



Board of Supervisors Memorandum

May 6, 2014

Sonoran Corridor Major Streets and Scenic Routes Plan Amendment

Background

This is a request to initiate an amendment to the Pima County Major Streets and Scenic Routes Plan and direct staff to begin the public hearing process as a necessary step toward establishment of the "Sonoran Corridor," an auxiliary interstate highway connection between Interstate 19 and Interstate 10.

The majority of the new highway route is proposed within the City of Tucson, which will also need to amend its Major Streets and Routes Plan, but there are segments that lie within unincorporated Pima County that are the subject of the proposed amendment as shown on the attached map. There is also a segment within the Tohono O'odham Nation, San Xavier District, nearest to Interstate 19. The plan amendment will add major route segments within the County's jurisdiction for the new route and also increase planned right of way for an existing major route segment, in addition to a proposed major route linkage with the planned relocation of Hughes Access Road.

This amendment is an initial step toward planning and eventual funding of the proposed transportation link with federal and state assistance. The new highway will serve existing economic assets in the area, be a catalyst for additional economic development, and serve to relieve projected increases in traffic volumes on the existing interstate highways.

Specifically, the following will be proposed for the Pima County Major Streets and Scenic Routes Plan amendment:

1. Designate as Major Routes

A. a new, 3-mile long section of the proposed Sonoran Corridor, a 400-foot-wide planned right of way interstate route, from the Tohono O'odham Nation San Xavier District boundary east to the City of Tucson boundary in Sections 28, 29, and 30, T16S R13E;

B. a new, 300-foot-wide planned right of way route along the City of Tucson/Pima County jurisdictional boundary connecting the planned realignment of East Hughes Access Road to East Old Vail Connection Road in Section 33, T15S R14E; and

The Honorable Chair and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors
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C. a new, 400-foot-wide planned right of way connecting spandrel to/from Old Vail Connection Road in the NW4NW4 of Section 3, T16S R14E.

2. Amend the planned right of way for East Old Vail Connection Road from 150 feet in width to 400 feet in Sections 34 and 35, T15S R14E and Sections 02 and 03, T16S R14E.

Recommendation

I recommend the Board of Supervisors direct initiation of an amendment to the Pima County Major Streets and Scenic Routes Plan and direct staff to begin the public hearing process as a necessary step toward establishment of the "Sonoran Corridor," an auxiliary interstate highway connection between Interstate 19 and Interstate 10.

Respectfully submitted,



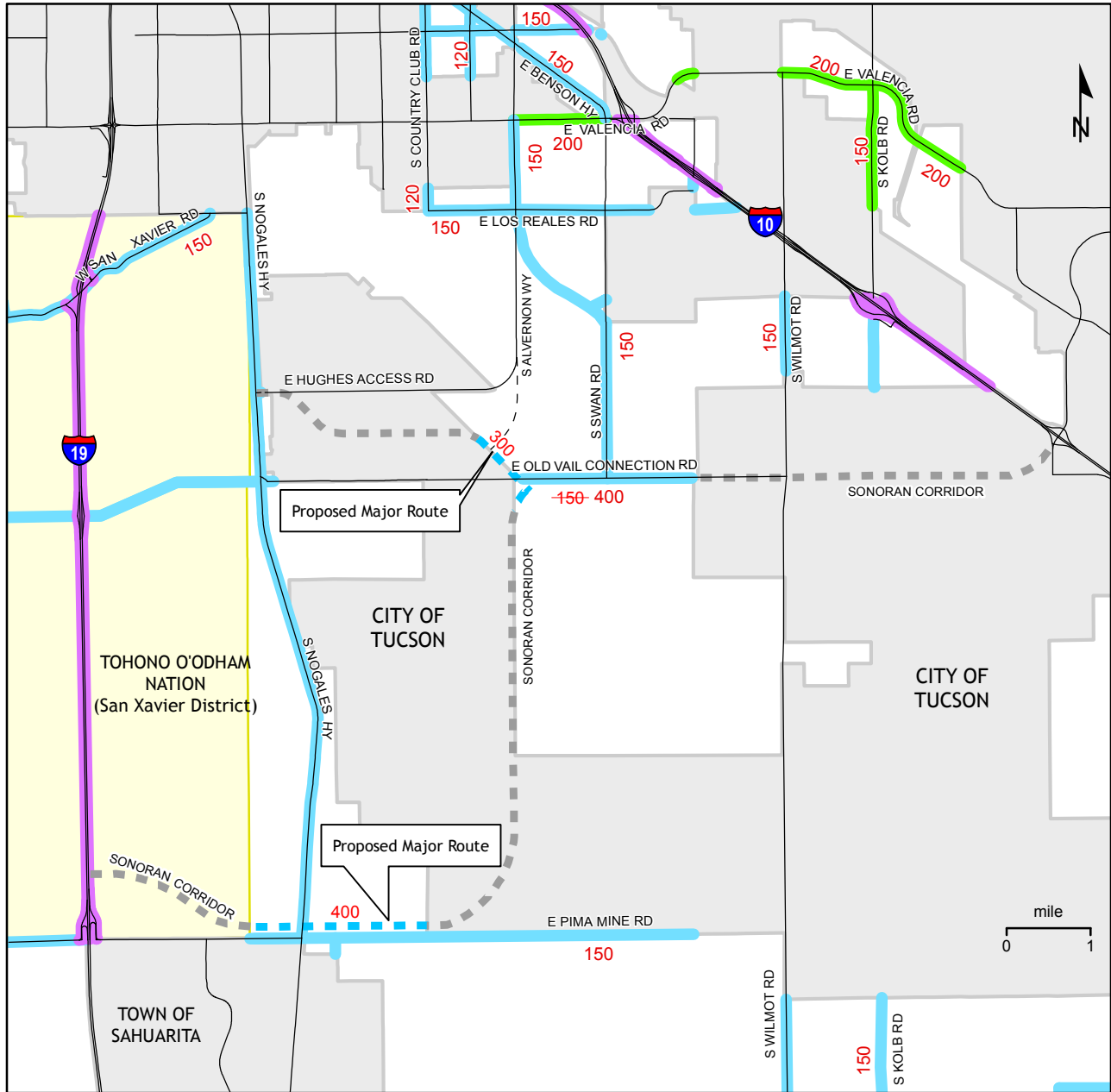
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County Administrator

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Attachment

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Exhibit 1: Location Map



- Major Route
- Scenic, Major Route
- Scenic, State or Interstate Highway
- 150 Planned Right-of-Way Width
- Proposed Major Route
- Proposed Major Route by Others

Incorporated City or Town Tohono O'Odham Nation

