



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 14, 2015

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From:  C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

Re: **May 19, 2015 Board of Supervisors Agenda Item – Major Streets & Scenic Routes Plan**

The Tucson Airport Authority has recently communicated with Pima County regarding the proposed revisions to the Major Streets and Scenic Routes (MSSR) Plan that is on the Board of Supervisors May 19, 2015 Agenda. Attached is a May 11, 2015 response to the Tucson Airport Authority informing them of the County's position with respect to suggested changes to the proposed MSSR Plan.

The current proposed changes to the MSSR Plan were previously forwarded by the Development Services Department (Attachment 2). That map reflected the extension of Swan Road from Los Reales Road northerly to Valencia Road along the existing Swan Road alignment.

The attached map labeled as "Revised May 19, 2015" (Attachment 3) pertains to the planned changes in this same general vicinity and reflects a realignment of a Swan Road major street to the northwest to connect with Alvernon Way. This alignment for a major north-south roadway is compatible with a similar planning document that the City of Tucson is advancing through their approval process. I recommend that Pima County's MSSR Plan be adopted with the connection of the Swan Road alignment to the Alvernon Way alignment between Herman's Road and Los Reales Road.

CHH/dr

Attachments

c: John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
Priscilla Cornelio, Director, Department of Transportation
Carmine DeBonis, Director, Development Services Department
Arlan Colton, Planning Director, Development Services Department

ATTACHMENT 1



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C.H. HUCKELBERRY
County Administrator

May 11, 2015

Ms. Bonnie Allin
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**Re: Major Streets and Scenic Routes Plan (MSSR) –
Pima County Board of Supervisors Agenda Item for May 19, 2015**

Dear Ms. Allin:

Pima County appreciates receiving your May 6, 2015 letter to Priscilla Cornelio, Director of Transportation, pertaining to the proposed changes to our Major Streets and Scenic Routes Plan (MSSR). This particular planning document is scheduled for consideration by the Board of Supervisors at their May 19, 2015 meeting.

While we understand the Tucson Airport Authority's ongoing master planning efforts, including the future roadway network implications of the "Long Term Reserve Land Development Scenario" that you shared with us (Attachment 1), we must also recognize the other transportation network planning efforts that have resulted in conditions that currently exist.

The extension of Alvernon Way between Valencia Road and Hughes Access Road has physically been in place for more than 40 years. The existing right of way for this major arterial roadway varies from a width of 200 to 275 feet. Therefore, Pima County will continue to rely upon this roadway as a major carrier of traffic until such time as an alternate route is defined and implemented to address traffic needs currently served by Alvernon Way.

Swan Road north of the Old Vail connection has also previously been recognized as a major roadway along the existing Swan Road alignment. Our current MSSR plan (Attachment 2) indicates a realignment of Swan Road from Old Vail Connection Road to the northwest to meet Alvernon Way at Los Reales Road. Furthermore, the alignment of Swan Road north of Herman's Road along the northeast boundary of the Tucson Airport Authority "Reserve Land Area Boundary" as depicted on the master plan update reveals a 200 foot corridor, presumably for roadway right of way purposes. Pima County recognizes such an alignment in its MSSR plan assuming the Airport Authority confirms that the existing corridor is intended for a future roadway and is prepared to convey that property to the City of Tucson or Pima County for such uses. Pima County is aggressively pursuing major transportation corridor implementation in the airport industrial area and has the legal authority to implement roadway improvements within incorporated areas.

The extension of Swan Road southeasterly of Herman's Road to rejoin the north-south Swan Road alignment south of the planned airport extension is problematic given some of the physical constraints that we know to exist immediately north of the Sonoran Corridor alignment. As such, we do not propose to modify the Swan Road north-south alignment in our proposed Major Streets and Scenic Routes Plan (MSSR) modifications until such time as an appropriate alignment is identified.

There are numerous options that can be explored for addressing the travel demands in this area and we believe that appropriate planning efforts can be undertaken to adequately preserve the options that Tucson Airport Authority wishes to preserve for its future airport facilities while concurrently addressing the long range transportation travel needs for the region.

