



## COCHISE COUNTY

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 25, 2014

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**THRU:** Karen Riggs, Community Development Highway and Floodplain Division  
Director/County Engineer

**FROM:** Terry Couchenour, Right-of-way/GIS

**SUBJECT:** **Resolution 14-\_\_**, **Alter the establishment of Davis Road, a County Highway, at milepost 9.9**

**Recommendation:** This department recommends that the accompanying resolution be adopted to alter the establishment of Davis Road, a County Highway, at milepost 9.9.

**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 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.

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 and acquire the right-of-way, to meet design standards appropriate for a high capacity, truck route and protect/maintain the drainage crossings. Further the roadway curve will be altered and straightened to improve the alignment.

The right-of-way for milepost 9.9 traverses one privately assessed parcel and Arizona State Trust lands. Anticipated cost to acquire this right-of-way, including acquisition services, is approximately \$75,000. On September 26, 2011 (STP), March 6, 2012 (HPP) and December 18, 2012 (amendment 1), the Board approved IGA contracts and amendments with FHWA/ADOT to commit funds for right-of-way/construction activities.

**Fiscal Impact & Funding Sources:** Anticipated acquisition cost is \$75,000. The County's match is 5.7% which equates to \$4,275 and is provided through local HURF funds. After acquisition, remaining funds will be assigned to construction.

**Next Steps/Action Items/Follow-up:** Upon adoption of the resolution, staff will coordinate with Tierra Right of Way Services to acquire right-of-way. Once right-of-way is acquired and certified by FHWA/ADOT, the project can proceed to construction.

**Impact of Not Approving:** If the resolution is not approved, acquisition of right-of-way will be in conflict with state statutes. The County may be in violation of previous IGA's and federal funding will be withdrawn.