

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization Regular Meeting Wednesday, September 23, 2015

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City of Sierra Vista City Hall City Manager's Conference Room 1011 North Coronado Drive Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Although not required, please let the Chair know before the meeting begins if you wish to speak during the Call to the Public about anything that is **NOT** on the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

SVMPO Regular Meeting of July 22, 2015 (Attached)

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

Announcements and/or updates may be provided by Board Members, SVMPO Administrator or other invitees.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / POSSIBLE ACTION

6. DISCUSSION: ADOT District Boundary Changes

Bill Harmon, ADOT District 8 Engineer

SUMMARY: The recent reorganization of ADOT District boundaries will remove Sierra Vista from the Safford District and place it in the Tucson District.

7. DISCUSSION / POSSIBLE ACTION: Amend SVMPO By-Laws (ATTACHED)

Dan Coxworth

SUMMARY: Minor changes to the SVMPO By-Laws amending pages 5 and 6 to generalize voting membership of the SVMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Currently, TAC membership is determined by staff position title from member jurisdictions. The amendment will allow for appointment to the TAC by respective City and County management.

If the Board is satisfied with the proposed changes, the By-Laws will be placed in a 30-day public review and comment period.

8. POSSIBLE ACTION: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the SVMPO and City of Sierra Vista for Employment Services for the MPO Administrator (ATTACHED).

Board of Directors

SUMMARY: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Board and City concerning employment services for the MPO Administrator position.

9. POSSIBLE ACTION: Title VI and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan (Web Link) Dan Coxworth

SUMMARY: Required by the MPO for receiving federal aid, the Title VI and LEP Plan outlines how the MPO will comply with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and make every effort to prevent discrimination through the impacts of its programs, policies on minority and low-income populations within the region. The draft Title VI plan can be found here: http://www.svmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/SVMPO-Title-VI-Plan-2016.pdf

10. POSSIBLE ACTION: Contract for Services with J2 Engineering and Environmental Design for the Fry Blvd. West End Corridor Study (Forthcoming) Dan Coxworth

SUMMARY: Review of the contract between the SVMPO and J2 Engineering and Environmental Design

to conduct the Fry Blvd. West End Corridor Study.

11. DISCUSSION: Future Agenda Items

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12. UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- > SVMPO Board: November 18, 3:30 p.m., City Hall
- > SVMPO TAC: October 22, 1:30 p.m., Public Works

13. ADJOURNMENT

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Staff Present

SVMPO Administrator Dan Coxworth, AICP

SVMPO TAC Vice Chair Sharon Flissar, City Engineer, City of Sierra Vista

SVMPO TAC Member Scott Dooley, Director of Public Works, City of Sierra Vista

Others Present

Patricia Molinari, Citizen
Bruce Piepho, Citizen
Tricia Gerrodette, Citizen
Drew Spear, Dibble Engineering
Kent Dibble, Dibble Engineering
Kevin Perko, Dibble Engineering

Tom Crosby, Citizen

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Mueller called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

SVMPO Administrator Coxworth conducted the roll call. Member Bob Blanchard, Councilmember was absent. Chair Mueller confirmed there was a quorum.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Chair Mueller asked for a motion to accept the Agenda for the July 22, 2015 Regular Meeting of the SVMPO, as written. Vice Chair Richard Searle so moved and Member Huisking seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4/0.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Patricia Molinari, Citizen, read and explained her concerns with the BST DCR (see attachments).

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Vice Chair, Searle moved to accept the May 20, 2015 minutes, with one amendment. Chair Mueller seconded the motion

The amendment included correcting an acronym from NEAPA to NEPA.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

Chair Mueller stated that at the next Board meeting will be an agreement between the City and SVMPO for services of employing the SVMPO Administer. Future evaluations of the MPO Administrator will be conducted by the Board.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / POSSIBLE ACTION

6. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION: BUFFALO SOLDIER TRAIL (BST) DESIGN CONEPT REPORT (DCR)

Dan Coxworth / Dibble Engineering

SUMMARY: Dibble Engineering will give a presentation to the Board concerning the Final Draft of the BST DCR. A copy of the Draft DCR can be found on the SVMPO web site at: http://www.sympo.org/current-projects/buffalo-soldier-trail-design-concept-report/

Drew Spear, Engineer, Dibble Engineer gave a presentation (attached) of the Buffalo Soldier Trail, Design Concept Report.

7. POSSIBLE ACTION: BUFFALO SOLDIER TRAIL DESIGN (BST) DESIGN CONCEPT REPORT (DCR)

Board

SUMMARY: Possible action by the Board to accept the BST DCR.

Chair Mueller asked for public comment. Ms. Molinari asked Dibble Engineering why her wells were not identified. Mr. Spear stated that the well site locations were from registered wells with the State. Ms. Molinari made a statement questioning the public input process. Expressing concerns about traffic and the county's ability to deal with it and the MPO's public notification of process of the public meetings.

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Further concerns were expressed by Ms. Molinari about the proposed route and process of developing the DCR. Ms. Molinari expressed concerns that the public was not adequately informed.

Chair Mueller asked Mr. Spear about the locations of the wells. Mr. Spear stated they pulled registered wells from ADWR. Ms. Molinari stated that Mr. Coxworth has been fully aware of all her concerns and that they are being ignored. Mr. Spear stated that Dibblle only has general knowledge of the well locations but without formal permission to access the property it's not possible to obtain a GPS location of the wells.

Vice Chair Searle asked Mr. Coxworth what are the implications of accepting the report. Mr. Coxworth stated that by accepting the report it will allow the City and County to move on to the next step.

Vice Chair Searle asked Mr. Coxworth what are the implications of not accepting the report. Mr. Coxworth stated that he was not entirely sure, but that the Dibble Engineering report will be made available to the City, County, and MPO for use in the future if needed.

Tricia Gerrodette stated that she was confused by the survey at the January meeting and that she would support a no-build option, but that a no-build option was not provided. Ms. Gerrodette also expressed concerns about the public input process. Ms. Gerrodette discussed and expressed her confusion about the NEPA process. She contacted professionals from FHWA about the NEPA process. Ms. Gerrodette explained that she believes the process should start over, starting with NEPA.

Bruce Piepho asked if Adobe Home Road was considered. Mr. Spear stated that Adobe Home was considered, but that BLM land and its proximity to a cultural site is problematic. Mr. Piepho expressed concerns about the study and the Riverstone project. Chair Mueller explained the Riverstone project is a separate issue for the county. Mr. Piepho recommended that the extension connect to Colonia de Salud. Mr. Piepho expressed concerns about the cost of building a bridge over Garden Creek. Mr. Piepho offered other solutions to relieve traffic on the State Highways.

Vice Chair Searle explained that the study has done a lot of good because that it identified the need for a connection, provided an opportunity for public scrutiny bringing to the surface all the issues of extending BST. Vice Chair stated that he cannot support the recommendation of the Study. Vice Chair Searle further stated that he felt eminent domain would be required and that he does not support eminent domain. Vice Chair Searle stated that Riverstone will have a conservation easement and that there will not be a lot of development on this land.

Vice Chair Searle understands the need to get the traffic off of Moson, but that the route that is being recommended would require eminent domain. The county will need to look at other potential routes to make the east-west connection.

Member Harmon stated that a DCR is a pre-scoping document and a process of discovery. Mr. Harmon stated that he sees the need to develop a more robust transportation network in the region. If the county has a strong objection to eminent domain, then that is considered a fatal flaw. Mr. Harmon felt that there is always more opportunity to further study a potential east-west connection.

Vice Chair Searle explained that the discussion to connect BST to Moson Road will not go away, but that the county will continue to look for routes.

Mr. Harmon stated that if the county feels strongly that eminent domain is not an option, then cannot support a motion to accept the DCR.

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Member Huisking stated she understands the need and the difficulty of the process of identifying the location of extending BST. It was necessary to go through the process and that the City and county are still at the discovery phase of a potential east-west connection and that it should continue.

Chair Mueller stated he understands the need for improved traffic circulation in the region. Although, there is a need for another north-south connection there will continue to be a need for an east-west connection to Moson. Chair Mueller respects the county's aversion to use eminent domain. Dibble did what was asked and that the MPO has the report to build on. Chair Mueller expressed his concerns that the region may already be behind in the opportunities to improve regional circulation.

Chair Mueller asked for a motion to accept the BST DCR. Vice Chair Searle made a motion to accept the BST DCR. Member Huisking seconded the motion. The motion failed unanimously, 4/0.

8. DISCUSSION: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Memorandum of Understanding between the SVMPO and City of Sierra Vista concerning the terms of employment of the MPO Administrator.

9. UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- > CANCELLED: SVMPO Board: August 19, 3:30 p.m., City Hall
- > SVMPO TAC: August 27, 1:30 p.m., Public Works

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mueller adjourned the meeting at 5:49

Minutes Prepared by:

Dan Coxworth, SVMPO Administrator

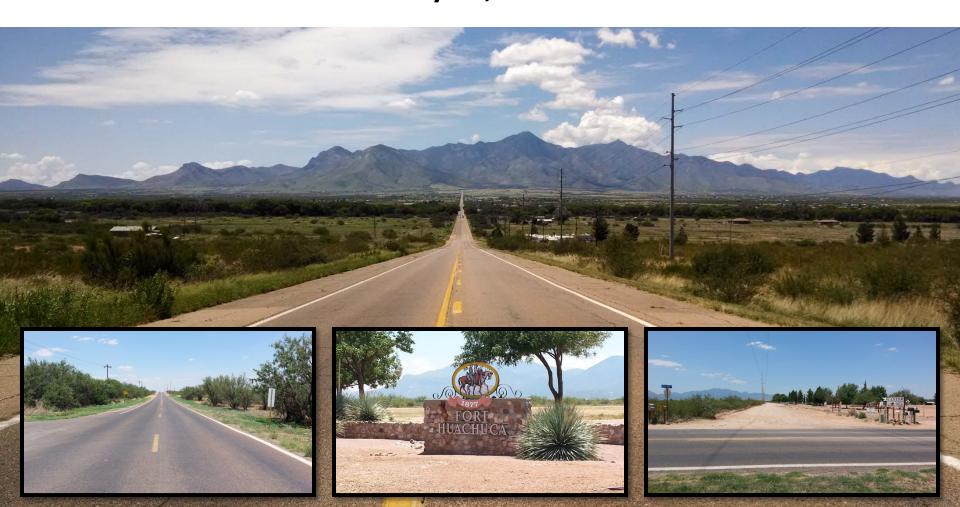
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Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization Location / Design Concept Report Buffalo Soldier Trail Extension to Moson Road



