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# Board of Supervisors Memorandum

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September 15, 2015

**Sunset Road: Silverbell to Interstate 10 to River Road  
Amendment No. 2 to the  
Intergovernmental Agreement with the Regional Transportation Authority**

## **Background**

The following information is in support of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) for funding for this project.

## **Project Limits**

The Sunset Road project in east-central Pima County, Arizona is divided into two segments:

- Segment I: Silverbell Road to Interstate 10 (I-10)
- Segment II: I-10 to River Road

The information outlined in this memorandum addresses Segment I, which includes approximately 3,370 feet of mostly undeveloped land and approximately 2,010 feet on Silverbell Road. Segment II is being planned as a future project that will be coordinated with the Arizona Department of Transportation once design activities for mainline I-10 have been reinitiated.

## **Project Scope**

The project is included in the RTA Plan approved by Pima County voters in 2006. The project was identified as Pima County Sunset Road: Silverbell Road to River Road (RTA 8). Project funding comes from the Pima Association of Governments RTA Plan and local funds from Pima County and the City of Tucson. The RTA Plan identifies funding in the amount of \$22,764,000 for Segments I and II. The estimated cost for Segment I is approximately \$20 million, including design, environmental clearance, right of way, utilities, and construction.

## **Status Update**

The project is currently in final design with a number of activities underway.

- Design Plans: The Plans, Specifications and Estimate are currently being finalized in preparation for advertisement targeted to occur in late fall 2015.
- Right of way: Right of way acquisition activities are currently ongoing and are

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targeted for completion by late fall 2015.

- **Utility Relocation:** Utility coordination activities are fully underway with relocation activities anticipated to be complete by spring 2016.
- **Cultural Resources:** Cultural resource recovery efforts have been initiated and are expected to be complete by spring 2016.
- **IGAs:** This IGA with the RTA provides \$6.7 million in RTA funding for this roadway and bridge project to initiate construction activities. The original IGA of \$350,000 in RTA funding and the prior amendment of \$4.1 million with non-RTA funding are authorized for planning, preliminary engineering, environmental investigations, and cultural resource reviews.
- A draft IGA with the City of Tucson for their contribution of \$2.5 million is currently under review.
- **Funding:** The remaining funding for the project comes from Pima County impact fees, as well as Regional Highway User Revenue Funds (12.6 percent funds).

### Recommendation

I recommend the Board of Supervisors approve Amendment No. 2 to the Intergovernmental Agreement between Pima County and the Regional Transportation Authority for the construction of improvements to Sunset Road: Silverbell Road to Interstate 10 to River Road.

Respectfully submitted,



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