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Chair Sharon Bronson and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors
130 W. Congress St., 11th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

RE: Co14-14-02 Pima County Major Streets and Scenic Routes Plan

Dear Chair Bronson and Members:

The Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Major Streets and Scenic Routes Plan.

On April 8, 2015, we presented a set of recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Commission included our recommendations to designate the following widths as future rights-of-way on three roads, all designated as “Scenic Routes,” in their motion as follows:

- Freeman Road to 90’ ROW
- Picture Rocks Road to 60’ ROW
- Sandario Road to 80’ ROW

As you know, the purpose of Pima County’s Scenic Route designation is to “preserve and enhance the visual resources of the natural and built environment from and along scenic routes in order to: 1) Protect property values and the character of neighborhoods, 2) Protect and enhance the unique character of a community, including vegetation, architecture and geology, 3) Protect and enhance the economic value of tourism, and 4) Protect natural resources.”

The purpose of these recommendations is to ensure that road designation ROW widths are consistent with conservation values throughout the County. These three roads are either adjacent to or within Saguaro National Park. The Park is a major economic driver in our community because of the unique natural and visual resources. Designation of the road widths recommended by the Coalition will help preserve these resources.

Again, the Coalition wants to thank the Planning and Transportation staff for presenting a Major Streets and Scenic Routes Plan that values a sustainable future for unincorporated Pima County. **With the changes recommended above, we can support Co14-14-02 Pima County Major Streets and Scenic Routes Plan.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn Campbell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carolyn" and last name "Campbell" clearly distinguishable.

Carolyn Campbell
Executive Director

Cc: Priscilla Cornelio, Director, Pima County Department of Transportation
Jonathan Crowe, Principal Planner, Pima County Department of Transportation
Arlan Colton, Planning Director, Pima County Development Services Department