SVMPO Board Meeting July 22, 2015





MPO BEANIZATION

Presentation Agenda

- Project Purpose and Need
- Design Goals
- Study Objectives
- Alternatives Analysis
- Evaluation Results
- Concept Design Layout
- Next Steps





Project Purpose and Need

- Reduce regional congestion
- Plan for future local growth and development
- Develop bypass route for State Routes 90 and
 92 and reduce need to widen those roads
- Ensure future transportation corridor is compatible with existing and future land uses and environmental conditions
- Improve transportation system operations by distributing traffic onto parallel east-west roadway





Design Goals

- Inform and seek public input into the project alternatives
- Maximize benefit to traveling public by reducing travel time and delays
- Enhance safety
- Minimize adverse impacts to the environment
- Enhance traffic operations
- To create multi-modal corridor
- Minimize adverse impacts to residents and businesses





Study Objectives

- Identify new right-of-way requirements
- Develop consensus-driven improvement alternatives
- Determine the preferred roadway alignment from a regional framework perspective
- Develop an access management plan to maintain the operation efficiency of the roadway corridor
- Develop a realistic phased implementation plan

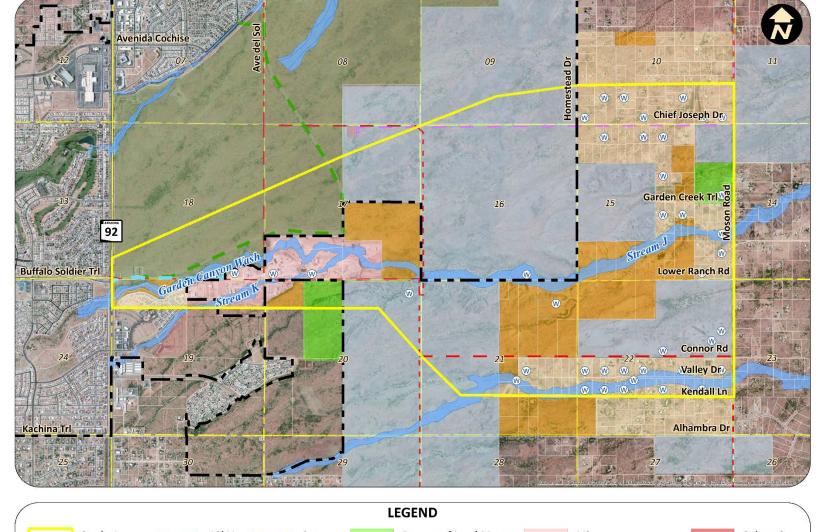


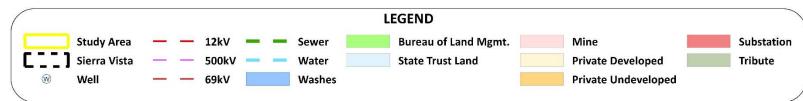


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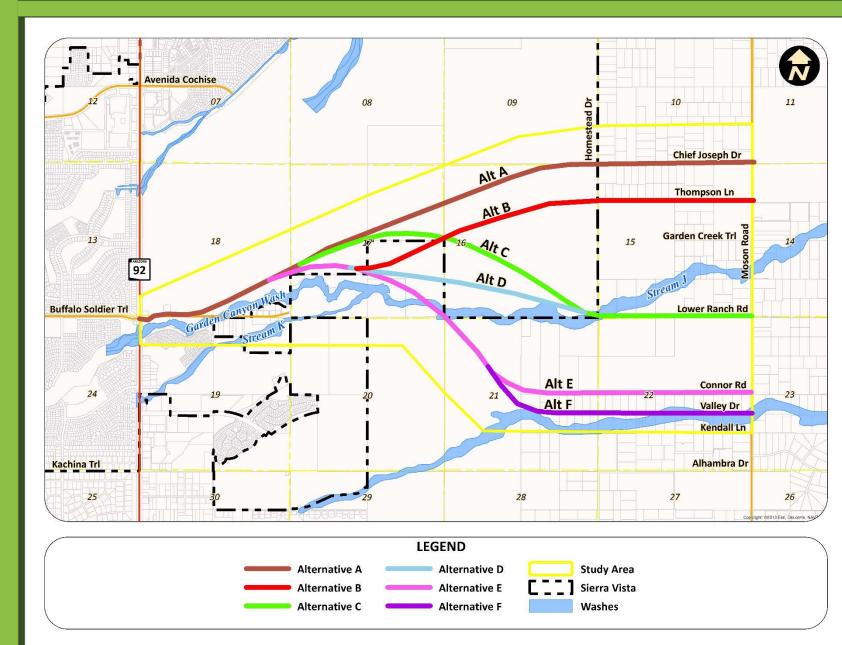
STUDY SCHEDULE					
Project Kick-off	Nov 2014				
TAC Meeting #1	Nov 12, 2014				
Existing and Proposed Features Analysis	Nov 2014- Jan 2015				
Alternatives Development & Evaluation Phase	Dec 2014-Feb 2015				
Public Meeting #1 (Scoping)	Jan 20, 2015				
Final Alternatives Analysis	Feb 22, 2015				
Present to BOS/TAC	Mar 6, 2015				
Public Meeting #2	Apr 14, 2015				
Draft Design Concept Report	June 9, 2015				
Implementation Plan	June 9, 2015				
TAC Review and Comment	July 8, 2015				
Final DCR	Aug 2015				



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Engineering

Original Alternative Corridors



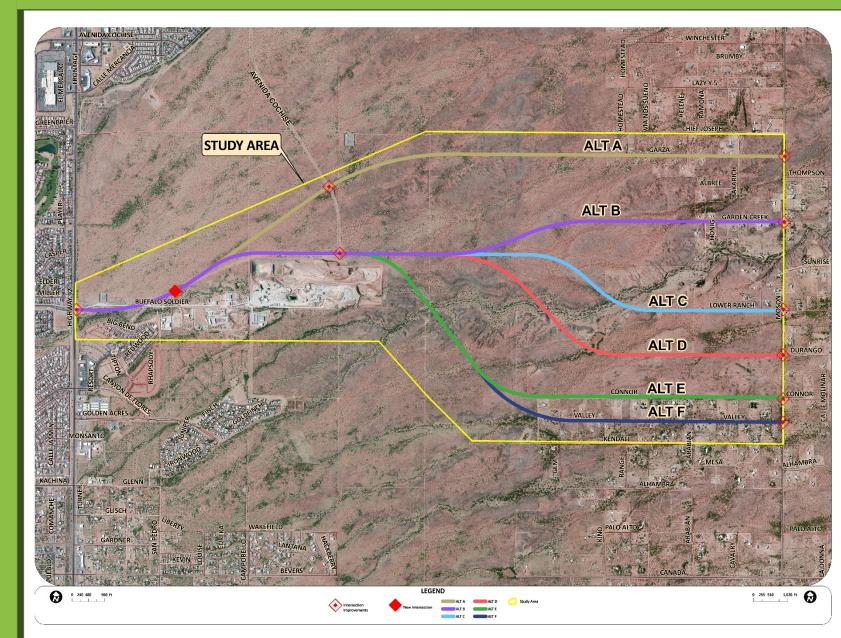


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Engineering

Alternatives Evaluated





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12 Evaluation Criteria

- Public support
- Moson Road impacts
- Access impacts
- Future development compatibility
- Traffic network continuity
- Drainage/floodplain impacts

- Building/Property impacts
- Environmental impacts
- Utility/Well impacts
- Costs
- Noise impacts
- Ranching impacts



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Public Support Summary

Criteria	Positi	Je Negar	ive Net	Rating	
Alternative					
No Build	8	56	-48	0	
A- Garza Road	10	5	5	3	
B- Garden Creek	18	8	10	6	
C- Lower Ranch	8	6	2	2	
D- Durango	19	4	15	8	
E- Connor	6	6	0	1	
F- Valley	3	16	-13	0	





Future Traffic w/out Project



2040 Traffic Volumes w/o Project





Future Traffic Comparison

2040 Traffic Volumes w/o Project



2040 Traffic w/ Project





Final Scoring



Criteria	Pur	lic Support	Son Red Irrit	pacts Impact	S Journal Tra	ent deino	A Continui	cy pacts pacts fingly cop	erty Impact	is Impacts	ingact's Moi	A Rot	ching Total	
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Alternative														
No Build	0	5	6	1	0	10	10	10	10	10	5	10	77	
A- Garza Road	3	2	8	7	6	9	4	7	6	7	5	8	72	
B- Garden Creek	6	1	5	9	7	8	5	7	7	7	6	8	76	
C- Lower Ranch	2	7	8	9	8	9	8	6	6	6	7	8	84	
D- Durango	8	7	10	9	9	6	7	6	7	6	8	6	89	
E- Connor	1	7	10	9	10	7	8	6	4	5	5	7	79	
F- Valley	0	7	4	9	10	0	0	4	3	5	3	8	53	



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Public Meeting No. 2 – April 14, 2015

Written Comments (22 received)

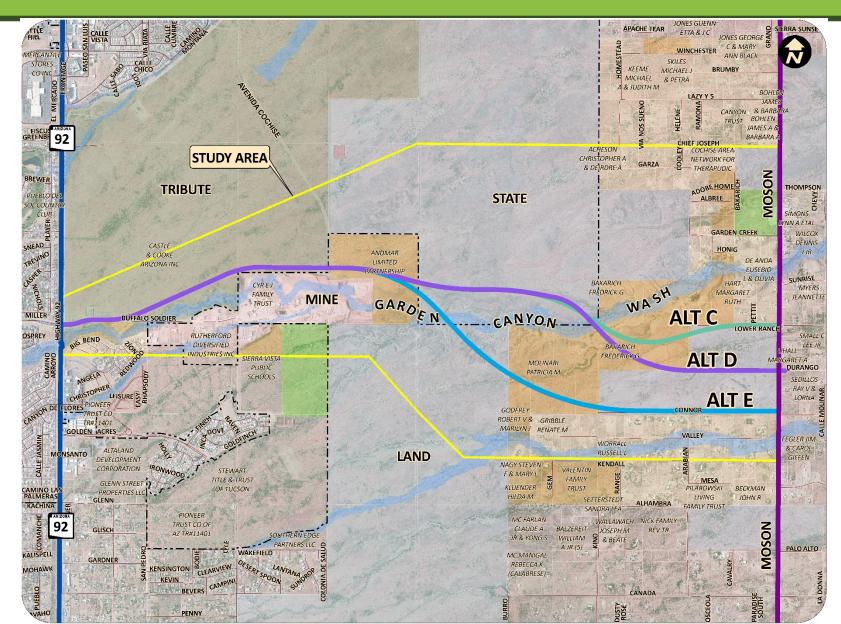
Alternative	For	Against
No Build	5	6
A – Garza Road	0	2
B – Garden Creek Trail	2	1
C – Lower Ranch Road	1	0
D – Durango Road	2	0
E – Connor Road	0	0
F – Valley Drive	0	0





