



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 17, 2016
3:30 PM

Web: www.SVMPO.org
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SVMPO Board of Directors Present:
(One or more members may participate via teleconference)

Chair	Rick Mueller, Mayor, City of Sierra Vista
Vice-Chair	Pat Call, Supervisor, Cochise County
Member	Bob Blanchard, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Sierra Vista
Member	Rachel Gray, Councilmember, City of Sierra Vista
Member	Rod Lane, Arizona Department of Transportation
SVMPO Administrator	Dan Coxworth, AICP

City/County Staff:

Mike Normand, Transportation Administrator, City of Sierra Vista
Karen Lamberton, Transportation Planner, Cochise County

Members of the public:

Bruce Piepo
Trisha Gerodette
Jere Fredenburgh
Yvonne Mayer
Patsy Molinari

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Mueller called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. SVMPO Administrator Coxworth conducted a roll call.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Chair Mueller asked for a motion to accept the agenda of November 18, 2016, Regular Meeting of the

SVMPO Board of Directors. Vice-Chair Call so moved, and Member Gray seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5/0

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Fredenburgh explained that she sent an email to all Board members and asked that the email is included in the minutes (attached). Mrs. Fredenburgh expressed concern over the budget item to survey all streets in the community.

Patsy Molinari spoke at the Call to the Public and wanted to make it clear that she does not want to sell her property, but she is willing to consider selling right-of-way along the southern portion of her property near Connor Road (handouts attached).

Yvonne Mayer wished to express her concerns about the cost of the street condition survey in the SVMPO's Work Program and Budget and would like the City to consider other less expense means of conducting the survey.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Chair Mueller asked for a motion to accept the SVMPO regular meeting minutes of September 15, 2016, as written. Vice-Chair Call so moved, and Member Blanchard seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4/0 (Member Gray abstained).

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

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

None were made

OLD BUSINESS: PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / POSSIBLE ACTION

6. POSSIBLE ACTION: Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

Dan Coxworth

Summary: Consideration and recommendation to the SVMPO Board to establish a Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Mr. Coxworth explained that this item was discussed at the last SVMPO Board of Directors meeting in October. The BPAC will be the region's first Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). The Committee will be made up of volunteers from the community advancing bicycle and pedestrian plans. The BPAC is a special committee of the SVMPO. One of the first projects of the BPAC is to review and guide the development of the Safe Routes to School Plan.

Mrs. Gray asked if the BPAC is in addition to the Cochise Bicycle Advocates. Mr. Coxworth explained that there will be members of the committee that are bicycle enthusiast, but that the rolls of the BPAC and Advocacy group will be different.

Chair Mueller asked for a motion to approve the BPAC. Member Gray so moved, and Member Blanchard seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5/0

NEW BUSINESS: PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / POSSIBLE ACTION

7. POSSIBLE ACTION: Revised Fiscal Year 2017 Work Program & Budget

Dan Coxworth

Summary: Amendments to the current Work Program & Budget.

Mr. Coxworth explained that the current Budget was approved last June. It is not unusually to bring back the budget to the Board to amend the budget as necessary to accurately available funds to the MPO and add/remove projects. The agenda packet describes the funding levels that have changed and items that were added or removed from the budget. Mr. Coxworth went over the following changes to the budget:

- Page 11: Increase in PL and SPR funds and a decrease in available FTA 5305 funds resulting in a net increase of \$45,300 for the administration of the SVMPO and planning studies.
- Page 13: Added the Arizona Rural Transportation Summit to travel.
- Page 15: Identified \$5,000 for contract services to assist in event planning for the Oct. 2017 Rural Arizona Transportation Summit to be held in Sierra Vista in coordination with SEAGO.
- Page 21: Estimated \$19,754 for contract services to develop a transit study to determine the number of individual riders using Vista Transit.
- Page 23: Regional Planning – Removed the Moson Road Corridor Study and replaced with:
 - Estimated \$100,000 for contract services to develop Road Design Standards & Specifications for Public Improvements for Cochise County (see attached description).
 - Estimated \$115,899 for contract services for Street Condition Analysis of roads in Sierra Vista.
- Page 24: Capital Expenditure - \$2,500 to purchase two bicycle counters in support of bicycle planning in the region.

