

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 6, 2023

To: The Honorable Chair and Members

Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Jan Lesher County Administrator

Re: Update on Discussions with Pinal County Regarding Maintenance of Redington Road

During the Board of Supervisors meeting on November 1, 2022, while considering an Intergovernmental Agreement with Pinal County for mutual assistance on transportation projects, Supervisor Christy requested that staff explore whether Pinal County would maintain Redington Road on our behalf. This memorandum provides an update on discussions with Pinal County over the last few months.

The portion of Redington Road within Pinal County is a two-lane paved roadway running between the Town of San Manuel and the Pima County Line. South of the Pima County Line, the roadway changes to dirt and changes names to San Pedro River Road. After crossing the San Pedro River Bridge, the roadway then crosses into Cochise County and changes names again to Cascabel Road (Attachment).

Since the portion of San Pedro River Road that is located within Pima County is in such a remote region, Pima County Department of Transportation (PCDOT) has historically had Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) with either Pinal County or Cochise County for the maintenance of this ten-mile section of roadway. However, Pima County received notice from Cochise County on August 31, 2022 that they would be terminating their IGA with Pima County. On September 15, 2022, Cochise County notified us that they had graded this portion of San Pedro River Road for the last time.

PCDOT contacted Pinal County recently to determine if they would be interested in maintaining the ten-mile section of San Pedro River Road no longer maintained by Cochise County. Pinal County notified PCDOT that they could only grade the five-mile section of San Pedro River Road from the Pinal County Line to the San Pedro River Bridge. The cost to have Pinal County maintain this section would be \$35,000 annually and would include grading the road seven (7) times a year.

Given Pinal County can only commit to providing maintenance on five-miles of San Pedro River Road, PCDOT has started the process to solicit bids for scheduled road grading on the entire ten-miles of San Pedro River Road that fall within Pima County. The solicitation also includes scheduled road grading on three-miles of Redington Road, starting at the San Pedro River Road and proceeding southward. Edgar Canyon and Buehman Canyon both fall within this section of Redington Road and carry considerable water flows intermittently throughout

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the rainy seasons. The scope of work for this proposed bid contract includes scheduled maintenance to be performed (3) times a year on both roadways as well as on-demand roadway grading to be performed during monsoon storms and winter rains.

PCDOT will continue to perform periodic maintenance of these roads while soliciting bids. Upon selection of a contractor, a contract will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

Attachment

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Attachment

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