



FACTsheet



Major Streets & Scenic Routes Plan Update

What is Pima County proposing to do?

Pima County is proposing to update the Major Streets and Scenic Routes Plan (MSSRP) and we are notifying nearby property owners of either 1) streets recommended for an increase of the planned “right-of-way” width (see explanation below); or, 2) streets proposed to be designated as a “major” street. We invite you to comment on this MSSRP amendment by visiting [www. PimaProsper.com](http://www.PimaProsper.com).

What is the Major Streets and Scenic Routes Plan (MSSRP)?

The MSSRP designates certain roadways as “major” streets’ to plan for and reserve adequate

rights-of-way for future roadway expansion. Streets designated as “scenic” triggers specific development standards within 200 feet of the route such as requirements for maximum building height, minimum building setbacks, landscaping, building and wall surfaces, and utility lines. **The MSSRP only covers routes in the unincorporated part of Pima County, not cities or towns.**

What are ‘major streets’ and ‘scenic routes’?

Generally, “major streets” carry more traffic and/or provide significant access. “Scenic routes” were established to protect visual resources

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such as unique and significant views of mountains, vegetation, architecture, site design or geologic formations.

What is right-of-way?

Right-of-way in this instance is the area of land needed and eventually established for a future roadway. It can include area for traffic lanes, bike/bus lanes, medians, sidewalks, landscaping, utilities, etc. Land within the right-of-way may either be owned now by the county or need to be acquired by the county to construct or widen a roadway at a future date.

What is meant by “Increase the major street right-of-way”?

There are a few major streets for which transportation staff recommends the future right-of-way be increased by typically only 30 feet. This does not impact existing structures and uses, only future development.

What is meant by “Add a road as a new major street”?

Eleven existing or proposed new roadways are recommended to be designated as major streets. Although right of way requirements will increase, this designation will only impact future development, not existing uses.

Why is the MSSRP proposed for amendment now?

The MSSRP is proposed for amendment because several planned major streets no longer make sense or conflict with the land use plan. Many major streets were designated with excessive right-of-way and those routes would see a decrease to the right-of-way requirements. Others need to become new major streets or the future right-of-way needs to be wider.

What other changes to the MSSRP are proposed?

For a complete list of the revisions proposed by

the MSSRP update, go to the website www.PimaProspers.com. The following is a summary of some of the other revisions:

Decrease the Major Street right-of-way widths:

This represents the greatest number of proposed changes to the MSSRP. Staff proposes to decrease the future right-of-way widths from 150 feet to 90 feet and in some cases to 80 feet. These streets are never anticipated to require such widening and can accommodate any future minor capacity improvements.

Delete outdated Major Streets: A large number of roadway segments are recommended to be deleted as major streets. Some examples are roadways no longer within County jurisdiction, roadways which provide little or no connection to other major roads, or ones that were contemplated at one time in the past but are no longer necessary.

Major Streets that are also Scenic Routes: A number of major streets are slated for deletion as they are not needed as major streets anymore, but they are also scenic routes. The scenic route designation will remain. Many of these streets exist, but some do not.

Are you adding or deleting any Scenic Routes?

No new Scenic Routes are proposed, but eight Scenic Routes are proposed to be deleted. These routes do not exist today and, because of existing development or environmental constraints, are never expected to be built. Staff recommends that they be removed from the plan.

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