In summary, Pima County proposes to adopt the network depicted on the map labeled "Revised May 19, 2015" (Attachment 3) which maintains the existing Alvernon Way modifications and modifies the northerly portion of the Swan Road alignment to be compatible with the City of Tucson's Major Streets and Routes Plan (Attachment 4) north of Herman's Road. No other changes are proposed to be made to the MSSR that will be considered by the Board of Supervisors on May 19th.

Sincerely,

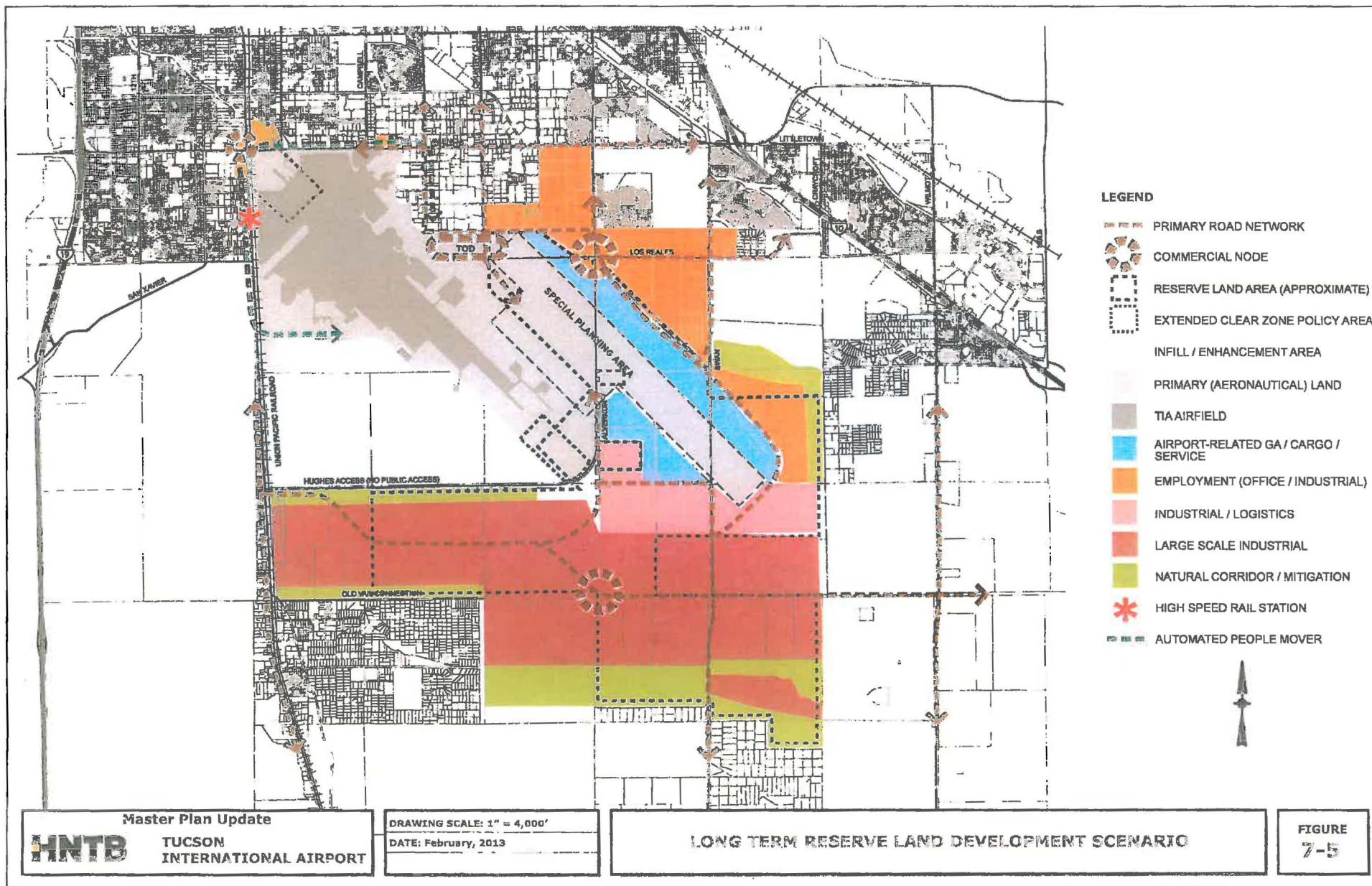


John M. Bernal
Deputy County Administrator

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Attachments (4)