Candidate Preferred Alternative







Candidate "Preferred Alterative"

Alternative D

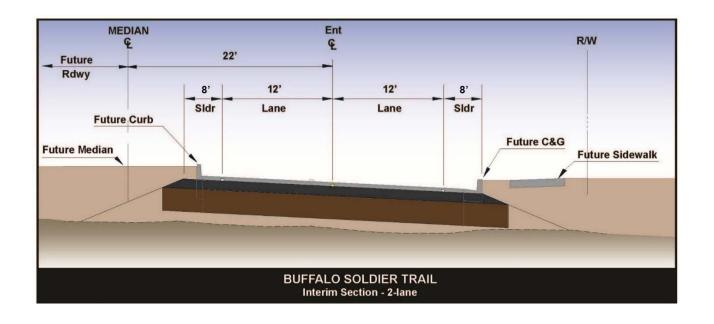
- Most public support
- Minimal improvements required on Moson Road
- Minimal disruption and reconstruction to mitigate access impacts to land parcels
- Fits the intent of the Tribute Specific Plan
- Creates one of the shortest paths for most drivers to take from the parcels south of BST and east of Moson Road
- Has minimal utility and well impacts compared to the other build alternatives
- Has the least noise impact to existing homes
- Alignment has the flexibility to avoid or minimize impacts to the floodplains, properties, environment, and ranching operations.
- Improves safety by creating a second all-weather crossing of Garden Canyon Wash which can be used when Moson Road is inundated with flood waters





Costs

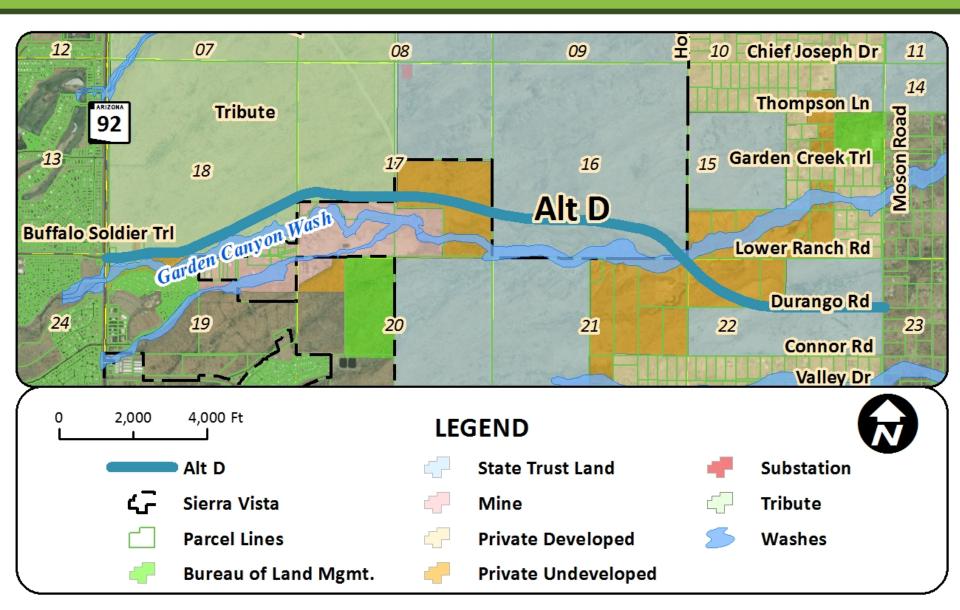
- Ultimate Cost \$13.4 million *
- Interim Cost \$7.3 million



*Comments from Draft DCR have not been addressed in the cost estimate at this time



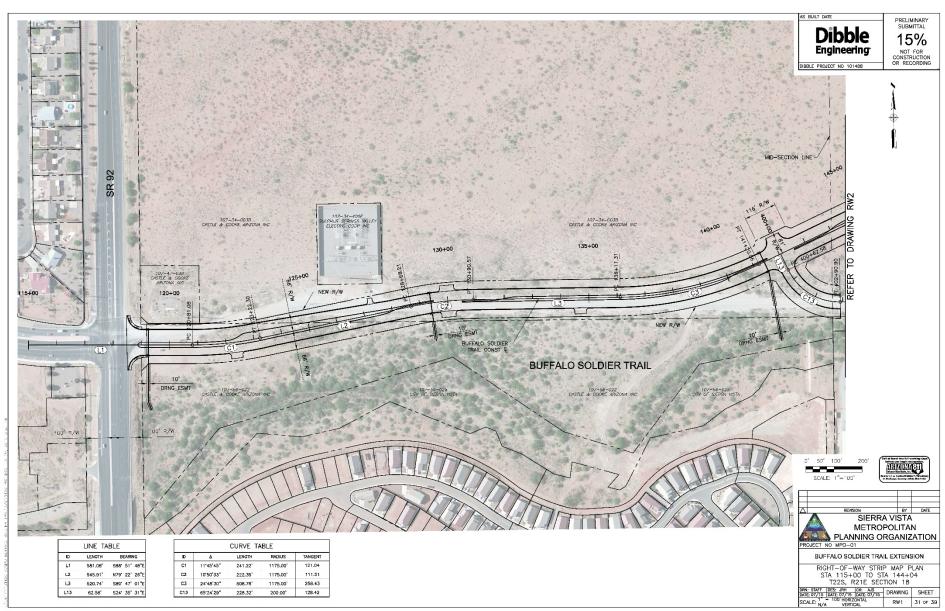






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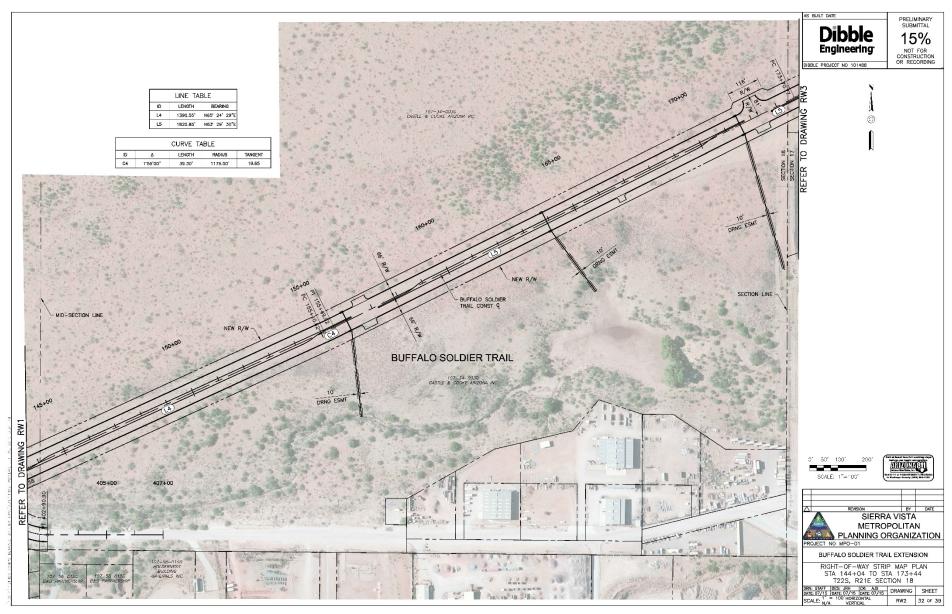






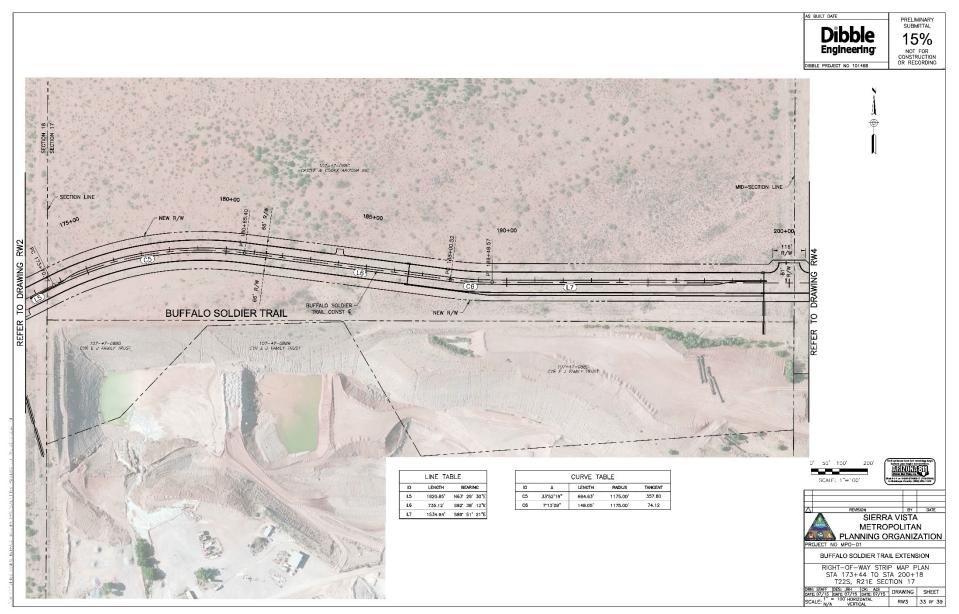
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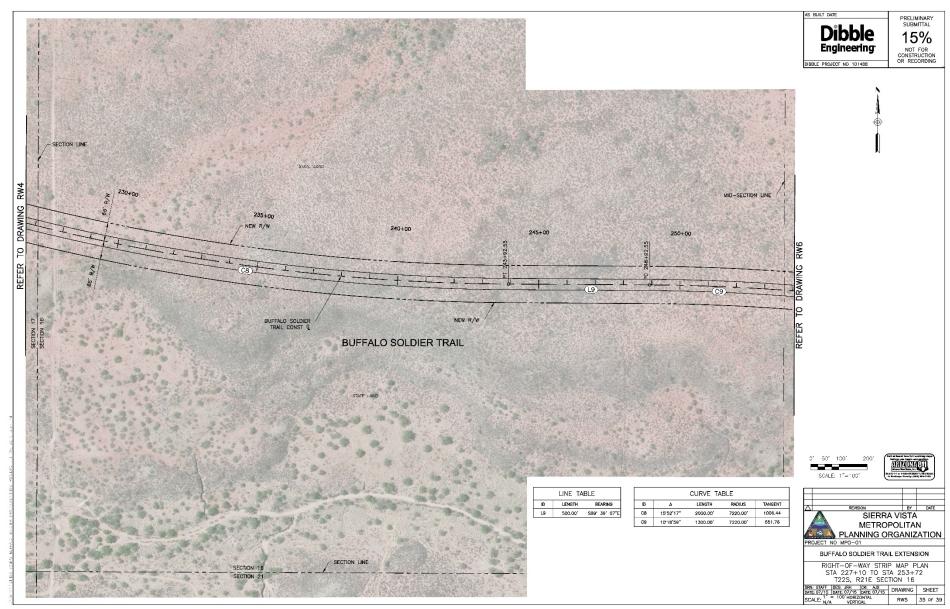


