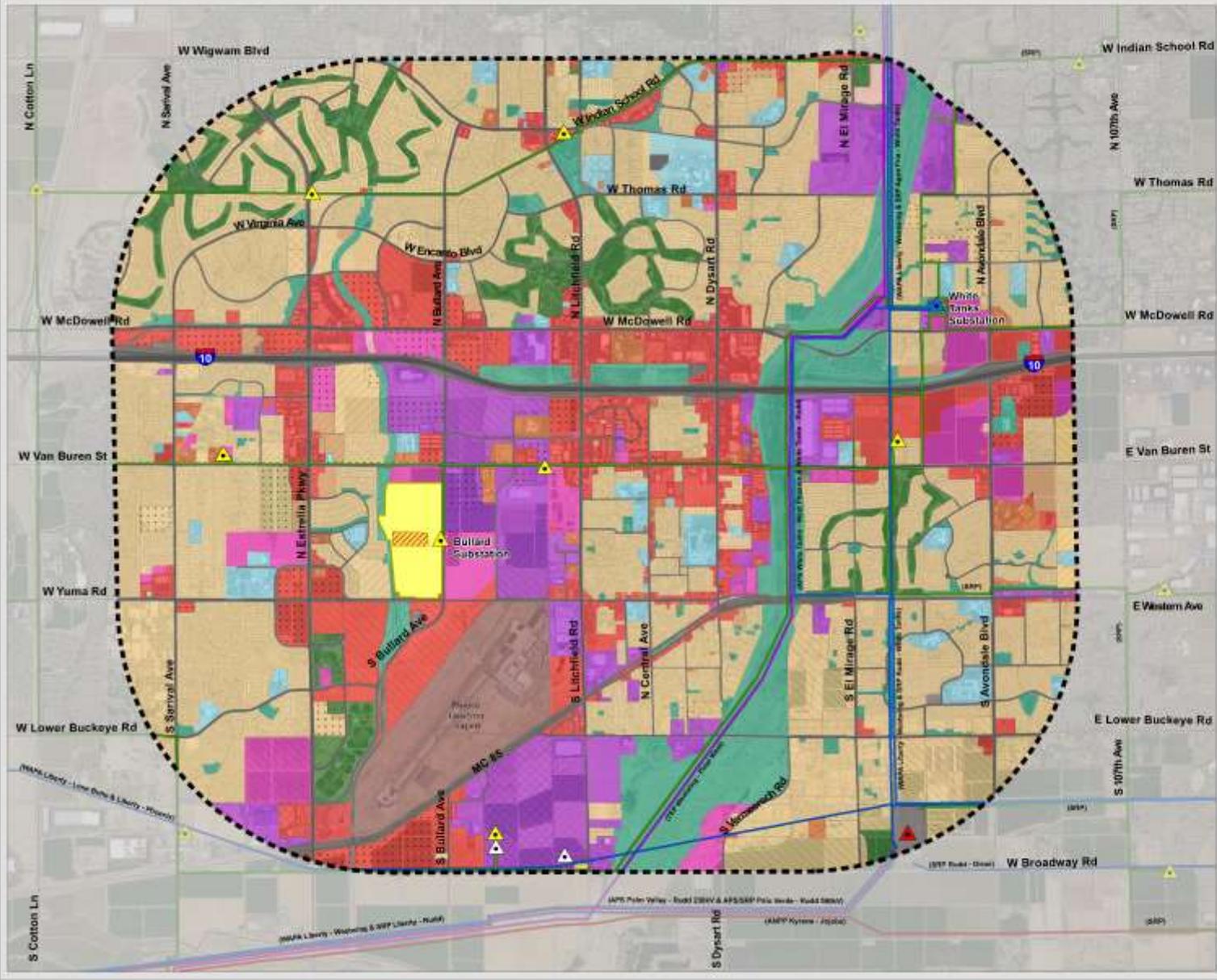
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# Opportunities and Constraints Analysis