Cc: C.H. Huckelberry, County Administrator
Priscilla Cornelio, Director, Department of Transportation
Dr. John Moffatt, Director, County Administrator's Office of Strategic Planning

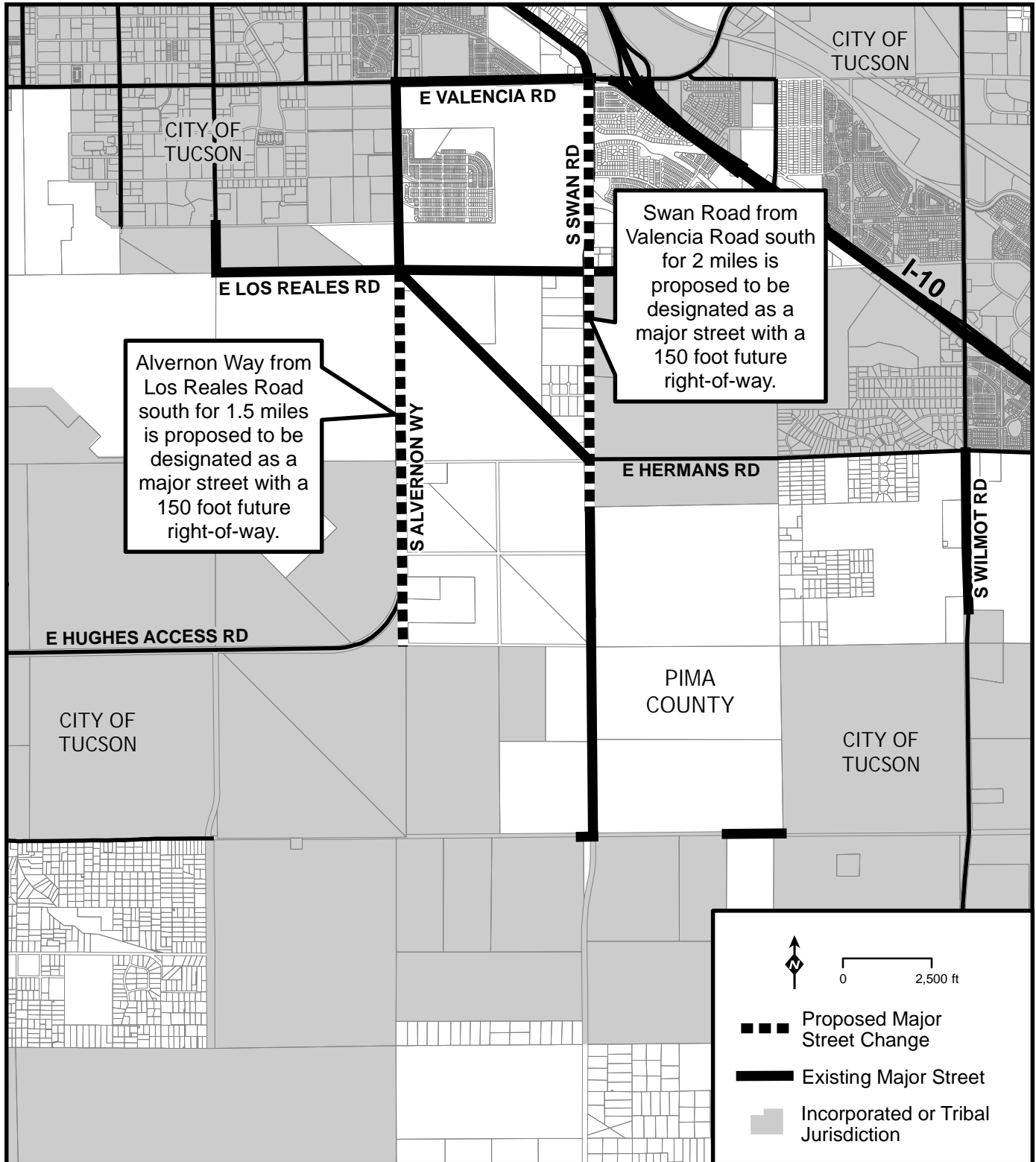