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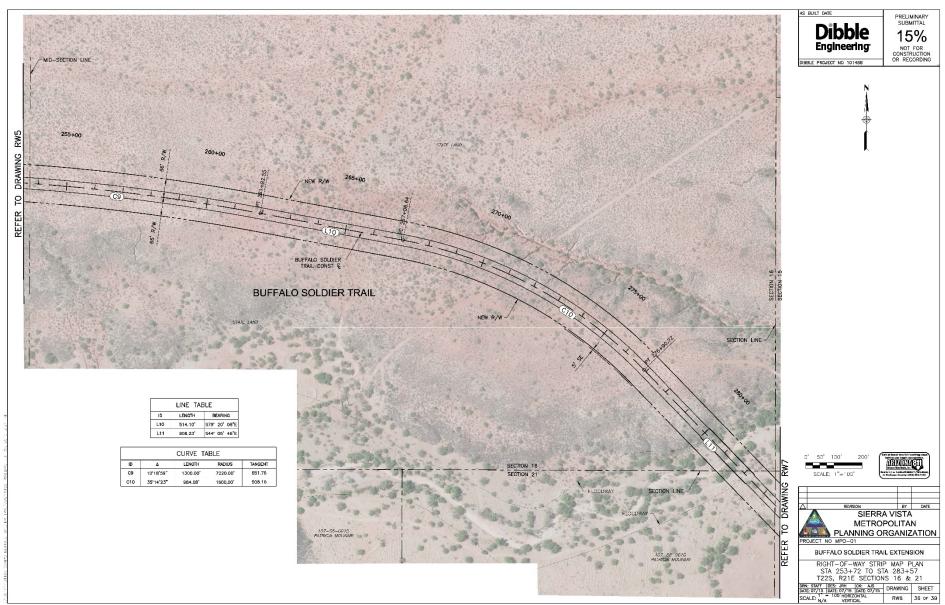


BST – Section 16W





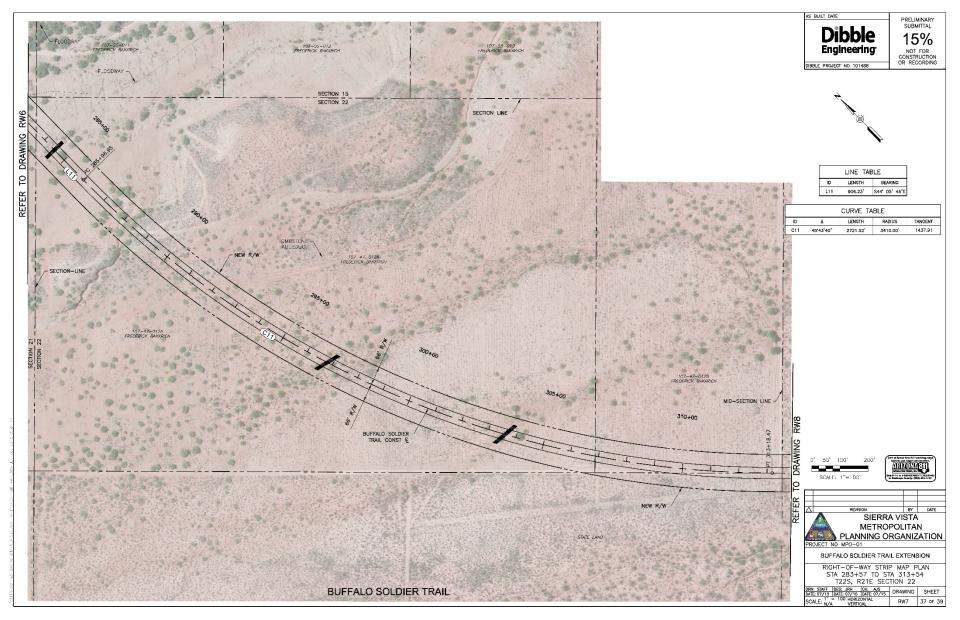
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BST – Section 22W

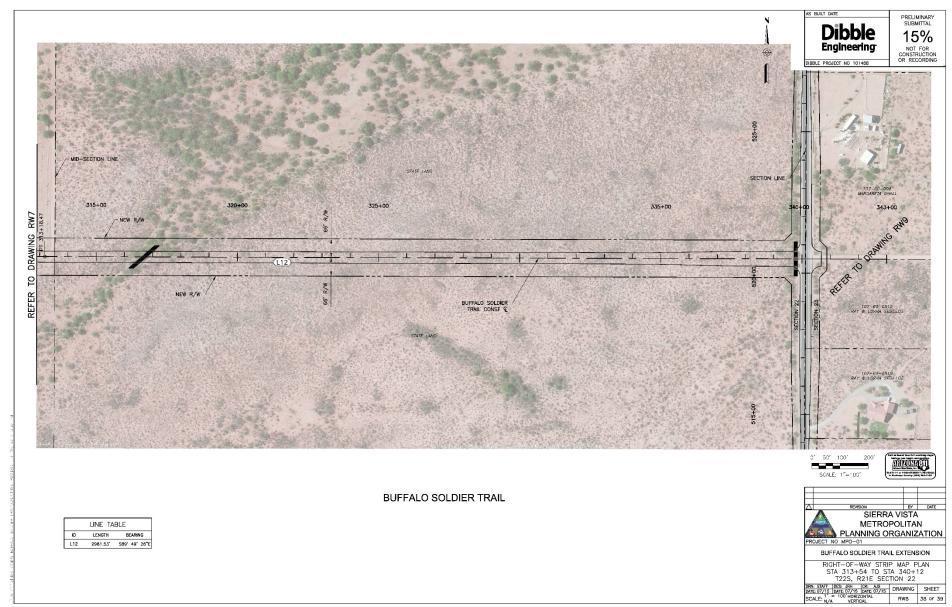






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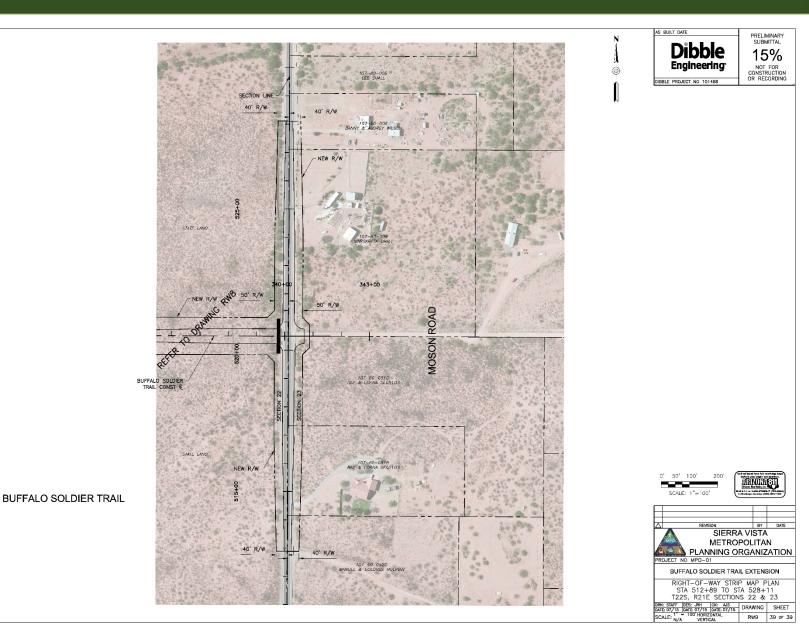






BST – Section 23W

Dibble Engineering



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sign Concept Study

- Consensus on Preferred Alternative
- Develop conceptual design for Preferred Alternative
- Develop Implementation Plan
- Finalize DCR

Future Tasks

- Environmental Assessment w/ Public Meeting(s)
- Design of interim roadway w/ Public Meeting(s)
- Construction of interim roadway

SVMPO Board Meeting on July 22, 2015 Public Hearing????

SUBMITTING TODAY TO BE MADE A PART OF THE RECORD AND ALL REFERENCED IN THE **BODY** of the Minutes PLEASE!

SVMPO Website "Notice of Public Hearing". No purpose or agenda provided for a Public Hearing. Only an Agenda for a Board Meeting.

Petitions with 21 signatures from residents on or near Moson Rd. expressing outrage about not being asked if they wanted a corridor and strongly opposing. Making total of 58 signatures presented to date.

22 Signatures declaring Cochise County does not need a connection to Buffalo Soldier from Moson Rd. making total signatures presented to To date 148.

Copies of e-mails to SVMPO Administrator with copies to Mayor and County Supervisors addressing again the deceptive process that has taken place with the DCR as well as expressing concerns about the \$248,000 Federal grant money was used to obtain a Study on a route which was already selected by County and City.

My comments from the SVMPO TAC Meeting of July 8, 2015 concerning the predetermination of the selected route and what I believe to be access to the 1800 Nature Conservancy Acres East of Moson on Durango Rd.

Map showing in Green the selected route going through all the State Trust Lands, thru private property, and across Moson Rd. down Durango to the 1800 acres. The second choice Route, Lower Ranch Rd., to the 1800 acres would be more difficult as power lines would need to be moved.

This Map shows thousands of acres of State Trust Land which can be acquired by Developers. The DCR shows how these lands would be graded for use by future Developers. I have also included an aerial view of my home which has been non-existent in the DCR, but a beautiful picture of my Ranch Gateway!

