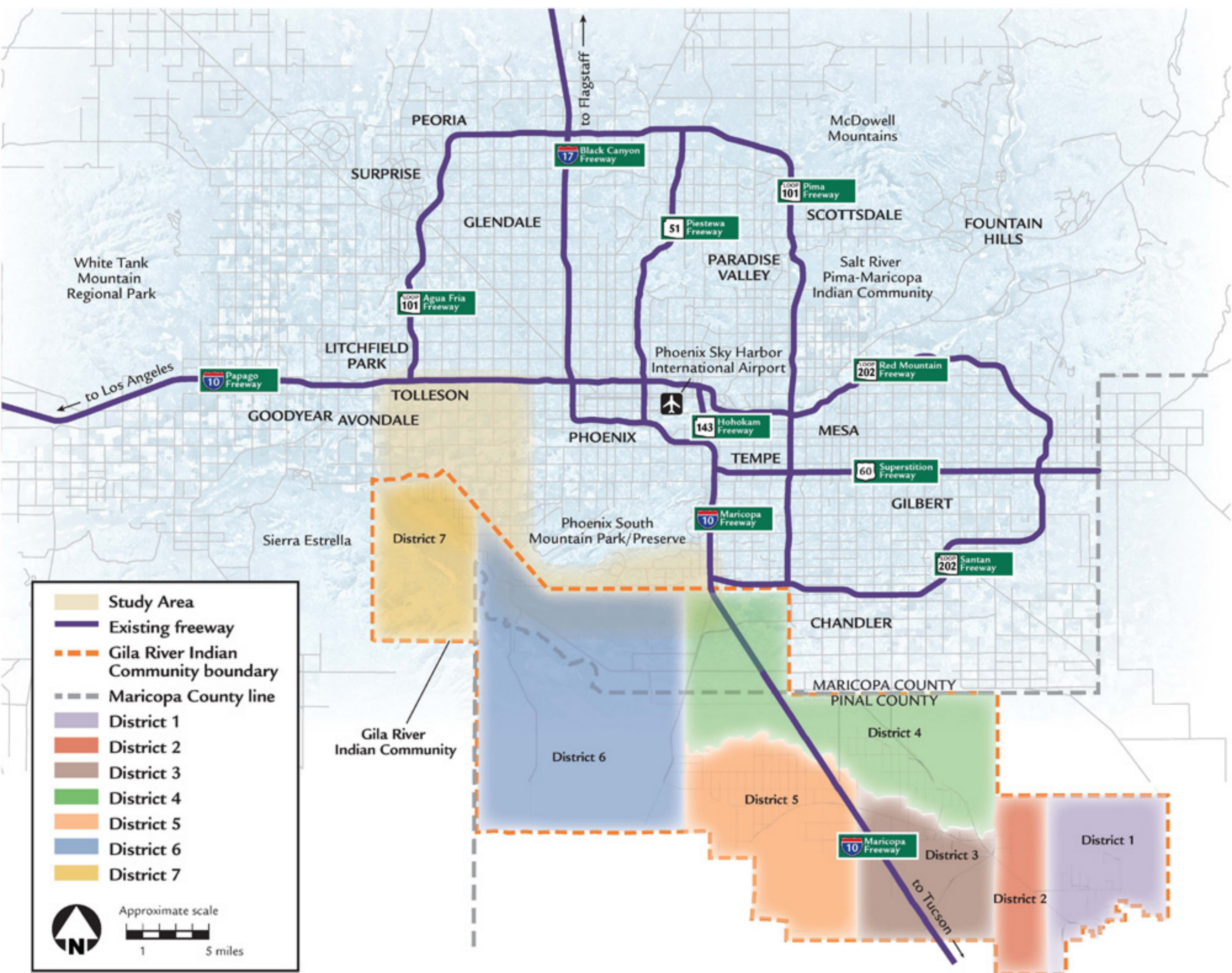


Gila River Indian Community Overview

The Gila River Indian Community (Community) is a sovereign nation with the following characteristics:

- Includes approximately 372,000 acres, the seventh largest Native American reservation in Arizona.
- Portions of Districts 4, 6, and 7 are located within the Study Area.
- The approximately 21,000 enrolled members are composed of Pima and Maricopa tribes.
- Approximately 14,000 people live on Community land.
- Community leaders are members of the MAG Regional Council.



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Community Coordination

Based on the status of the coordination as described in the following timeline, in addition to decisions made by the Community, ADOT and FHWA have determined that an alternative alignment on Community land is not feasible. However, because of the Community's proximity to the proposed freeway, coordination will continue for other project activities.

	Number of Community Meetings Attended
<p>1996 Community Council adopted resolution GR-64-96, which recognized ADOT was seeking proposals to develop a toll road for a corridor near the South Mountains and adopted two alignments on Community land as having sufficient merit to bear further consideration.</p> <p>2000 Community Council, in support of the resolution approved by the District 6 Executive Committee, ratified resolution GR-126-00, which strongly opposed any freeway alignment on Community land.</p> <p>2001 ADOT initiated new South Mountain Transportation Corridor study. Study Team members participated in 16 meetings.</p>	16
<p>2002 2004 Study Team members participated in 58 meetings.</p>	58
<p>2005 Study Team members participated in 13 meetings. Monthly meetings ended in mid-2005 due to a Community request for all project-related communications to take place at a formal government-to-government level. Community Council reaffirmed resolution GR-126-00 and issued a letter opposing the study of alternatives on Community land.</p>	13
<p>2006 2009 Study Team members participated in 15 meetings.</p>	15
<p>2010 Community Governor sent a letter to ADOT indicating a willingness to assist in conducting a study of the proposed South Mountain Freeway on Community land. ADOT developed an environmental and engineering overview document that outlined the freeway and potential impacts of an alignment on Community land. The document was presented to the Transportation Technical Team for consideration by the Community Council. Study Team members participated in 44 meetings.</p>	44
<p>2011 Community conducted extensive outreach to its members regarding the proposed Community Alignment. Study Team members participated in 25 meetings. Community Council approved Resolution GR-164-11 authorizing a referendum of Community members. The options posed to Community members included: • Alignment Off GRIC land • Alignment On GRIC land • No-Build</p>	25
<p>2012 Referendum held in February 2012; Community members voted in favor of the No-Build option. Study Team members participated in 7 meetings.</p>	7
<p>2013 A group of Community members submitted a petition to the Community Council to hold another referendum to consider a freeway alignment on Community land. This process is ongoing.</p>	7
TOTAL MEETINGS	178

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