Mrs. Gray asked for an explanation concerning the study to identify the number of unique riders using the City's transit system. Mr. Coxworth explained that the City currently does not have a firm understanding of Vista Transit's customer base. There are concerns by Sierra Vista City Council about the number of people in the community that use the transit system.

Chair Mueller opened this item to public for comment:

Trisha Gerodette expressed concerns that the MPO's Planning Boundary does not include most of Moson Road and that the Road Design Standards & Specifications includes the entire county which outside the purview of the MPO.

Mrs. Fredenburgh asked for an explanation about the time-frame for the Street Condition Analysis. Mr. Coxworth explained that once the project begins, it will cross over fiscal years and that the project will take approximately eight months.

Member Lane asked if the SVMPO could develop design standards for member jurisdictions. Mrs. Lamberton explained that the project is updating existing county design standards which includes development an interface between city and county roads. One of the goals of the Study is to bring up county standards that are aligned closely with city standards, especially in those areas that may be annexed. Mr. Coxworth explained that the member jurisdictions of the MPO have their local control of design standards.

Chair Mueller asked for a motion to approve the revised Fiscal Year 2017 Work Program & Budget. Member Call so moved, and Member Blanchard seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5/0

8. POSSIBLE ACTION: Letter to ADOT concerning HURF Exchange

Dan Coxworth

Summary: A letter to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) in support of reinstating the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) Exchange program.

Mr. Coxworth explained that before 2007 federal funds could be exchanged for local HURF funds that don't require the expense of using federal funds. Now that ADOT's budget has improved, ADOT is considering bringing back the Program in the fiscal year 2018.

The Board discussed another joint letter from the city and council supporting the return of the Program.

Chair Mueller opened that item for public comment:

Ms. Gerodette explained that she has been watching State HURF funding for some time and asked for clarification concerning the HURF Exchange Program.

Chair Mueller asked for a motion to sign the letter on behalf of the SVMPO Board of Directors. Member Gray so moved, and Member Blanchard seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4/0 (member Lane abstained).

9. POSSIBLE ACTION: Year 2017 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

Dan Coxworth

Summary: Proposed 2017 Board of Directors meeting schedule

The Board approved the meeting schedule for 2017. No motion was made.

10. DISCUSSION: Future Agenda Items

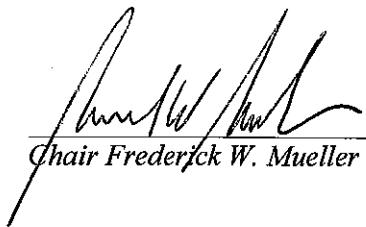
SVMPO Board

There was no discussion concerning future agenda items.


11. UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETINGS

➤ SVMPO Board: January 26, 2016 (tentative)

Chair Mueller adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.


Chair Frederick W. Mueller

Minutes prepared by:


Daniel Coxworth, Administrator

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From: jcfred@jcdx2.com
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2016 12:34 PM
To: rickmueller@sierravistaaz.gov
Cc: patcall@patrickcall.com; 'rsearle@cochise.az.gov'; hank.huisking@sierravistaaz.gov; rachel.gray@sierravistaaz.gov; 'Rlane@azdot.gov'; Dan Coxworth
Subject: mueller mpo before nov 17

Mayor Mueller:

I attended the recent SVMPO TAC meeting in which the 2017 SVMPO projects and budget were discussed.