Under the pretense of needing this East/West Corridor, the City and County have received all the survey work at taxpayer expense to ramrod through a Project which will allow all these acres to be developed and have a severe impact on water, environmental and other issues. No doubt annexation, more taxation, etc. will eventually result.

The Nature Conservancy plans to gift the 1800 acres at end of Durango Road to the County. I am unclear as to whether the water retention basins will have to put in before or after the transfer. I am also unclear as to the type of conservation easement that will be placed upon it. It could be something similar to the Palominas Project where there could be homesites on larger (36 acre?) parcels. It makes no difference, a developer would purchase it from the County (making profit) as it would fit into the scheme of the overall plans just described.

Also presented herewith is a Memorandum of Understanding among the City of Sierra Vista, Cochise County Flood Control District, Hereford Natural Resource Conservation District and the Nature Conservancy approved at the June 23, 2015 Cochise County Flood Control District The purpose is the implementation of regional water management projects to meet the long-term water needs of the Sierra Vista Subwatershed... ensuring the long-term economic viability of local communities by promoting and implementing recharge and conservation efforts. One of their responsibilities is to "Assist in identifying sources of funding to meet objective in support of the Network's purpose as just described. I would suspect this MOU may have something to do with the Water recharge basins on the 1800 acres. THIS PORTRAYAL OF WANTING TO **FACILITATE** AND IMPLEMENT SOUND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION FOR THE SIERRA VISTA WATERSHED IS BLATANTLY CONTRADICTORY TO THE PLANS BOTH CITY AND COUNTY ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH AS RELATED TO THE BUFFALO SOLDIER TRAIL EXTENSION AND SELECTION OF A ROUTE TO THE 1800 ACRES!

There are millions of federal tax dollars already spent on this 1800 acres, And possibly more in the future for the water recharge/retention basins.



Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization







Public Hearing Notice on SVMPO Website Calendar SVMPO BOARD MEETING JULY 22, 2015 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM E Tacoma St E Tacoma St Agenda For Chaplain Carter Dr Sierra Vista City Hall 19 Arbenz Field Sierra Vista Police Department Las Brisas Way Bella Vista Elementary School AGENDA CITY HALL 1011 CORONADO DRIV No Purpose Stated For Hearing SIERRA VISTA, AZ 8563 520-458-3315 PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THERE WILL BE A MEETING BEFORE THE SIERRA VISTA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON WEDNESDAY, JULY SEND TO GOOGLE CALENDA VIEW FULL CALENDAR

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2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE

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9. UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- SVMPO Board: August 19, 3:30 p.m., City Hall
- > SVMPO TAC: August 27, 1:30 p.m., Public Works

10. ADJOURNMENT

For special needs and accommodations, please contact Daniel Coxworth prior to the meeting or activity. Mr. Coxworth can be reached at 520-439-2178 or email Dan.Coxworth@SierraVistaAZ.GOV or through Arizona Relay Service at 1-800-367-8939, or by dialing 7-1-1.

SVMPO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING July 15, 2015

Re: Buffalo Soldier Trail Extension Project No. MPO-01

PETITIONS

Petitions are being gathered on an ongoing basis. Because of time constraints I did not have time to collect all for presentation today.

Herewith are 21 Signatures from residents on or near Moson Rd. expressing outrage about not being asked if they wanted a corridor and strongly opposing any corridor. 37 such signatures were provided earlier making the total $\underline{58}$

<u>Herewith are 22</u> Signatures declaring Cochise County does not need a connection to Buffalo Soldier from Moson Road. 126 signatures were provided earlier making the total 148.

Patricio Molinard

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Subject: Re: SVMPO Technical Advisory Meeting Yesterday

Date: Mon, 13 Jul 2015 18:51:29 -0400 (EDT)

From:Patsy Molinari Spatsy 6@q.com>

To:Dan Coxworth < Dan Coxworth@SIERRAVISTAAZ.GOV>

CC:Rick Mueller <Rick.Mueller@SIERRAVISTAAZ.GOV>, Jason Hafner <JHafner@azdot.gov>, Pat Call <pce|l@cochise.az.gov>, Richard Searle <rsearle@cochise.az.gov>, Ann English <aenglish@cochise.az.gov>, County Administrator <JVIahovich@cochise.az.gov>

pre determined route appears to have originated from City/County engineers. Both City and County engineers have been communicating with Dibble Engineering with city/county engineers. The bulk of the information provided in the Statement of Work to engage an Engineering Company to do the Study and support the safety one of their foremost responsibilities? At this point it is probably not necessary for any east/west corridor. We are way beyond the point of discussions homes on Lower Ranch Road east of Moson that do not have a clue what is going on. That is the same for those living on West side of Moson on Lower Ranch. traffic. I do not see how County and City officials can ignore the safety and maintenance issues of Moson Road. We are talking about human lives. Is not public County provide to the public their plans to be able to make changes and maintain the road and most importantly keep it safe once it is hit with all this additional need to end within access to this 1800 acres as you very well know. However, before any route should end at Moson Rd. it only makes sense that the Nor do the private land owners on page 31 of the DCR that would be giving up right aways. There are many other options for an east/west corridor that do not direct access to the 1800 acre Nature Conservancy land which the County eventually plans to own as a gift from the Nature Conservancy. There are at least 5 in that meeting Karen Riggs asked Dibble Engineering to look at the Route on Lower Ranch Road as an alternative to Route D. Lower Ranch Road also gives knowledge that the Report did not contain all the facts, dissent of private landowners, etc. etc.) asked for a vote to approve it which was done unanimously. Also City's agenda. At the July 8, 2015 TAC meeting these issues were brought to light again and ignored. At that meeting, after review of the Study you (with full Dibble Engineering's claim and tally that this project has wide public support. It is unfortunate that the Public has absolutely no clue what is on County and stating no corridor needed and another expressing dissatisfaction with County Supervisors for their giving no notice or pertinent information to their constituents, their own route. SVMPO was provided with a rebuttal to the DCR which went down a black hole. Petitions were delivered to SVMPO Board and are ongoing Ann English said that the people want a corridor to Moson Rd. If the County does not like the route SVMPO recommends as a result of DCR the County will pick who expressed no concern and made it clear she intended to move on with what she had. They were discussed face to face with Ann English, County Supervisor ignoring safety and maintenance of Moson Road, and wanting NO CORRIDOR TO MOSON RD. These widely contradict and outnumber SVMPO, SVMPO TAC, and TAC and SVMPO Board. They were brought up and discussed in face to face meeting with Karen Riggs, member of TAC and Cochise Highway and Floodplains, file you provided at my request. The concems and omissions were delivered personally and in writing to Dibble Engineering early on and subsequently to SVMPO brought to the attention of you as the Administrator ongoing since early January 2015 and were overlooked even to the point of omitting my e-mails to you in the The omissions of pertinent information, the manner in which the DCR Study was conducted to the detriment of individuals, and many other key aspects were nroughout this Study. They are exactly where they want to be at anybody's expense. Why would you even make such a suggestion?

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From: "Dan Coxworth" < Dan.Coxworth@SIERRAVISTAAZ.GOV>

To: "Patsy Molinari" < patsy 6@q.com>

Cc: "Rick Mueller" <Rick.Mueller@SIERRAVISTAAZ.GOV>, "Jason Hafner" <]Hafner@azdot.gov> Sent: Monday, July 13, 2015 2:00:45 PM

Subject: RE: SVMPO Technical Advisory Meeting Yesterday

Ms. Molinari,

further issues, please send them to me and I will review and discuss with city/county engineers Issues you may have with the Draft report should be brought to the attention of the SVK/PO TAC members, which I believe you have already done. If you have

Administrator Sierra Vista MPO 520,439,2178 Dan Coxworth, AICP

From: Patsy Molinari [mailto:patsy_6@q.com]

Sent: Monday, July 13, 2015 1:53 PM

To: Dan Coxworth

Cc: Rick Mueller; Jason Hafner

Subject: Re: SVMPO Technical Advisory Meeting Yesterday

did not see the contact provided for issue #2 in my previous e-mail. Kindly provide as soon as possible. Thank you! Dan, Thank you for your prompt response addressing the MPO and funds for the DCR. I will contact Martha McSally re MPO related questions, but

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From: Patsy Molinari [mailto:patsy 6@o.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 3:26 PM

To: Jason Hafner

Subject: SVMPO Technical Advisory Meeting Yesterday

Importance: High

in their family. 2) The use of the \$248,000 federal grant money used for this Dibble Study which is clearly manipulated and factual information eliminated is rapidly coming to light. I need to know where this issue needs to be directed. This is very serious. Here followup on the two items we discussed yesterday, 1) The continuance of an MPO that was established in 2014 based on 50,000 population in 2010 census which when formed was around 43,000. Population continuing to drop and notice today of which I will is the link to today's news story on yesterday's meeting. Thank you so very much for your time yesterday. Jason, It was delightful meeting you yesterday and look forward to seeing you again. I would be most appreciative if you could forward article more reduction in Fort personel being taken and with each person reduced you have to add the number of members lick here for office on Boll extension

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Home

Despite vocal opponents, plan on BST extension proceeds

| HERALD/REVIEW

By Chris Braswell
For the Herald/Review

SIERRA VISTA — Carrying the issue of extending the Buffalo Soldier Trail bypass through open space east of the city to connect with Moson Road, a technical committee approved a planning document for the project on Tuesday.

The unanimous vote supporting the "design concept report" likely puts the document before the intergovernmental Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization's board of directors at its next meeting on July 22.

Present at the MPO meeting were representatives of local grassroots resistance to the planning organization's making way for the BST extension. The MPO's technical advisory committee comprises staff from Cochise County and Sierra Vista planning and zoning offices. Agents from the Arizona Department of Transportation, and civil engineering assessment contractor Dibble Engineering, attended the meeting telephonically.

Third-Party Planner

An agent for Dibble Engineering named Drew Spear appeared at Tuesday's meeting gave a synopsis of the BST extension project from his corporation's perspective. He said traffic volumes in the area in question (along state highways 90 and 92 which comprise most of the vehicle traffic in southeast Sierra Vista) peaked in 2007-2008, and are currently are about 10% below that peak. Country roads Moson, Ramsey, and Hereford serve as minor collectors and currently, the main traffic generators in the Moson/Ramsey areas are public schools, he said.

"We also did a features analysis showing utilities, wells, existing features both topographic and built in the area, noting where existing home sites are, existing roadways, and part of the analysis was how to incorporate the planning that has already been done for the Tribute Specific Plan," Spears said. "We didn't necessarily bind ourselves with the Tribute Specific Plan but we wanted to make sure that if there was an opportunity to create something better than the specific plan, we can have that opportunity."

