



## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: 6/4/2024

*\*= Mandatory, information must be provided*

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**\*Title:**

Exemption of the Valencia Road: Mission Road to Camino de la Tierra Project from Ordinance 10.56.070, Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report (EAMR).

**\*Introduction/Background:**

Pima County has received a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant for the reconstruction of Valencia Road from Mission Road to Camino de la Tierra. The RAISE grant is a federal funding source that has specific environmental requirements that are redundant with the County's EAMR.

**\*Discussion:**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has determined that the Valencia Road: Mission Road to Camino de La Tierra project requires a Categorical Exclusion (CE) document and will not accept an Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report (EAMR) in its place. The requirements of a CE and the Pima County's EAMR are similar.

**\*Conclusion:**

If approved, the Department of Transportation will proceed with the federal requirement of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) document and will not proceed with an Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report (EAMR).

If denied, the Department of Transportation will proceed with the federal requirement of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) document in addition to an Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report (EAMR), resulting in a duplication of work effort, an increase in costs, and an extension of timeline to complete both documents.

**\*Recommendation:**

The Department of Transportation recommends that the Board of Supervisors exempt the Valencia Road: Mission Road to Camino de la Tierra project from Ordinance 10.56.070 to permit the use of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) document.

**\*Fiscal Impact:**

Project will have additional costs if both a CE and EAMR are required.

**\*Board of Supervisor District:**

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