Street Condition Survey \$300,000. One of the city engineers commented that the city has a reasonable idea of the streets that have been repaired, and a reasonable idea of the streets needing attention. It would seem a city employee could do a grid of the streets in Sierra Vista, drive each and evaluate the need. Although the MPO has 'planning' money, it would seem that the City has personnel on staff capable and knowledgeable to perform this assignment instead of expending \$300,000 of taxpayer funds.

County Road Manual \$100,000. It was discussed that the county needs to update and re-define what roads Cochise County actually has (dirt, primitive, paved, chip sealed, etc...) Additionally it was discussed that having an 'autocad' drawing instead of a copy of a drawing would be nice. I agree the manual needs to be updated to reduce the 'urbanized' terminology, but the County has 'autocad' capability or could simply stick with a drawing. Again, it would be nice to have the perfect manual, but for a cost of \$100,000, when the county has capable staff and the 'autocad' capability seems excessive.

Thank you in advance,

Jerre Fredenburgh
Taxpayer

Cc: Supervisor Pat Call
Supervisor Richard Searle
Rod Lane. ADOT
Council Member Hank Huisking
Council Member Bob Blanchard (no email)
Council Member Rachel Gray
Dan Coxworth SVMPO Administrator

HAND DELIVERED TO EACH MEMBER

November 17, 2016

Board of Directors
Sierra Vista Metropolitan Organization
Sierra Vista, Arizona 85650

RE: Moson Road Corridor Project, Cochise County Road Design & Construction Standards & Specifications For Public Improvements Update Project, Letter Hand Delivered to SVMPO Technical Advisory Committee on 11/3/2016 From Patricia Molinari and Fred Bakarich

You are herewith provided with the above referenced Letter from Patricia Molinari and Fred Bakarich.

FOR THE RECORD: ANY OF THE PROPERTIES IDENTIFIED ON THE PROVIDED MAP OWNED BY PATRICIA MOLINARI AND FRED BAKARICH ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR SALE NOR ARE ANY EASEMENTS, RIGHT OF WAYS, OR ANY OTHER INTERESTS. THE ONLY EXCEPTION WOULD BE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A CORRIDOR FROM MOSON ROAD TO ROUTE 92. FRED BAKARICH AND PATRICIA MOLINARI MAY BE WILLING TO GRANT A RIGHT OF WAY ON THE VERY SOUTH END OF THEIR PROPERTY (IDENTIFIED AS CONNER RD. IN THE DCR) SUBJECT TO AGREED UPON TERMS AND CONDITIONS.



Patricia Molinari



Fred Bakarich

Cc: Nathan B. Hannah, Esq.

HAND DELIVERED TO EACH MEMBER

November 3, 2016

Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

RE: Private Property Owned By Frederick Bakarich/Patricia Molinari
And Known As The Lower Lazy Y 5 Ranch And SVMPO PLANNING PROJECT
PROPOSAL FROM COCHISE COUNTY RE ROAD DESIGNS AND SPECIFICATIONS

The provided Map (yellow) shows privately owned property by Frederick Bakarich and Patricia M. Molinari. Grazing Leases (green) are held by Molinari/McCann And Bakarich (all related). SVMPO Plans and Reports are now describing the privately owned property as being "developed". **All of the privately owned property has been ranch land and had cattle since the 1930s.** The original Ranch consisted of 3000 privately owned acres (Lazy Y-5 Ranch) owned by Grace Bakarich McCool. Over the years and after her death, sections were parceled out to her eight children. Fred Bakarich has lived on the Lazy Y 5 land since he was born in 1934. Fred Bakarich (his deceased wife) and myself are the only persons who have occupied all these privately owned lands since 1921. All the parcels now owned jointly by Bakarich/Molinari were given by Mrs. Bakarich to her sons Fred and Michael Bakarich. Molinari and her brother McCann bought the 160 acres from Michael Bakarich as well as State Land Leases to continue raising cattle with Fred Bakarich on all the jointly owned acreage. **No one has been allowed to access any of the property since 2001. It has remained gated.**

