

Requestor: Pima County Library District

Date: March 27, 2015

Future Pima County Bond Election Proposed Project

Project Name: Southeast Regional Library

Location: University of Arizona Science and Tech Park at I-10 and Rita Road, on the east side of the Tech Park, near Rita Road.

Scope: Design and construct a new 10,000 SF regional library (either freestanding or as part of a shared use complex), and bike and pedestrian improvements providing site connection to the Loop. The Arizona Board of Regents will provide the County with a no-cost ground lease for a parcel of property on the east side of the UA Tech Park, near Rita Road, for the construction of a library and YMCA recreational facility. The YMCA is a separate bond project to be funded partly by the YMCA, which will also operate the recreational facility. The land for both the library and the recreational facility will be conveyed to the County after construction of the improvements.

Benefits: This programmatically unique facility will be a collaboration between the Pima County Public Library, YMCA of Southern Arizona and the University of Arizona Science and Tech Park serving the Vail community and far eastern Pima County. Community members will have access to library materials for homework support; a cutting edge information commons; lending of wireless devices; programming for education, workforce development, and connected learning dedicated to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics (STEAM) programming. Collaborative, flexible furnishings will help to promote the space as a gathering place for the community, a resource to support students and a center of neighborhood living. At such time in the future the area population warrants a larger library, the facility would function for other community service activities. The site is well located at the tech park and is on the main travel grid for most residents.

Total Cost Estimate: \$6,000,000 (not included is the one time cost of \$675,000 for the opening day collection - 45,000 items - and add computers, which will be funded by the Library District tax levy)

Bond Funding: \$6,000,000

Other Funding: None identified at this time.

Total Cost Estimate by Major Task:

Land acquisition:	\$0
Planning/Design/Management:	\$1,100,000
Bike path and pedestrian improvements:	\$ 350,000
Construction:	\$4,550,000
Total Project Cost:	\$6,000,000

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: TBD

Project Schedule by Major Task: Planning and design at 12 to 14 months, construction at 14 to 16 months.

Project Management Jurisdiction: Pima County

Operating Jurisdiction: Pima County Library District

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs: Operating and maintenance costs are estimated to be \$850,000 annually. This includes 9 full time equivalent (FTE) staff (\$585,000), annual collection costs (\$150,000), and annual utility and maintenance costs (\$115,000). The costs will be funded by the annual Library District property tax levy. Additionally, the annual maintenance costs for the bike path and pedestrian improvements are estimated at \$30,000/mile and will be funded through the general fund.

Regional Benefits: The Library would fill a need for community resources as well as support for the educational institutions in this region with STEM programming and will reduce costs by sharing a multipurpose meeting space and central corridor with the YMCA.

Supervisor District of Project Location: District 4 – Hon. Ray Carroll