



COCHISE COUNTY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

"Public Programs...Personal Service"

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 27, 2014

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Karen Riggs, County Engineer

SUBJECT: Proposed alteration to the establishment of Davis Road, a County Highway, at milepost 9.9

Recommendation: The County Engineer recommends that a public hearing be set for April 8, 2014 to alter the establishment of Davis Road, a County Highway, at milepost 9.9 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 is, at times, closed due to flooding and 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. Previously Federal Highway Administration authorized right-of-way activities for milepost 5.1 and 13.1 and the Board altered the established highway to meet FHWA/ADOT standards on May 21, 2013 (per Resolution 13-12). On February 19, 2014 the department received FHWA authorization for milepost 9.9 and it is necessary to alter the established highway for this location as well.

In order to facilitate the proposed improvements, the establishment for these segments must be altered, from 66 feet (per Resolution 84-90) to 200 feet in width. Further the roadway curve will be altered and straightened to improve the road and, accordingly, the acquisition of right-of-way will be required.

Statutory guidelines allow the County Engineer to present a recommendation for a highway establishment action. The action before you today is acceptance of the County Engineer's recommendation and to schedule a public hearing for April 8th, to alter the establishment of

Davis Road as specified per plans on file with the County Engineer identified by Federal Aid Project No. HPP CCH-0(202).

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.