Existing Major Streets and Scenic Routes Plan

Major Streets and Scenic Routes Plan Changes

Proposed Changes per the Pima Prospects Comprehensive Plan Update 2015



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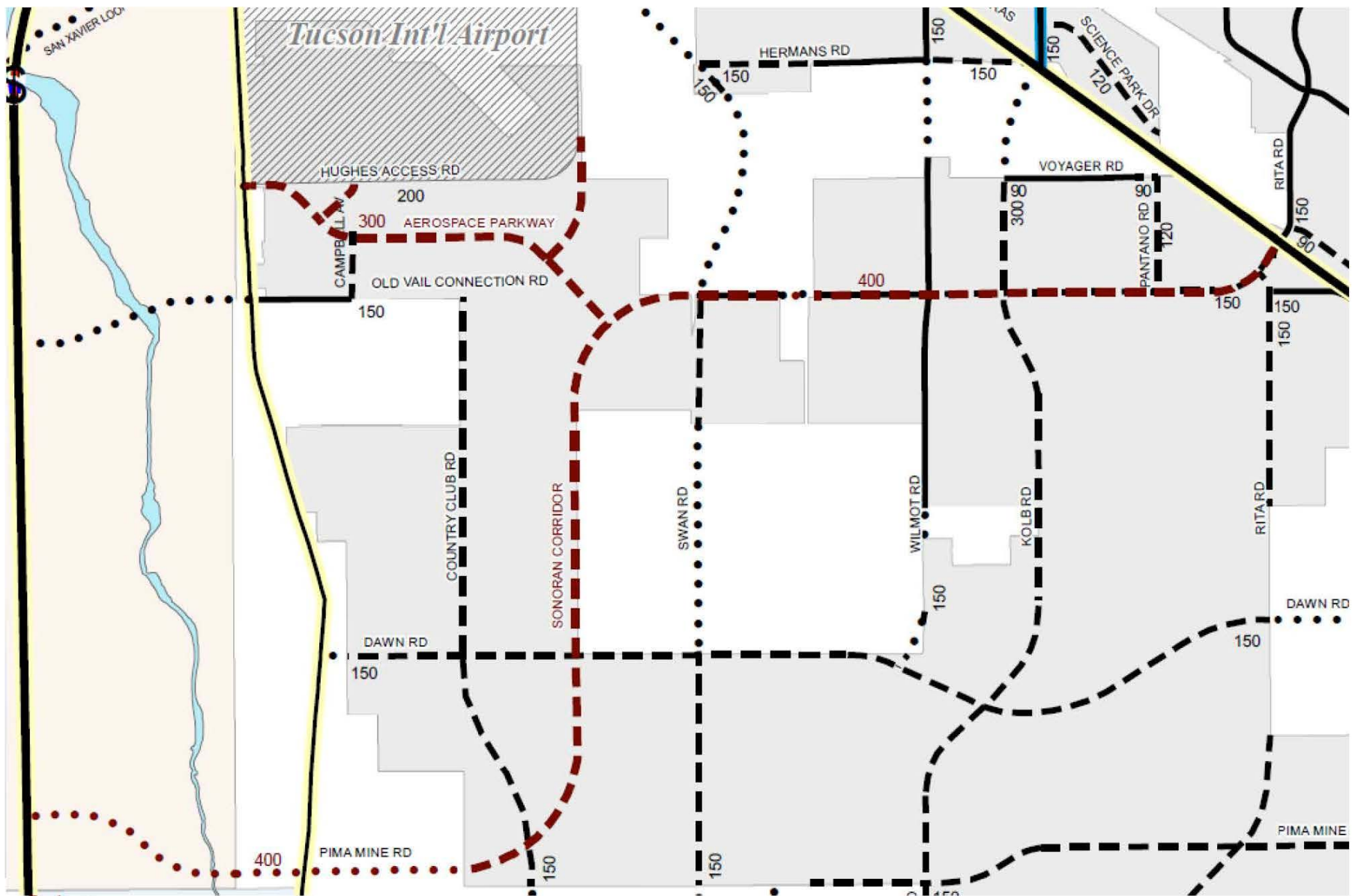