"The basic findings were that the scattered homes along Moson Road and west of Moson, the home sites oftentimes aren't very near existing roadways themselves, often times it's very difficult to...run new larger scale roadways between the home sites in general," Spears said. "We started out with six alternative alignments, plus the nobuild that was presented at the beginning of the study. Chief Joseph was the northermost one, we have one that came out at Thompson, one that was at Garden [Creek Trail], Lower Ranch Road, Connor, and Valley."

Ultimately, a connection that comes through at Durango "scored the highest" in the study, Spears said. He noted that state land is a "major stakeholder" in the area. Spears said the ADOT 2040 model predicted more than 10,000 vehicles between State Route 90, through the Tribute area, to Moson Road, leading to the recommendation of a four-lane extension.

Local Rancher

A woman named Patsy Molinan, who owns a ranch in the path of proposed bypass extension, is among the local residents who are outspoken in opposition to the project.

"The selected route was predetermined. SVMPO provided the proposed routes and made available all supporting information in the statement of work. The engineering company (Dibble) was selected, and study under way by mid-October 2014. Route D had a survey marker placed on Durango Road just east of Moson on Jan. 3, 2013—17 days before the first open house to come and select a route."

"Statements such as "widely supported" or "most public support" are untrue and misleading, as evident by later petitions which are still being gathered," Molinari said, "and no mention or consideration of landowners' dissent. With SVMPO's knowledge, Dibble omitted a long list of items on these two routes, some of which were four private wells, one on the map since 1900; underground electric; a huge dam built in 1947 by the Hereford Natural Resource Conservation District with pipes undemeath to irrigate fields. The list is quite extensive, and SVMPO was made quite aware of it by myself as well as others. As of July 7, not one private owner other than myself was aware of Buffalo Soldier Trail Extension or SVMPS's intention to take a right of way. One [off the private land owners] made the statement: "Anyone comes on my property, I'm ready with my guns."

"(Fellow private property owner) Fred Bakarich, 81 years of age, is suffering severe depression and anxiety due to SVMPO ignoring his objection at the first open house, and the subsequent deceptive process," Molinari said. "The report substantiates exactly what I had originally projected; not a solution to relieve traffic but an avenue for developers to acquire more land and the county to acquire the 1,800 Nature Conservancy acres at the end of Durango Road and perhaps sell it later for a profit. The city also benefits for a sundry of reasons to be taken up at a later date."

*There shall be no route over any of our property and our attorney stands ready to act. If I'm off base, then select a corridor that does not involve a developer or access to that 1,800-(acre) Nature Conservancy from any side, "she said.

Land Conservation Advocate

Local resident, former Sierra Vista City Council candidate, and ecological advocate for the San Pedro River, Tricia Gerrodette, was also critical of the MPO process and questioned the ethics of the project.

"My reading of the summary of the public involvement and the public choices, is that it seemed to only include the January meeting results, not April," Gerrodette said. "But then I thought I heard reference in today's comments about including the April meeting. My biggest point about the two meetings would be that the very first meeting did not offer a no-build option or vote, if you will, for the public. The second meeting clearly did, and it clearly got a lot of votes, but I don't see how you can use one meeting or the other meeting, or even sum them, if you didn't have the same playing field for the public to weigh in on the preferred options. I think you would find that the public who attended those meetings overwhelmingly wanted no-build, but those votes, the participation, was not evenly tallied. So I think that's a huge gap, in terms of how the alternatives were then ranked, because public involvement or choice, was a component of how you reached that final number."

"On the drainage report... about using the city drainage and modeling, I believe the city is probably more up to date with the incredible amount of work that has been done in this area, in the upper San Pedro watershed, and the FIS (flood-insurance study) modeling is not," Gerrodette said. "I was very disappointed to read that Dibble said "almost nothing's known about drainage in this [Garden] Canyon." Nothing's been studied more than drainage and runoff. Check with agricultural research service, there are a lot of reports out there, so I think that needs to be improved."

City Engineer Sharon Flissar also expressed concern about Dibble's use of FIS data rather than the city's numbers, which she said are notably different.

"Then, from Dibble's presentation over the phone, there is in my mind, a clear admission that this road is meant to facilitate Tribute," Gerrodette said. "I mean, I think we've known that all along, but that's obvious, and I believe you have used federal dollars and I don't think you can wait until construction to do your [environmental] impact analysis. It's called "indirect induced and cumulative." That assessment's required under NEPA (U.S. National Environmental Policy Act) for using federal dollars."

The Tribute plan has been on hold since a state judge ruled against the water adequacy designation for the 7,000-home residential and commercial master-planned community last fall. The disposition has been appealed by Pueblo del Sol Water Company and the Arizona Department of Water Resources (the up-to-date docket is at www.clerkofcourt.maricopa gov/watercase asp).

Urban Planner

In place off the several originally proposed routes considered in the Dibble Engineering study, and the Durango Road "Route D" connection advocated by the study, former Sierra Vista Planning and Zoning Commissioner Bruce M. Piepho submitted a rebuttal containing alternative options to the committee.

"I am 100-percent in favor of making some kind of connectivity between Moson and State Route 92 by Buffalo Soldier Trail," Piepho said. "My background includes seven years on a planning and zoning commission in Woodbury, Minn., which grew from 40,000 people, to over 200,000 people today."

Piepho recommended a four-lane BST connection with Colonia De Salud, which he noted is not part of the Tribute plan, and is where the new hospital and county complex are. His DCR rebuttal also includes recommendations for more narrowly tailored connectivity such as two-lane, low-speed roads for access to the Tribute development proposal.

"Is BLM (U.S. Bureau of Land Management open space) an obstacle or just another problem to solve such as the state land for right-of-way access?" Piepho said. "Also in your public support statement, I find that false, in that there's 127 signatures on a petition. I haven't evaluated that in favor or against, but I would suspect that most of that is against, and, that is not including your public input."

The next technical advisory committee meeting is on Aug. 27. The next MPO board meeting is July 22.



SVMPO TAC Meeting, July 8, 2015 8:30 am Patsy Molinari What I am about to say is of the utmost importance, <u>for the record</u> and to be incorporated in the body of the <u>Minutes</u>.

Re: Buffalo Soldier Trail Design Concept Report June 2015

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On page 31 Preliminary Right of Way Requirements (As attached): As of 7/7/2015 not one private owner (other than myself) was aware of BST extension or SVMPO'S intention to take a right away. One made the statement "anyone comes on my property I am ready with my guns." Fred Bakarich, 81, is suffering severe depression and anxiety due to SVMPO ignoring his objections at the first openhouse and the subsequent deceptive process.

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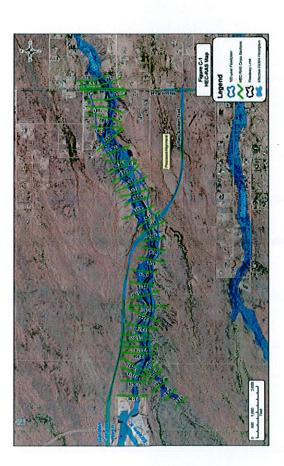


Figure 5.1 - Garden Canyon Wash Crossing Location

5.4 ACCESS

Access within the Tribute Specific Plan Area has been coordinated with the developer, Castle and Cooke. Rightin/right-out access is proposed at Station 122+40 south, 127+35 north to SRP substation, 134+75 south, and 184+00 north. Full access to driveways or potential local roads are proposed Station 130+00, 156+70, and 172+15. Future major collector or minor arterial intersections are proposed at Station 142+05 for Old Buffalo Soldier Trail, and 20+00 for Avenida Del Sol. In general, the access control for this project is similar to the existing Buffalo Soldier Trail west of SR 92 with access limited to one-quarter mile increments. Residential driveways are not allowed direct access onto Buffalo Soldier Trail. Non-residential driveways are limited per Sierra Vista Development Code 151.08.005(C).

5.5 RIGHT-OF-WAY

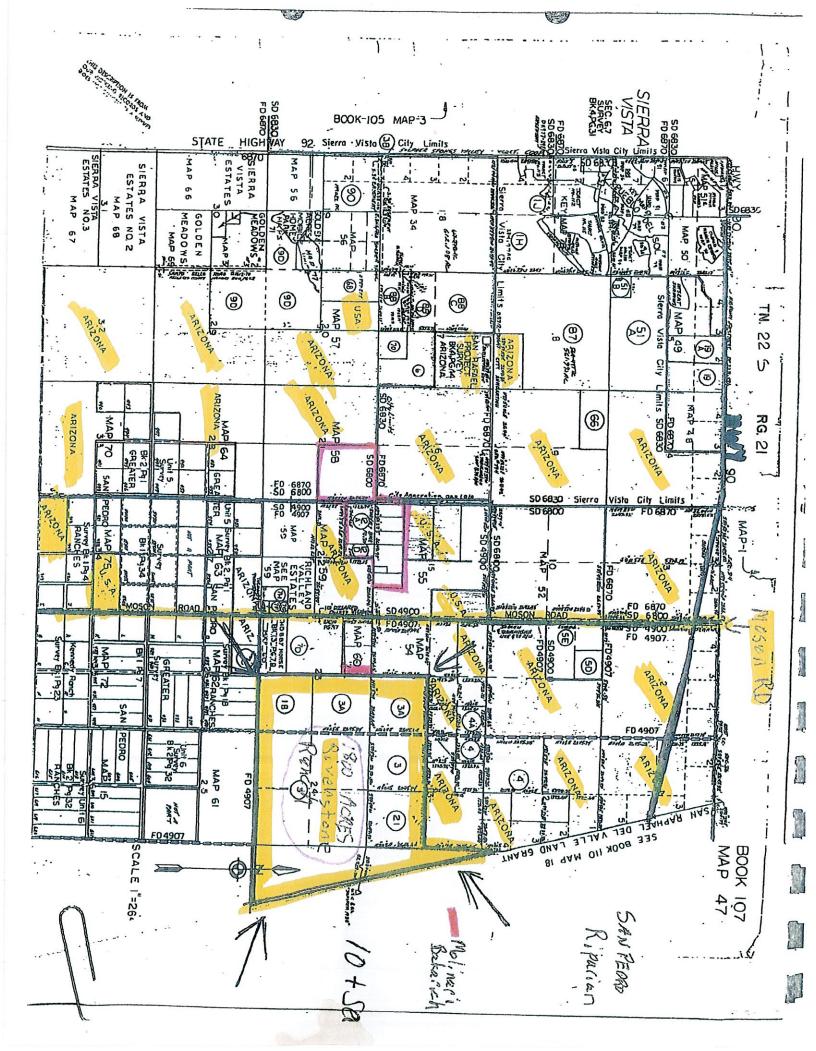
The standard right-of-way is 132 – feet in width, 66 feet each side of the roadway centerline. Between Avenida Del does not allow for the full width. The future land developers should dedicate the difference and build the roadway to the 4-lane standard for the adjacent frontage. Where cut or fill slopes extended beyond these limits, the study team Sol and Moson Road, the right-of-way can be reduced to the County standard 80 feet in the interim roadway, but that

proposes Slope Easements. This occurs on State Land near the Garden Canyon Wash. When State Land develops in the future, the Slope Easements will allow the future developer to regrade these slopes It is expected that the landowner for Tribute will dedicated the 132-foot right-of-way for Buffalo Soldier Trail per the property development agreement.