- Identify opportunities and constraints through evaluation of environmental resources within the project study area
- Conduct an analysis of various land use and environmental resource sensitivities to the construction, operation, and maintenance of 230kV powerlines and substation

# Factors Considered in Route Identification

- Minimize impact to sensitive resource areas
  - Existing residences, schools, etc.
- Maximize use of siting opportunities
  - Parallel existing linear features, including powerlines, roads, and canals

# Preliminary Facility Siting Criteria

Existing Land Use and Visual Resources Constraints	
Constraints	Sensitivity Level
<b>Existing Land Use and Visual Resources</b>	
Residential Low Density	High
Residential Medium Density	High
Residential High Density	High
Subdivision Under Construction	High
Schools/Educational Facilities	High
Parks, Trails, and Designated Scenic Roads	High
Recreation (golf course, race track, paintball park, etc.)	Moderate
Open Space/Greenbelt	Moderate
Commercial	Moderate
Public/Quasi-public	Moderate
Transportation (Roadways)	Moderate
Agriculture/Corral/Stocktank	Low
Construction Laydown Area/Nursery	Low
Industrial/Mining	Low
Canal	Low
Utility Facilities (substations, pump stations, water treatment, comm., flood control, etc.)	Low

Planned Land Use and Visual Resources Constraints	
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Residential – Final Plat	High
Residential – Preliminary Plat	Moderate
Residential – General Plan	Moderate
Commercial – Final Plat	Moderate
Commercial – Preliminary Plat	Low
Commercial – General Plan	Low
Commercial, Resort/Hotel – General Plan	Moderate
Commercial, Mixed Use – General Plan	Low
School/Education Facilities – Final Plat	High
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Industrial – General Plan	Low
Transportation (Roadways) – Final Plat	Moderate
Transportation (Roadways) – Preliminary Plat	Low
Transportation (Roadways) – General Plan	Low
Recreation Trail – General Plan	Moderate
Park/Golf Course – Final Plat	Moderate
Park/Golf Course – General Plan	Low
Open Space – Final Plat	Moderate
Open Space – Preliminary Plat	Low
Open Space – General Plan	Low
Preserve – General Plan	Moderate
Public/Quasi-public – General Plan	Low