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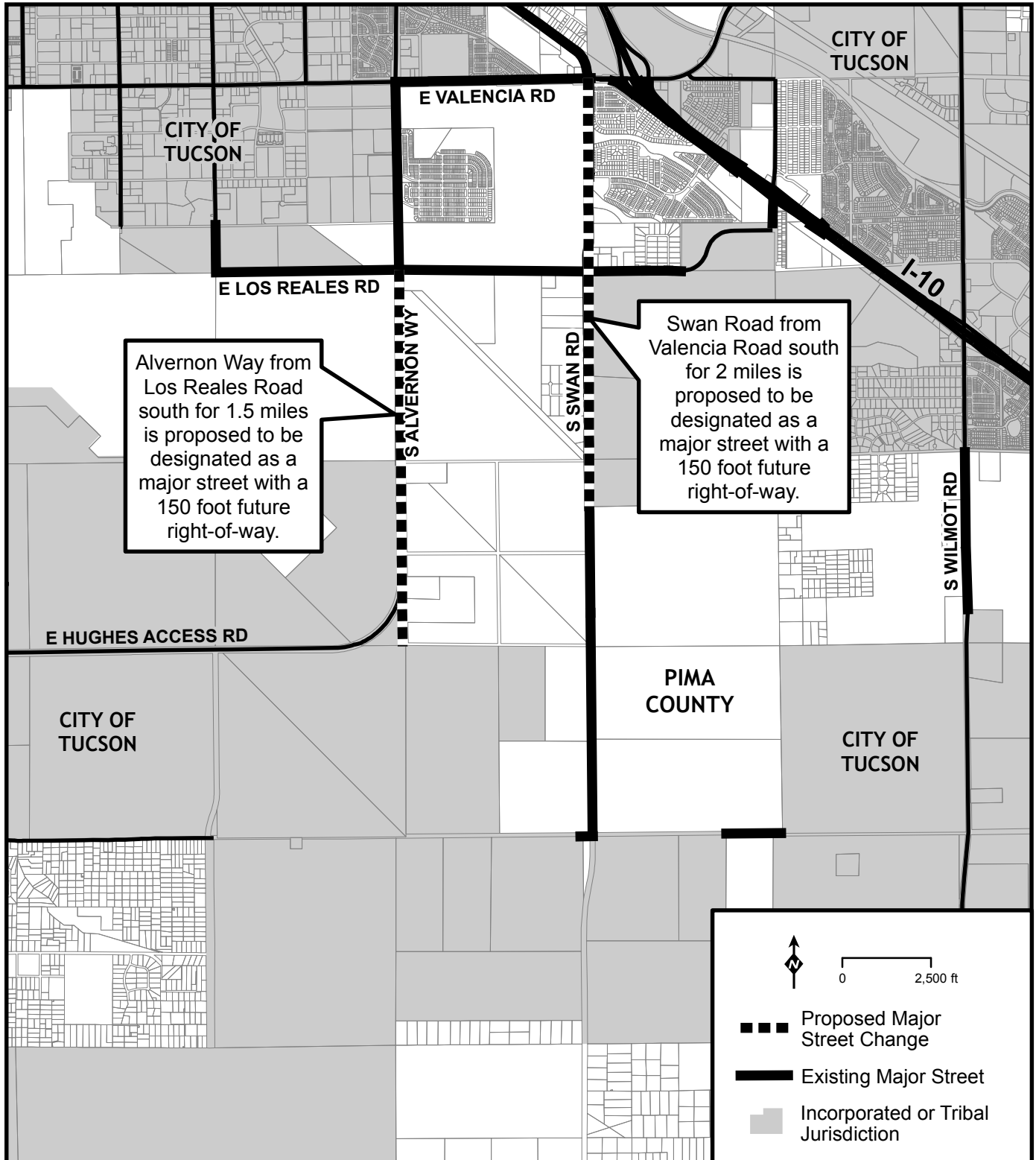
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Proposed Pima County Sonoran Corridor and Aerospace Parkway