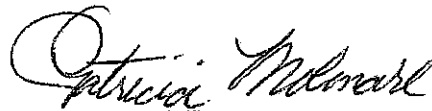
THIS IS FORMAL NOTIFICATION THAT NONE OF THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED ON THIS MAP AS OWNED BY BAKARICH/MOLINARI IS AVAILABLE FOR SALE. NO EASEMENTS, RIGHT OF WAYS, OR ANY OTHER INTEREST IN THE PROPERTIES WILL BE GRANTED EXCEPT: I We may be agreeable to granting an easement along the very south end of our property (Conner Rd.) which would provide the much sought after Corridor to Rte. 92. (Buffalo Soldier) From Moson

Road. Terms and conditions to be mutually agreed upon and approved by our legal counsel.

FURTHER: You are forewarned. Should this SVMPO Planning Project (copy attached) or any future planning projects involve any of our property ownership rights without our permission we intend to seek legal action. When we wanted our property excluded from the DCR your response was that it was legal for you to continue as it was “only a planning document”. That was not the case. You had already selected the Route and were prepared to buy the right of ways the summer of 2015. We were threatened with eminent domain as is confirmed in many instances, but plainly stated in the Long Range Plan. You were all aware of the inaccurate and incomplete information and the “questionable integrity” of the DCR yet you continue to display it on the SVMPO website and use it for future planning. SVMPO’s practice of obtaining information about individual’s personal properties with the intention of taking portions via right of ways, easements, or whatever without first consulting with the property owners, coupled with the expenditure of federal funds to obtain information that could be used to an individual’s detriment, is deserving investigation by higher authorities.



Frederick Bakarich



Patricia Molinari

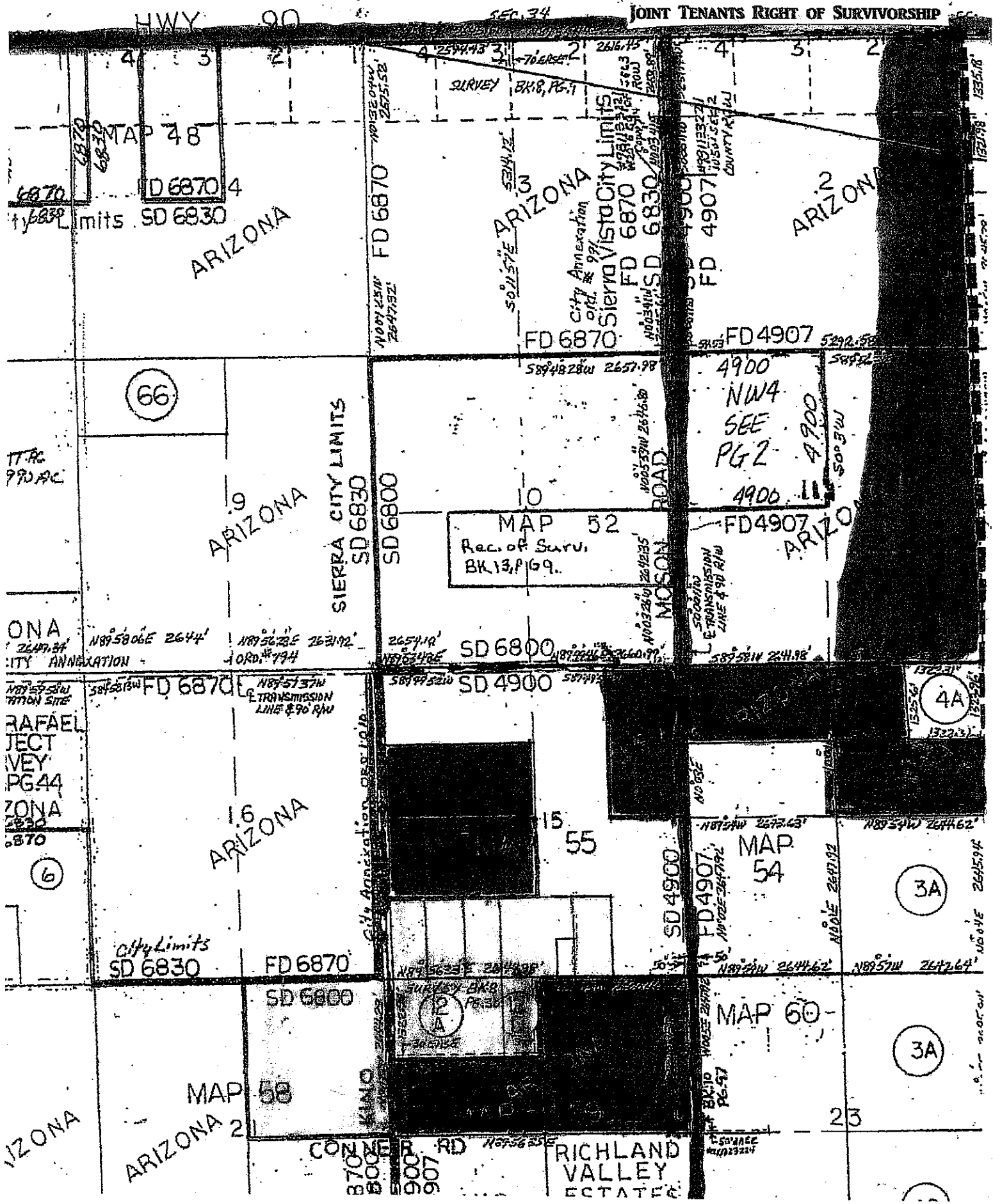
Cc: Nathan B. Hannah, Esq., Pat Call, Ann English, Richard Searle, Mayor Mueller