Opportunities	
Opportunities	Opportunity Level
Overhead Transmission Line Corridors	High
Overhead 12kV Distribution Line (suitable for co-location)	High
Canal	High
Highways (State Route)	High
Arterial Roadways (with Jurisdictional Franchise Agreement)	High
Arterial Roadways (without Jurisdictional Franchise Agreement)	Moderate
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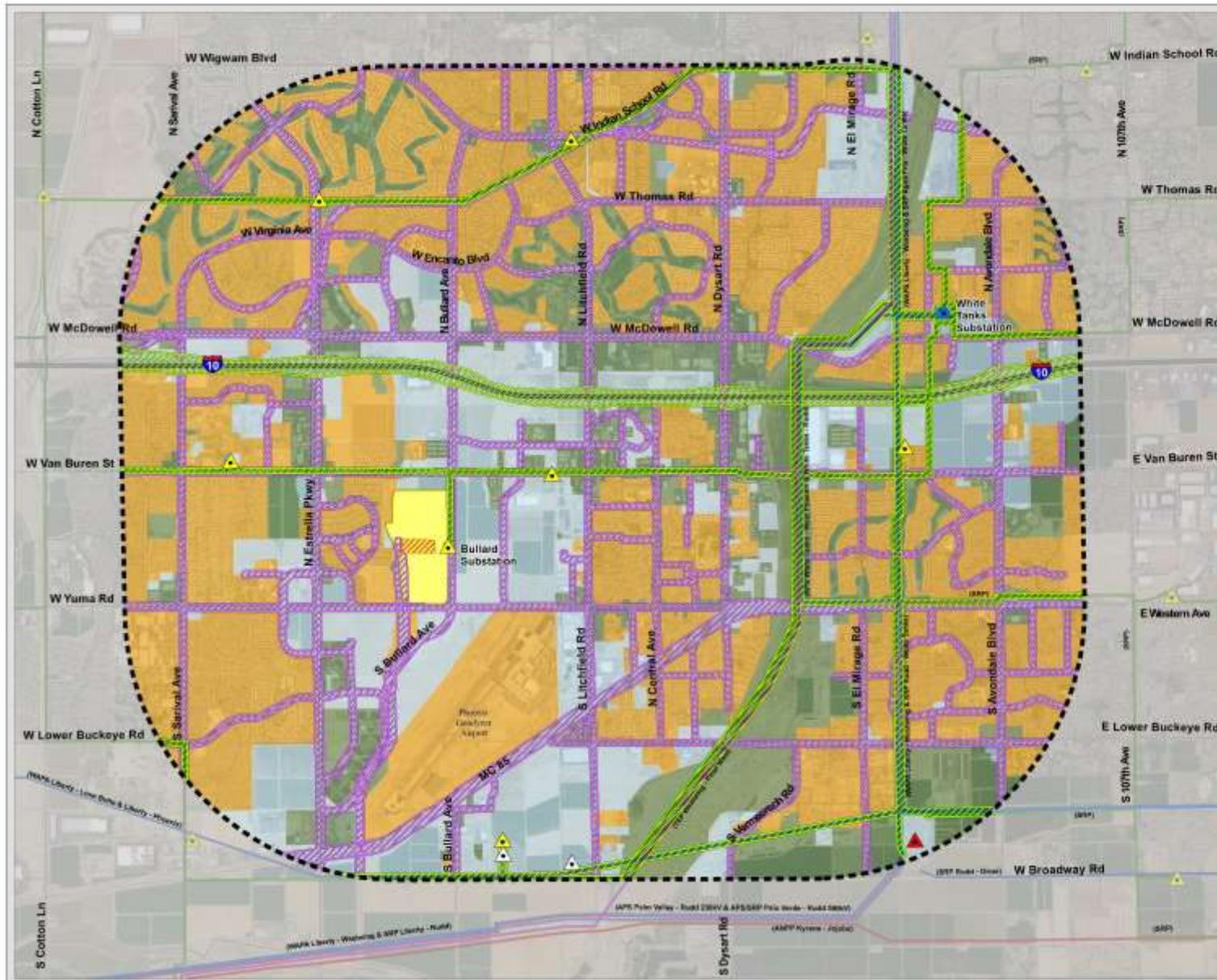
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## Preliminary Links Considerations

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-  230kV Transmission Line Preliminary Links - Under Consideration
-  230kV Transmission Line Preliminary Links - Considered but Eliminated
-  Link Number
-  Link Node

