

**Requestor: Pima County Library District**

**Date:** March 25, 2015

**Future Pima County Bond Election Proposed Project**

**Project Name:** Southwest Branch Library

**Location:** West Valencia Road; located at least 5 mile radius from the library branch at Ajo Way and Mission. Property will be acquired along Valencia corridor west of the Santa Cruz River. Three parcels located between Cardinal Avenue and Camino De La Terra Road are under consideration.

**Scope:** Purchase property of sufficient size (approximately 4-5 acres) to accommodate the facility, parking and programmed ancillary spaces. The library would be a 20,000 sq. ft. stand-alone, full-service Community Branch Library;

**Benefits:** A new library will be located adjacent to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Reservation and the Tohono O’odham Nation. Development has restarted in the area on both sides of Valencia from the Tucson Mountains to the junction with Ajo Rd. Valencia Road is being widened from a two lane to a four lane road between Mark and Wade. Camino Verde will also be expanded to connect to Kinney Rd. Additionally, many winter visitors take advantage of all the RV resorts around the area including the Casino del Sol use the library facility. Patrons come in from as far as Sells, Three Points, and Ajo. 15 area public and charter schools including those in Altar Valley are served by the current Southwest Library site. There are also plans for commercial developments in the future. According to Census information, there are over 60,000 people living in this area, which ranked as the fifth fastest growing population in the Tucson area. The community will benefit from having access to library materials for homework support; a cutting edge computer center; lending of wireless devices; programming for education, workforce development, and connected learning including focusing on youth media. The future library will include one or more public meeting rooms 1,000 - 2,000 Sq. FT each; two or more study rooms 50 Sq. Ft. each with flexible design including collaborative, flexible furnishings and will serve as a community gathering place for neighborhood associations, community groups and clubs. This project allows for the purchase of land as the first phase.

**Total Cost Estimate** \$600,000

**Bond Funding:** \$600,000

**Other Funding:** None identified at this time.

**Total Cost Estimate by Major Task:**

Land Acquisition:	\$600,000
Planning/Design/Management:	\$0
Construction:	\$0
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>

**Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date:** TBD

**Project Schedule by Major Task:** Land acquisition at 6 months.

**Project Management Jurisdiction:** Pima County Facilities Management

**Operating Jurisdiction:** Pima County Library District

**Future Operating and Maintenance Costs:** Not applicable.

**Regional Benefits:** Providing future library services to southwest metro area

**Supervisor District of Project Location:** District 5 – Richard Elias