The costs for right-of-way are shown in Section 6.0. Table 5.2 shows the preliminary land acquisition areas per parcel Property Values are based on values provided by Cochise County based on similar recent land purchases in the area. for the preferred alternative.

Table 5.2 – Preliminary Right-of-Way Requirements

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	107-34-003D	Castle & Cooke	ROW	658,642
	107-47-088C	Castle & Cooke	ROW	354,146
	107-47-006	Andmar Limited Partnership	ROW	356,079
_	TRS 22S-21E-16	State Land	ROW	723,071
-	107-58-001G	Patricia Molinari	ROW	22,343
	107-47-012A	Frederick Bakarich	ROW	307,473
	107-47-012D	Frederick Bakarich	ROW	56,384
	TRS 22S-21E-22	State Land	ROW	446,757
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	107-60-051G	Ray & Lorina Sedillos	ROW	17,145
	107-60-0518	Ray & Lorina Sedillos	ROW	14,990
	107-60-052C	Manuel & Dolores Molinar	ROW	5,228
	107-56-022	Castle & Cooke	Drng Esmt	3,143
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	107-47-088C	Castle & Cooke	Drng Esmt	715
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Put road project on the shelf

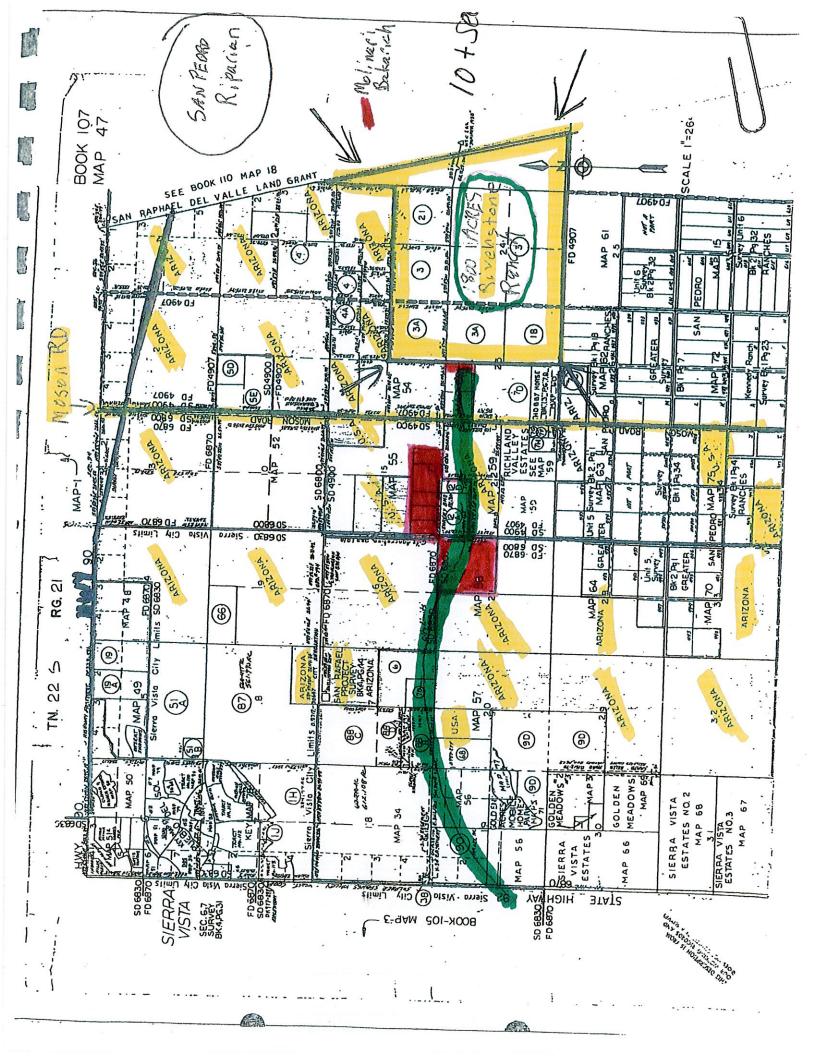
To the Editor:

In the Sierra Vista Herald of July 9, there was a very long article about building an extension from Buffalo Soldier Trail to Moson Road. In this era of budget cuts for almost every-

thing, I can't believe anybody in their right mind is proposing spending time or money on a road we don't need and that the landowners involved are dead set against.

I read in the Sierra Vista Herald at least once a week that both Cochise County and the City of Sierra Vista are very short of funds to maintain their present roads and streets. If there is any money available for transportation related projects, you should try to get it redirected to maintaining the roads we have.

Carole Anderson Sierra Vista



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AGENDA FOR FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT MEETING

Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARING ROOM 1415 MELODY LANE, BUILDING G, BISBEE, AZ 85603

ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

ROLL CALL

Members of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors will attend either in person or by telephone, video or internet conferencing.

CONSENT

Board of Supervisors

Approve the Minutes of the Flood Control District meeting for March 24, 2015.

Approved

Attachments

Minutes

 Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the Cochise County Flood Control District, City of Sierra Vista, Hereford Natural Resource Conservation District (NRCD) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to create a partnership to facilitate and implement sound water resource management and conservation strategies for the Sierra Vista Subwatershed.

Attachments

Memornadum of Understanding

ACTION

Community Development

 Approve Professional Services Agreement PSA 15-41-HFP-04 with JE Fuller for year two monitoring, inspection and reporting for Palominas Recharge Project for the not to exceed amount of \$54,000.

Approved

Attachments

D. The Network may change its organizational structure including the establishment of new committees to assist in achieving its purpose identified in paragraph II.

VI. Responsibilities of Members

Participating agencies and their representatives shall attend meetings for the purpose of advancing the goals and objectives of the Network. Agency representatives are responsible for briefing their management and coordinating within their individual agency or organization.

VII. Limitations

Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as limiting or affecting the legal authorities or decision-making of any of the participants of this MOU, or require expenditure of funds. Any party to this agreement may cancel this agreement by written notification at least 30 days prior to the termination date.

VIII. Electronic Signatures

The parties agree that any party may sign this MOU with an electronic/digital signature, and that such signature shall have the same effect as though signed by hand.

IX. Additional Members

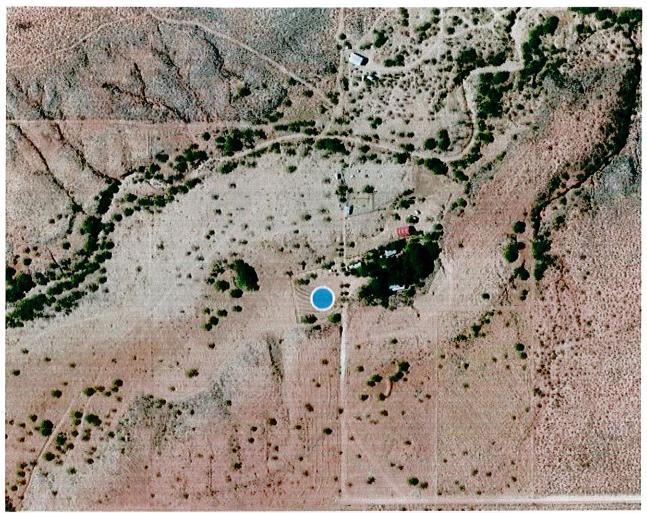
The Network may add members with the approval of a majority of current members.

For the Member Agencies

City of Sierra Vista	Cochise County Flood Control District
Signed: Rick Mueller, Mayor	Signed:Patrick G. Call, Chairperson
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Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization

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SECTION I. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization (SVMPO) is to carry out planning, coordination, and integration of activities necessary to maintain a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing multi-agency transportation planning program; and further, as specified by the Board of Directors of SVMPO, carry out other related specific tasks including implementation thereof. The SVMPO will exercise leadership and initiative in transportation planning and assisting development of the greater Sierra Vista community.

SECTION II: AREA

The area that permitted SVMPO to be designated as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) under federal and state law is the Sierra Vista Urbanized Area, shown in Figure 1. The Planning Area Boundary of the SVMPO includes the City of Sierra Vista incorporated limits including Fort Huachuca, and unincorporated areas of Cochise County, as depicted in Figure 2.

SECTION III: ORGANIZATION

Jurisdictions that make up the SVMPO include the City of Sierra Vista, Cochise County, and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). Elected officials (except for ADOT's representative, who is appointed by the Governor of the State of Arizona) from each of those agencies make up a Board of Directors; an MPO Administrator; and technical staff make up a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). In addition, there may be other special committees such as technical subcommittees and/or citizen tasks forces. Each group is defined below:

A. *Board of Directors*. The SVMPO Board of Directors consists of elected officials from the City of Sierra Vista, Cochise County, and one member from the Arizona Department of Transportation's State Transportation Board who is appointed to the State Transportation Board by the Governor, or his/her designee, who must be an employee of

the Arizona Department of Transportation. It is the function of the Board of Directors to act as a policy making body, coordinating and directing transportation planning, implementation thereof and related activities within the overall regional comprehensive planning process.

