



Cochise County
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DATE: 12/21/15
TO: Board of Supervisors
THRU: Karen C. Riggs, Director
FROM: Teresa Murphy, Right-of-Way Agent
SUBJECT: Willson Road Exchange

Recommendation:

The County Engineer recommends setting a public hearing for February 9th to accept the exchange of lands for a portion of Willson Road and the abandonment of an undeveloped highway established in 1988.

Background (Brief):

Mr. Eberwein has proposed dedicating a portion of Willson Road, a county maintained road, in exchange for the abandonment of an undeveloped alley and extension of Willson Road adjacent to his parcels 102-57-004 and 102-35-005.

In 1988, Resolution 88-92 (also depicted on Maps and Plats Book 12 Pages 83-83A) established several road alignments in the Naco Townsite. Among these alignments are the roads the County maintains as well as the undeveloped extension Mr. Eberwein has requested to exchange. As such in order to exchange the undeveloped portion state laws require advertisement and a public hearing to abandon the highway status.

Staff has reviewed the request and determined that the undeveloped alley and extension of Willson Road are not in use by the traveling public. There is an existing APS utility within the extension and Mr. Eberwein is agreeable to grant a separate utility easement to APS that will be recorded in conjunction with the exchange documents.

In as much as the extension and alley are undeveloped for public road use and, in exchange, Mr. Eberwein will convey to the County a portion of the existing maintained Willson Road, the County Engineer recommends setting a public hearing for February 9th to accept the exchange and vacate the highway status of the undeveloped extension.

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Fiscal Impact & Funding Sources:

There are no costs associated with the exchange of Willson Road Abandonment for Willson Road dedication.

Next Steps/Action Items/Follow-up:

If the recommendation is approved, Highway staff will advertise as required by statute and a public hearing will be held February 9th to consider the request.

Impact of Not Approving:

If the exchange is not approved, the portion of Willson Road south of Hogan Street will remain a public right-of-way and the portion of Willson Road right-of-way north of Hogan Street will remain unperfected.

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