ATTACHMENT 2

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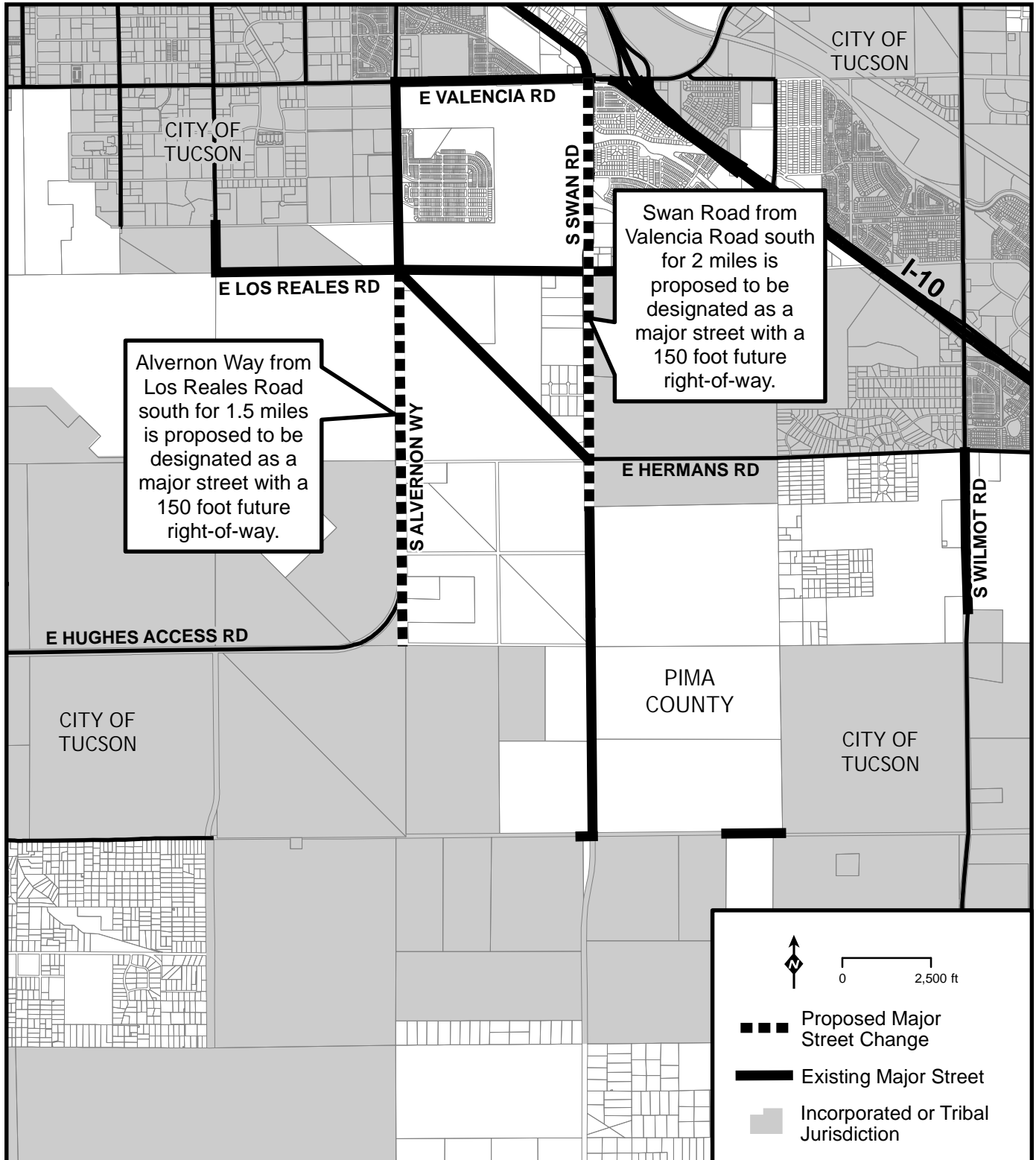
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