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Michael Sanders  
Arizona Department of Transportation  
206 S. 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, MD 310B  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

**Re: Letter of Support for USBR90 Designation**

Dear Mr. Sanders:

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation officials (AASHTO), in coordination with the Adventure Cycling Association, have been working nation-wide to develop a connected United States Bike Route system. These designated bicycle corridors are intended to encourage multi-modal travel options and promote bicycle tourism activities. Cochise County is already a bicyclist destination with a number of bicycling events occurring throughout the County during various time of the year contributing to our local economy and providing premier biking opportunities for both professional and recreational riders.

Arizona Department of Transportation, working with local jurisdictions and with AASHTO, has identified a proposed route through Cochise County, identified as US Bicycle Route 90. This route is located on the State Highway system along portions of Highways 82, 90, 80 and 191 and potentially on three Cochise County maintained roadways: Charleston Road, Davis Road and Old Divide Road (see attached USBR90 proposed route map).

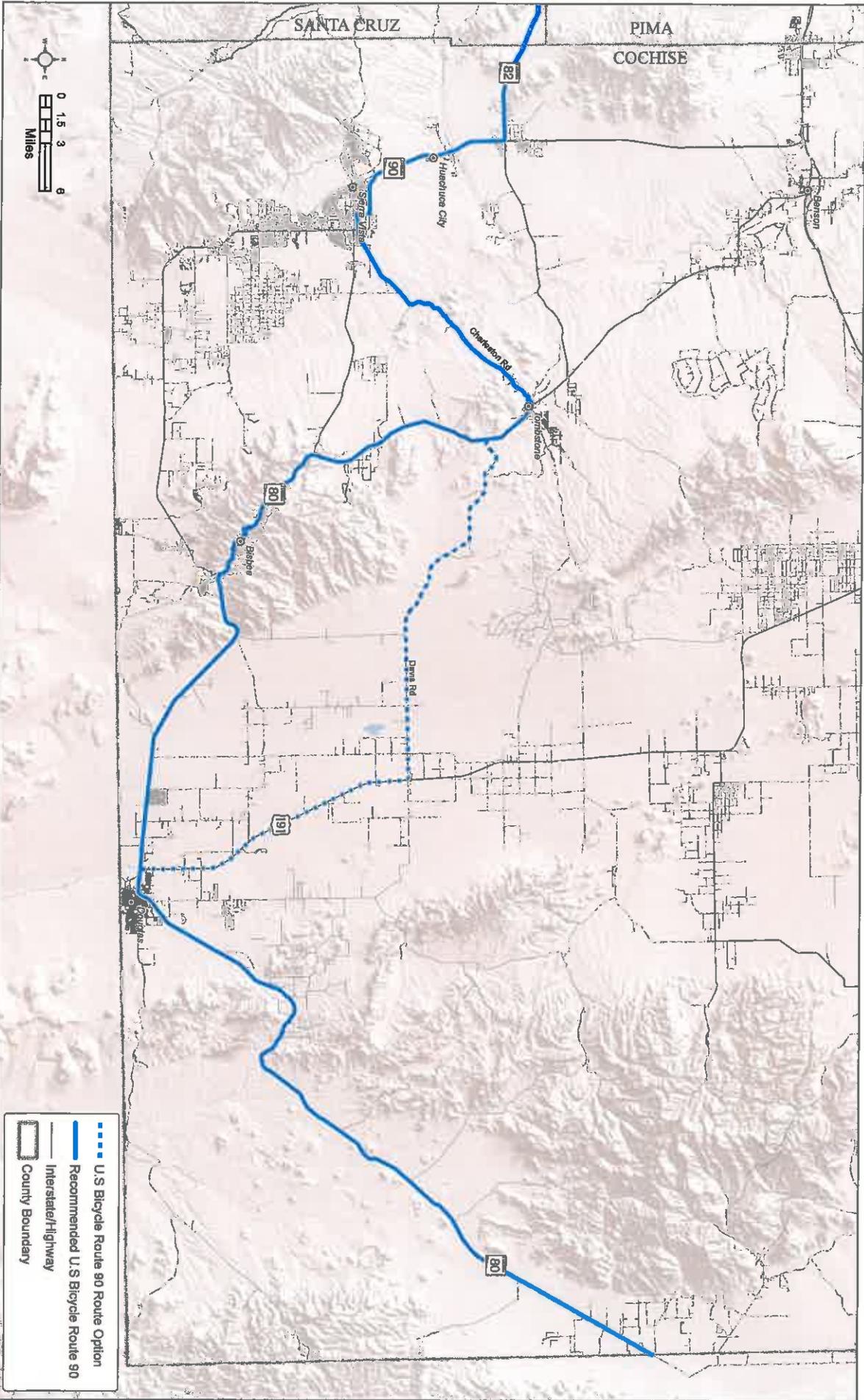
Cochise County supports the concept of a nationally designated bicycle route and desires that this route be formally designated and appropriately mapped. Our support is contingent on the understanding that at this time this is a route designation only and does not convey any additional requirements for improvements such as signing, striping or additional shoulder width. Although these are highly desired features there is a lack of dedicated funding sources to support the construction or maintenance of such features. Cochise County also encourages national efforts to seek support at the congressional level for funding multi-modal travel opportunities such as might be needed to enhance the performance and safety of this proposed bicycle route through Arizona.

Cochise County is situated in a unique scenic, cultural and recreational area making many sites within our County key cycling destinations. We look forward to the development of this proposed bicycle route and wish you success in your endeavors to connect to the already established 8,000 miles of designated bicycle routes in adjacent States.

Sincerely,

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- - - U.S. Bicycle Route 90 Route Option
- Recommended U.S. Bicycle Route 90
- Interstate/Highway
- County Boundary