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May 23, 2014

Mr. John M. Bernal
Deputy County Administrator – Public Works
Pima County Administrator's Office
130 W. Congress
Tucson, AZ 85701

Subject: Pima County Major Streets and Routes Plan Amendment for Sonoran Corridor

Dear Mr. Bernal:

Thank you for the May 12 briefing Pima County staff provided to City of Tucson staff regarding the proposed Major Streets and Routes Plan amendment to include the Sonoran Corridor. City staff understands that Pima County seeks to designate a 400-foot corridor between I-10 and I-19, which could ultimately become part of the State Highway System. As outlined in your letter of April 24, 2014, this route would provide economic benefits for the region and the immediate vicinity.

Given the regional scope of the proposed Sonoran Corridor route and its location in several governmental jurisdictions, it is appropriate that the City of Tucson, Pima County, and other Pima Association of Governments (PAG) member jurisdictions work cooperatively to evaluate the benefits of having the corridor identified in key planning documents such our respective Major Streets and Routes Plans, Pima Prospers (the draft new Pima County Comprehensive Plan), and the upcoming PAG 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. As the City staff evaluates potential future amendments to the City of Tucson's Major Streets and Route Plan, we are committed to continuing to collaborate with Pima County staff on the proposed Sonoran Corridor.

We look forward to participating with your staff in the current Plan Amendment process.

Sincerely,

Albert Elías
Assistant City Manager

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Attachments: April 24, 2014 letter from Mr. John M. Bernal, Deputy County Administrator –
Public Works
Exhibit 1: Location Map

C: Richard Miranda, City Manager
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April 24, 2014

C.H. HUCKELBERRY
County Administrator

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Re: Pima County Major Streets and Routes Plan to Include Sonoran Corridor

Dear Mr. Elías:

Pima County is taking the first steps to amend our Major Streets and Scenic Routes Plan to add the Sonoran Corridor at a 400-foot width. We expect the Board of Supervisors to initiate the amendment on May 6, 2014, and it will be on the May public hearing agenda of our Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) on May 28, 2014. Assuming action is taken by P&Z on May 28th, the Board of Supervisors public hearing will occur on June 17, 2014. We see this as a vital first step toward implementation of the route so necessary for the region's economic development. Furthermore, the placement of this route on our respective Major Streets and Routes Plans is important in justifying the placement on the regional transportation plans administered by the Pima Association of Governments. This route is significant from a statewide perspective and we anticipate petitioning the Arizona Department of Transportation Board to add this route to the State Highway System.

Most of the route falls within the City of Tucson and most of the potential for creating a greater industrial base as well, within the Aerospace and Defense Corridor. Attached is the most recent map which we will present to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Supervisors. Note that there is also a link from the relocated Hughes Access Road that is proposed to connect to the Corridor. We request that the City join together with us and begin the process for amending the City's Major Streets and Routes Plan so that we conclude the amendment process for the entire route at the earliest possible date.

We are available to meet at your earliest convenience if you so desire, and provide you with our material if it will help as a basis for developing your own.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Bernal".

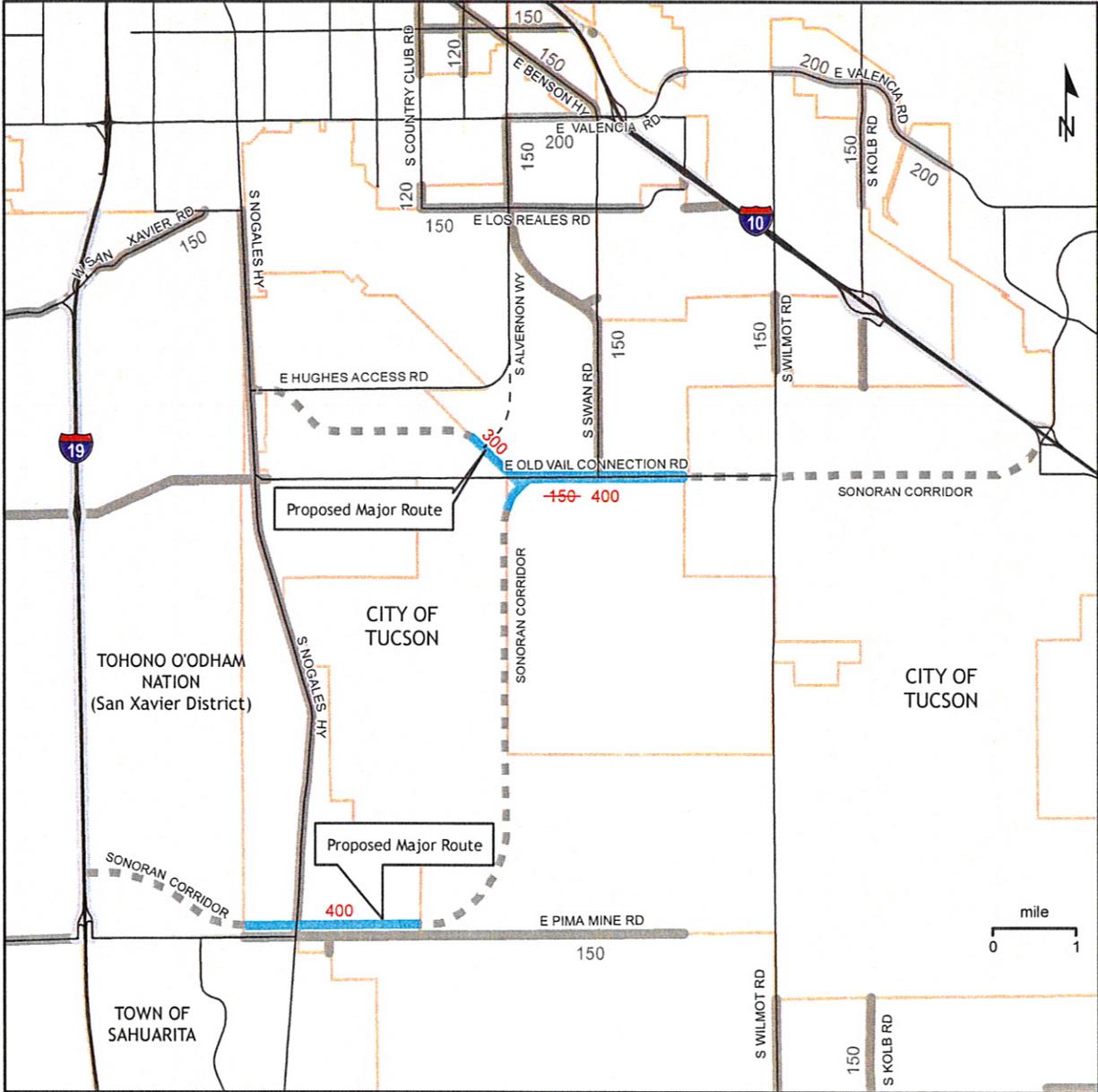
John M. Bernal

Deputy County Administrator – Public Works

Attachment

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Daryl Cole, Director, City of Tucson Department of Transportation
Andrew McGovern, Traffic Engineering Administrator, City of Tucson Department of Transportation

Exhibit 1: Location Map



-  Major Route
-  Scenic, Major Route
-  Scenic, State or Interstate Highway
-  Planned Right-of-Way Width
-  Proposed Major Route
-  Proposed Major Route by Others
-  Other Jurisdiction

