COCHISE COUNTY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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# MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 25, 2013

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Karen Riggs, P.E., Interim Community Development Director/County Engineer KR

**SUBJECT:** **Proposed alteration to the establishment of Davis Road, a County Highway, at milepost 5.1 and 13.1**

**Recommendation:** The County Engineer recommends that a public hearing be set for May 21, 2013 to alter the establishment of Davis Road, a County Highway, at milepost 5.1 and 13.1 in accordance with State Statutes.

**Background (Brief):** Davis Road is one of Cochise County's major collector roads and serves as the main route for traffic between State Route 80 and 191 from Tombstone to McNeal. This road has one of the highest accident rates in the county and at times is closed due to flooding. The department identified three locations with significant drainage issues at milepost 5.1, 9.9 and 13.1. Federal funds have been earmarked in order to improve these three locations on Davis Road.

Davis Road is currently established as a Declared County Highway, 66 feet in width, per Resolution 84-90. However in order to perform the proposed improvements it is necessary to alter the established width from 66 feet to 200 feet at these two locations, to meet FHWA/ADOT standards. Further, at milepost 5.1, the curve centerline of the road will be slightly reduced in order to improve the alignment at this location.

In order to facilitate the proposed improvements, the establishment for these segments must be altered and the 200 foot wide right-of-way must be acquired. Prior establishment actions utilized a petition to schedule a public hearing. Statutory guidelines have been modified allowing the County Engineer to present a recommendation for an establishment action as opposed to a petition. The action before you today is acceptance of the County Engineer's recommendation and to schedule a public hearing, to alter the establishment of Davis Road from 66 feet in width to 200 feet in width, as specified per plans on file with the County Engineer identified by Federal Aid Project No. STP CCH-0(200).

**Fiscal Impact & Funding Sources:** There is no Fiscal Impact for scheduling a public hearing.

**Next Steps/Action Items/Follow-up**: Upon acceptance of the County Engineer's recommendation, a public hearing will be scheduled and advertised as required by statute. At the public hearing the Board may either approve or disapprove the establishment.

**Impact of Not Approving:** A public hearing will not be scheduled, proposed improvements will be in conflict with state statutes, and federal funding will not be granted.