

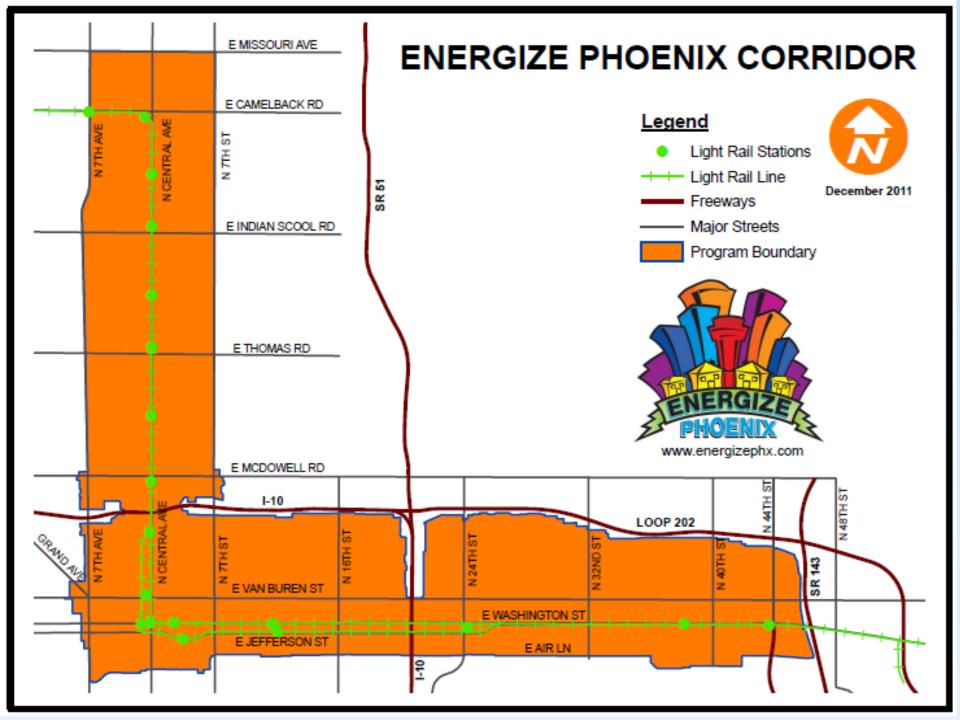
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# Forming the Utility Partnership



- Cultivated partnership prior to grant submittal
  - Leverage funds & contractor network
    - Access to utility incentives (\$), robust contractor network
    - Access to market & message (energy savings)
    - Hit the ground running, no technical training needed
- Received input into grant application
  - Keep data requests reasonable (recover excess staff time)
  - Regulatory environment, "incremental cost"
- Coordinated with utility throughout program development
  - Integration of program process

## **Value Proposition**



- Increased contractor interest and participation in utility programs
  - Unified program delivery, message
  - Similar participant, contractor requirements
- Increased awareness of utility energy efficiency rebate programs
  - Cost effectiveness, more customers @ lower cost (avg.)
  - Driving more cost-effective measures (VSD's)
- Accelerated savings goals for utility (ACC)
  - EE & Demand Response target: 22% by 2020
  - Non-utility money enhancing regulatory goal

#### **Data Access**



- Evolved from informal agreement to legal Memorandum of Agreement (MOU)
- Each BBNP program customer provides data waiver authorization (req'd)

 Participant energy consumption data is sent to university partner (ASU) on a quarterly basis for analysis & reporting

#### **Lessons Learned**



- Formal agreement helps clearly define roles, responsibilities, and expectations
- Understand utility concerns and challenges related to data & budget
  - "Incremental cost" consideration (Regulatory issue)
  - Not "overstressing" one funding source (\$)
- Low data investment
  - Only ask for data you really need
- Get utility input and feedback even on items that may seem incidental
  - Corridor expansion, incentive level changes, etc.

# **Questions?**



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