1. Membership.

- (a) To be an eligible member of the Board of Directors, that person must be a duly elected member of a governing body of a unit of local government located in the SVMPO planning area, excepting the member of the Arizona State Transportation Board. Each unit of local government and the State Transportation Board shall designate the person or persons among its duly elected governing body or, appointed to the State Transportation Board by the Governor that shall serve as primary member of the SVMPO Board of Directors. At its discretion, each government entity may select alternates who are duly elected members of the governing body or a duly qualified employee designated by the State Transportation Board's SVMPO representative, when the primary member(s) is not available. The alternate(s) will have the same voting power and duties in the absence of the primary member(s).
- (b) Designation of Primary and Alternate members shall be in accordance with statute, ordinance or regulation governing each agency, and written verification shall be provided in a timely manner at least annually to the SVMPO Administrator.
- (c) The number of eligible members on the Executive Board shall be as follows:

	Number of
Jurisdiction	Members
City of Sierra Vista	3
Cochise County	1
State Transportation Board	1
Total	5

(d) Any member, who for any reason shall no longer be in the service of the governmental unit jurisdiction, shall have his/her position vacated automatically and

another member shall be appointed by the appropriate governmental unit.

(e) Representatives of the following units of government are voting members of the SVMPO: City of Sierra Vista, Cochise County, and the Arizona State Transportation Board.

2. Voting.

- (a) Each member of the Board of Directors is entitled to one (1) vote. Upon the absence of a Primary member at any particular meeting, his/her vote may be cast by an alternate member from the same jurisdiction.
- (b) Any declaration of abstention or conflict of interest must be stated prior to discussion of that particular agenda item.

3. Officers.

- (a) The members of the SVMPO shall elect the following officers: Chair and Vice Chair. Election of officers will occur at the first meeting of the calendar year. In the absence of the Chair, or upon his/her inability to act or serve, the Vice Chair shall have the powers of the Chair. The Chair and Vice Chair will serve without compensation, and shall serve for a period of one year.
- (b) The Chair shall be able to vote on all matters before the SVMPO. He/she shall sign on behalf of the SVMPO all documents requiring signatures and shall perform all other duties required of the Chair. The Chair develops the Agenda for all board meetings, subject to approval by the Board. The SVMPO Board of Directors may delegate to the MPO Administrator such signatures it deems appropriate and/or necessary.
- (c) The SVMPO Chair shall have the custody and control of the funds, and shall report the state of the finances of the SVMPO at the close out of the fiscal year. He/she shall have the responsibility for keeping the minutes and such books, resolutions, or other services that may be required by the SVMPO. The SVMPO Board of Directors

may delegate to an employee, or employees, of the SVMPO any or all of the duties and powers described in this section (3)(c).

(d) If required by the SVMPO Board, any employee, or retained consultant so delegated any or all of his/her functions, shall give the SVMPO a bond in such, and with such surety or sureties as shall be satisfactory to the SVMPO, for the faithful performance of the duties of this office.

4. Responsibilities.

- (a) The SVMPO Board of Directors is responsible for all actions, agreements and functions to be carried out by the Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- (b) The SVMPO is responsible for development of the following <u>essential</u> products:
 - 1. Long Range Regional Transportation Plan;
 - 2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP);
 - 3. Public Participation Plan; and
 - 4. Unified Planning Work Program and Budget;
- (c) Other products <u>deemed essential</u> may be authorized by the Board of Directors, and specified in the Unified Planning Work Program.

5. Meetings.

- (a) The Board of Directors of the SVMPO shall follow the Open Meeting Laws of Arizona.
- (b) The guideline for the parliamentary procedures used at meetings shall be Robert Rules of Order, except as otherwise modified herein or unless the Rules are suspended by a majority vote of all voting members.
- (c) A quorum shall be required for the conduct of any business. Majority (i.e., three) members of the SVMPO Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(d) The SVMPO Board of Directors shall meet regularly, at least once a quarter.

Additional meetings may be called by the Chair as required. The time, date, and

location of meetings will be posted at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance. The

notices of the meetings shall conform to the open meeting laws of Arizona. Members

will be notified of all meetings.

(e) Remote participation by members or alternates for all Board meetings is allowed by

telephone or video conference provided that the participant and all in attendance can

hear each other. Remote SVMPO Board member participant(s) are considered

present for purposes of a quorum.

B. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The SVMPO's Technical Advisory Committee

(TAC) is composed of technical and/or managerial staff representatives from each of the

participating agencies (including ADOT). In addition, there may be one or more ex-

officio, non-voting representatives from Fort Huachuca. Each ex-officio, non-voting

member, must be approved by his/her respective agency. The MPO Administrator is a

non-voting member of the TAC and will provide the required administrative support.

The TAC has authority and primary responsibility to conduct technical reviews and analyses

regarding all work activities of the Unified Planning Work Program, and any related issues as

specified by the SVMPO's Board of Directors, and to so advise the Board of Directors on

appropriate actions that may be taken. The TAC works closely with SVMPO staff, providing

guidance and direction for development of the annual Unified Planning Work Program and

Budget and work activities defined therein.

1. Membership.

(a) Voting membership on the SVMPO Technical Advisory Committee shall be as follows:

City of Sierra Vista - Three (3)

City staff positions appointed by the City Manager.

Director of Public Works

Director of Community Development

City Engineer

Cochise County - One (1) position
County staff position appointed by the County Administrator.

Director of Public Works

Arizona Department of Transportation - One (1) position: Planning Program Manager, ADOT for Systems Planning and Programming

The persons appointed to the TAC in each of the above named positions may, by a written statement to the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Technical Advisory Committee, designate a regular alternate. Non-regular alternates (i.e., for a particular meeting) must be declared when the meeting is called to order.

(b) In addition to the voting members listed above, one or more ex-officio non-voting representatives from Fort Huachuca may participate on issues of concern and/or subjects of particular technical expertise.

2. Voting

Each member of the <u>Board of Directors_Technical Advisory Committee</u> is entitled to one (1) vote. Upon the absence of a Primary member at any particular meeting, his/her vote may be cast by an alternate member from the same jurisdiction.

Elected officers of the TAC shall be elected on an annual basis at the first meeting of the calendar year.

3. Responsibilities.

The SVMPO Technical Advisory Committee shall be responsible for reviewing, studying, analyzing, and as appropriate, making recommendations to the SVMPO Board of Directors on issues germane to the Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization.

4. Meetings.

(a) The guideline for parliamentary procedures at meetings shall be Roberts Rules of Order, except as otherwise modified herein or unless the Rules are suspended by a majority vote of all voting members.

(b) A quorum shall be required for the conduct of any business. Majority (i.e., three) TAC members of the SVMPO shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(c) The SVMPO TAC shall meet regularly at least once a quarter, unless determined otherwise by the Chair of the TAC or by a majority vote of the TAC. Members will be notified of all meetings.

(d) Remote participation by TAC members or alternates for all TAC meetings is allowed by telephone or video conference provided that the participant and all in attendance can hear each other. Remote TAC member participant(s) are considered present for purposes of a quorum.

IV. FINANCES

A. *Fiscal Year*. The Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization's fiscal year shall commence on July 1 of each year.

B. *Funding*. The SVMPO shall have the power to receive funds from any public or private source including, but not limited to, the federal, state and local governments; voluntary associations; non-profit corporations, firms, partnerships, or person or any combination thereof; bequests, donations, devices, grants, and gifts of all kinds of property.

C. Audit. The Chair shall call for an annual audit of the financial affairs of the SVMPO to be made by the municipal entity performing financial services. The audit report shall be made available to all SVMPO members.

V. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

A. Formation.

1. Special SVMPO committees may be created by the SVMPO Board of Directors as deemed necessary. A special committee may be either an ad hoc committee for a

specific work task, or a standing committee for one or more work tasks. Any such special committee will be responsible to the SVMPO Board of Directors.

- 2. At the direction of the Chair of the Board of Directors and the Technical Advisory Committee, respectively, subcommittees may be formed to investigate some particular work task/issue germane to the Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- B. *Powers and Duties*. The SVMPO Board of Directors shall define the duties, and authorize the power of all special committees. Special committees shall follow parliamentary procedures as defined in these Bylaws for the Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee. Special committees, unless membership consists exclusively of employees of the member jurisdictions, shall observe the Open Meeting Laws of Arizona.
- C. *Membership*. Membership on a special committee shall be determined by the SVMPO Board of Directors and/or the Technical Advisory Committee. The SVMPO Board of Directors and/or the Technical Advisory Committee may appoint, at its discretion, any individual it deems qualified to serve on a special committee.

VI. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These Bylaws can be amended by a majority vote of the Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board of Directors at any scheduled meeting.

VII. SVMPO STAFF

The SVMPO staff consists of an MPO Administrator and supporting staff personnel as designated by the Board.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

City of Sierra Vista, Arizona and

Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization

By this	Memora	andum of Understanding, entered into this day of 2015, the
City of	Sierra Vi	ista ("City") and Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization ("SVMPO") agree to have
he Cit	y of Sieri	ra Vista provide the SVMPO Administrator.
Γhe pa	rties of t	his memorandum agree as follows:
1.	The Cit	y of Sierra Vista shall endeavor to provide a MPO Administrator to provide MPO
	admini	stration to the SVMPO effective, 2015.
2.	The pa	rties to this agreement shall on an as-needed basis meet to evaluate the services being
	provide	ed and discuss items of mutual concern.
3.	This ag	reement shall automatically renew each July 1 unless the agreement is terminated.
	a.	This agreement may be terminated, with or without cause, by either Party, upon written
		notification not less than 60 days prior to June 30.
4.	During	the term of this agreement, the City of Sierra Vista shall:
	a.	Employ a full-time MPO Administrator to provide MPO Administration services to the
		SVMPO. Salary and salary adjustments will be determined by the City Manager in
		coordination with the SVMPO Board of Directors.
	b.	The SVMPO Board of Directors shall participate in the interview, selection, and
		subsequent evaluation of the employee.

- c. Bill SVMPO quarterly for 90% of the MPO Administrator's compensation that includes wages, benefits, and all costs of employment and a 5% Human Resources Administrative fee. The remaining 10% of the MPO Administrator's compensation, benefits, and costs of employment will be paid by the City.
- d. Provide office space for the MPO Administrator and be compensated for such space by the SVMPO.
- 5. During the term of this agreement, the SVMPO shall:
 - a. Guarantee to the City 90% funding that includes salary, benefits and all cost of employment, plus 5% administrative fee.
 - b. Pay the City quarterly for the wages, benefits, 90% cost of employment and a 5% administrative fee.
 - c. The SVMPO Board of Directors provide an annual review of the MPO Administrator.
- 6. The parties shall negotiate all items not specifically covered under this Memorandum of Understanding.

In Witness whereof the parties hereto have cauby their authorized officers:	used this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed				
CITY OF SIERRA VISTA					
Ву:	Date:				
SIERRA VISTA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION					
By:	Date:				