RG. 21

MOSON ROAD

STATE HWY 90
MAP-1

STATE GRAZING LEASES
BAKARICH/MOLINARI/MCCANN
PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNED
FRED BAKARICH/PATRICIA MOLINARI
JOINT TENANTS RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP



MAP 48

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City Annexation
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City Limits
SD 6830

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MAP 58

SD 4900

FD 4907

MAP 54

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ARIZONA

MAP 58
ARIZONA 2

CONNER RD

RICHLAND VALLEY
ESTATE

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Road Design & Construction Standards & Specifications For Public Improvements Update and Develop New Road Design Cross-Sections

Cochise County identified updating their Road Design Standards & Specifications as a high priority project in their 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan. These were last revised over a decade ago and last adopted by the Cochise County Board of Supervisors on October 11, 2005. Since that time a need for several new road design standards has been identified. Existing standards also need to be brought up to current guidelines and/or made consistent with the County's existing conditions and current practices.

PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORK:

The document is roughly 110 pages and includes about 30 standard details. The Scope of Work for this project is proposed to update the five sections of this document; re-create and revise the Typical Standard Cross-Sections and Details; develop three new roadway design standards and appropriate specifications; identify appropriate public path and trail standards; assign roadway classification to the County's maintained roadways that is consistent with the revised design standards; create conceptual illustrations for each roadway and driveways typical section. The consultant would assist with the agenda item materials for presentation to the Board of Supervisors for adoption. The final deliverable for this project would potentially be 25 bound hard copy sets; an editable electronic copy, a searchable pdf for posting on the web.

NEW ROAD DESIGN STANDARDS:

The three new (or re-designed) roadways design standards are likely to be:

1. Rural, low volume, context sensitive roadway.
2. Rural, improved, native surfaced roadway.
3. Urbanizing minor access roadway.

CONSULTANT TECHNICAL SERVICES:

It is anticipated that this project would require a consultant team willing to be interactive with the County and SVMPO on rural and urbanizing standards, provide professional recommendations on best practices, be knowledgeable on current design standards. Their team should include administrative assistance, graphic designer, autocad operator, engineer(s), and quality control review.