

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Requested Board Meeting Date: January 20, 2015

ITEM SUMMARY, JUSTIFICATION and/or SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 2015 - ____, An ordinance of the Pima County Board of Supervisors, prohibiting all motor vehicles with a gross weight rating greater than 20,000 pounds from using Elephant Head Road over the Santa Cruz River Bridge (Structure #8912) in Pima County, Arizona. Staff recommends **APPROVAL**. (District 4)

The reason for this ordinance is to prohibit vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) greater than 20,000 pounds from using Elephant Head Road over the Santa Cruz River Bridge.

Based on recent safety studies and inspections on Elephant Head Road over the Santa Cruz River Bridge, the Pima County Department of Transportation Bridge Engineer has requested that an ordinance be written to impose weight restrictions for the structure. The bridge inspection reflects continued degradation and deterioration of the bridge girders and the loading analysis determined the safe load capacity under the existing conditions is 20,000 pounds. This ordinance will prohibit vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) greater than 20,000 pounds from using the bridge and requires use of an alternate route(s).

CONTRACT NUMBER (If applicable): _____

STAFF RECOMMENDATION(S): The Transportation Department recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt this ordinance.

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ITEM NO.**

PIMA COUNTY COST: \$ Minimal and/or REVENUE TO PIMA COUNTY \$ _____

FUNDING SOURCE(S): HURF
(i.e. General Fund, State Grant Fund, Federal Fund, Stadium Dist. Fund, etc.)

ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING: ☒ YES ☐ NO

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT: 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☒ 5 ☐ All ☐

IMPACT:

IF APPROVED:

Vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 20,000 pounds will be prohibited from using Elephant Head Road over the Santa Cruz River Bridge (Structure #8912). Appropriate signs will be posted.

IF DENIED:

Vehicles exceeding the safe load capacity of the bridge will not be prohibited from using the bridge and the bridge will continue to deteriorate from the excessive loads.

DEPARTMENT NAME: Transportation

CONTACT PERSON: Denise Silvester  TELEPHONE NO.: (520) 740-2601

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR:  DATE: 12/29/14

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-__

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS PROHIBITING ALL MOTOR VEHICLES
WITH A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING GREATER
THAN 20,000 POUNDS FROM USING ELEPHANT HEAD
ROAD OVER THE SANTA CRUZ RIVER BRIDGE
(STRUCTURE #8912) IN PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA**

WHEREAS, motor vehicle size, weight and load limits are established for the State of Arizona pursuant to Title 28, Chapter 3, Article 18 of the Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.), and

WHEREAS, A.R.S. 28-1106 authorizes local authorities to establish specific weight limitations with respect to highways within the jurisdiction of the local authority, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona, has determined that in the interest of public safety, vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 20,000 pounds should not travel on Elephant Head Road over the Santa Cruz River Bridge (Structure #8912).

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona, that:

SECTION 1. Motor Vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 20,000 pounds are hereby prohibited from using Elephant Head Road over the Santa Cruz River Bridge (Structure #8912).

SECTION 2. Signs informing the traveling public of the new weight restrictions for Elephant Head Road over the Santa Cruz River Bridge (Structure #8912) shall be posted immediately.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon execution by the Chair.

SECTION 4. The various county officers and employees are authorized and directed to perform all acts necessary or desirable to give effect to this ordinance.

SECTION 5. Violators of this ordinance shall be subject to civil or criminal sanctions as provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2015

PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chair

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Deputy County Attorney

ANDREW FLAGG

REVIEWED BY:


Director of Transportation