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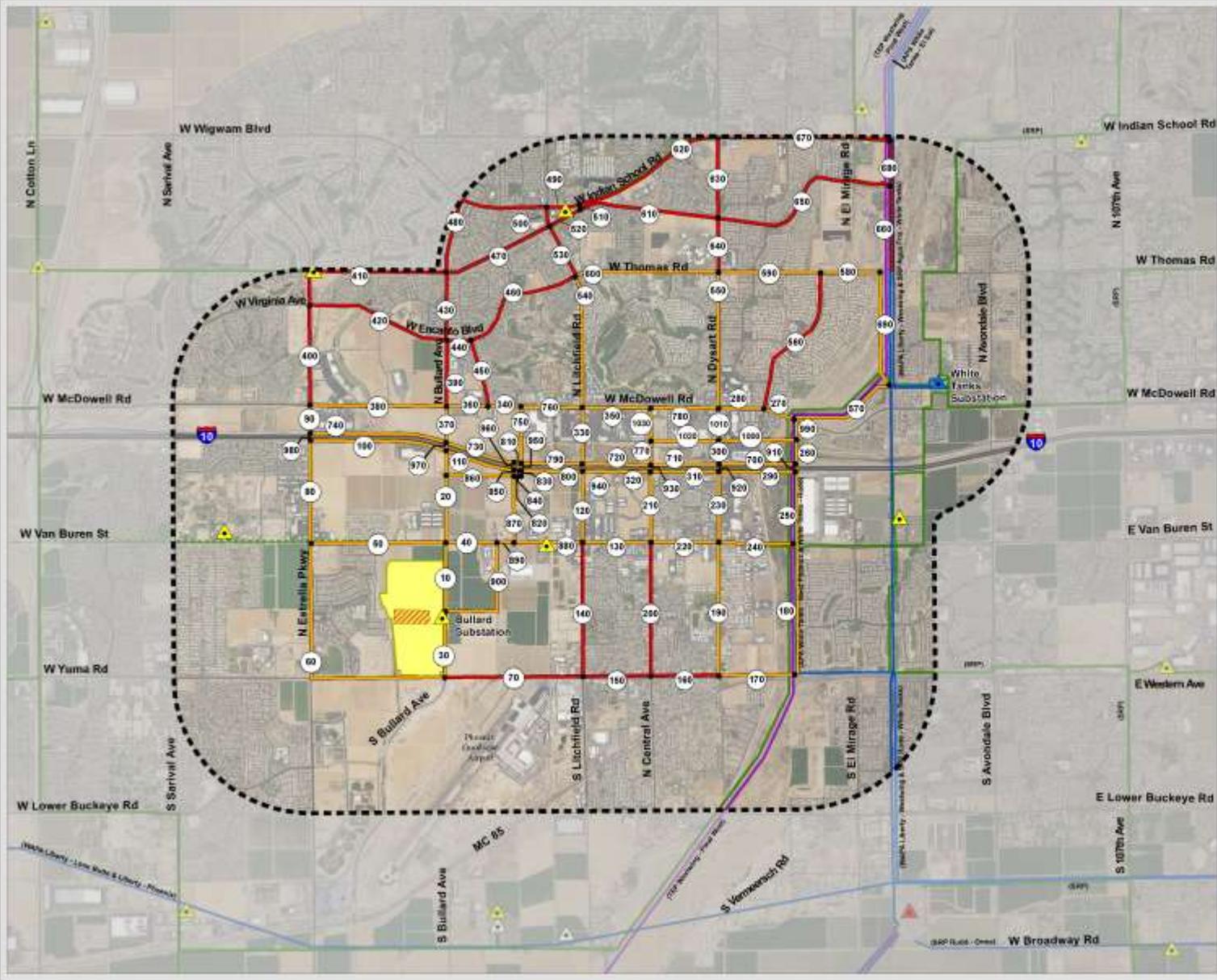
-  Detailed Study Area
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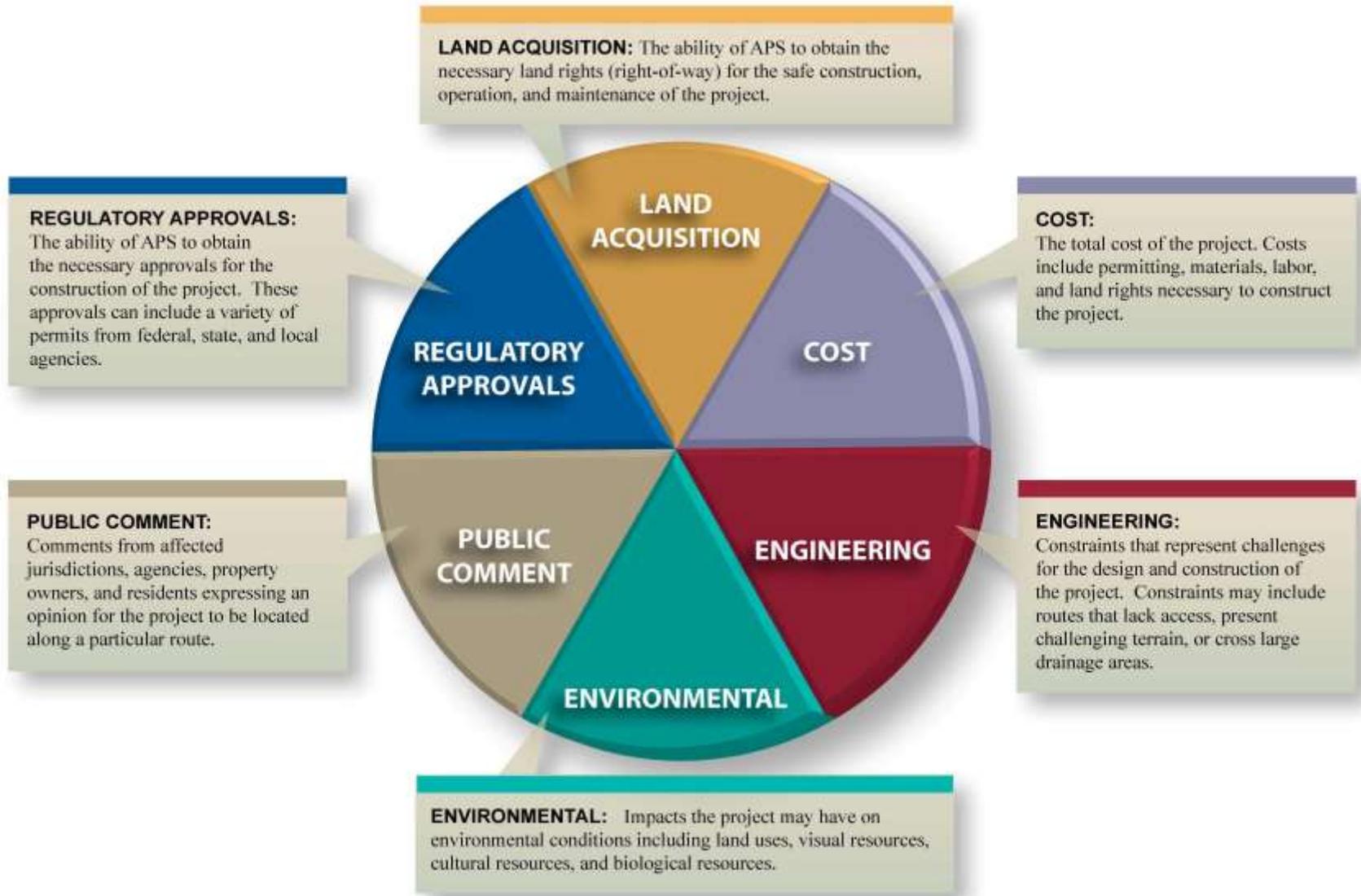
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# Transmission Line Siting Considerations



# Public Comments and Next Steps



# Public and Agency Outreach

- Arizona Department of Transportation – October 2019
- City of Avondale – December 2019
- City of Goodyear – November/December 2019
- City of Litchfield Park – November 2019
- Phoenix Goodyear Airport – October 2019
- Project newsletter (February 2020, more to follow)

Outreach is ongoing throughout the process.

# Opportunities for Public Information and Comment

- Fill out and return a comment form tonight.
- Future project newsletters with updated information.
- Electronic comment forms and project updates available at: [www.aps.com/siting](http://www.aps.com/siting).
- Comments can also be sent to Stephen Eich, APS Siting Consultant, at: [ThreeRiversSiting@aps.com](mailto:ThreeRiversSiting@aps.com), or by phone at **1-833-387-7518**.
- Next public open house expected May/June 2020.
- Public comments will also be heard at the CEC Hearing anticipated in November 2020 and the ACC Open Meeting anticipated in December 2020.