Appendix A

Public Involvement

Table A-1. Public Involvement Documents

Date	Document
2/12/2007	Community Advisory Committee (CAC) formation Notice, *Daily Territorial* newspaper
7/23/2007	Letter from the Carol Brichta, PCDOT to the CAC re meeting
8/7/2007	CAC meeting agenda
8/7/2007	CAC meeting summary
8/7/2007	CAC meeting sign-in sheet
8/7/2007	Project Features handout
8/7/2007	Presentation of photos and maps of the project
9/24/2007	Letter from Carol Brichta, PCDOT to the CAC re meeting
10/2/2007	CAC meeting summary
10/2/2007	CAC meeting agenda
10/2/2007	Project information bookmark
10/2/2007	CAC meeting sign-in sheet
10/9/2007	CAC meeting agenda
10/9/2007	CAC meeting summary
10/9/2007	CAC meeting handouts
11/23/2007	Letter from Carol Brichta, PCDOT to the CAC re meeting
12/6/2007	CAC meeting agenda
10/9/2007	CAC meeting summary
12/6/2007	CAC meeting sign-in sheet
12/6/2007	CAC meeting handouts
12/6/2007	Letter from Dean Papajohn, PCDOT to the CAC re encouraging written submission of concerns to the County
12/7/2007	PCDOT Interoffice Memorandum from Dean Papajohn to Priscilla Cornelio re CAC concerns about the project
1/15/2008	Letter from CAC to the RTA and PCDOT re CAC/Project
1/24/2008	Letter from Priscilla Cornelio, PCDOT to the CAC re 1/15/08 letter from CAC
1/31/2008	Letter from the CAC to Prescilla Cornelio, PCDOT re 1/24/2008 letter from Priscilla Cornelio
2/11/2008	Letter from Priscilla Cornelio, PCDOT to the CAC re 1/31/2008 letter from CAC
2/2008	Meeting notices for 3/6/2008 Open House
3/6/2008	Open House comment sheet
3/6/2008	Open House sign-in sheet

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Date	Document
3/6/2008	Open House project information handout
3/6/2008	Open House meeting boards
3/6/2008	Open House meeting summary
3/6/2008	Open House comment forms from Bonny Bass and Chad Miller
4/8/2008	Letters from Dean Papajohn replying to comments from the Open House: Tom Danelhy William Mattausch Svein and Carol Larsen Stephen Schweska Chad Miller Donald Williams Jay Van Echo Laura Steakman Terry and Patricia Plog Gloria King Robert Gaona Doris Chardukian Cheryl Carrig Celia Betancourt
6/5/2008	Letter from Dean Papajohn to CAC re update on project activities
7/10/2008	Letter from the Carol Brichta, PCDOT to the CAC re meeting
7/24/2008	CAC meeting agenda
8/4/2008	CAC meeting notice
8/12/2008	CAC meeting agenda
8/12/2008	CAC meeting summary
8/12/2008	CAC meeting sign-in sheet
9/2008	Meeting notice for 9/11/2008 Open House
9/3/2008	Project questionnaire, letter and fact sheet
9/11/2008	Open House meeting summary
9/11/2008	Open House sign-in sheet
9/11/2008	Open House comment summary
9/11/2008	Open House meeting boards
9/2008	Open House public comments
9/18/2008	Letter from City of Tucson—Suntran re bus stops
10/6/2008	Summary of Public Opinion Questionnaire of September 2008
***	Main Street Business Assistance Program Information

Pima County Department of Transportation

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

La Cholla Boulevard: River Road to Ruthrauff Road

The Pima County Department of Transportation (P.C.D.O.T.) is beginning the design process of widening La Cholla. P.C.D.O.T. will follow the guidelines set forth in the Community Participation and Mitigation Ordinance No. 2006-31 which calls for a Community Advisory Committee.

The Community Advisory Committee will consist of five to fifteen members. Two to eight members will own property or reside immediately adjacent to the roadway. One to six members will own property or reside within 1/2 mile of the project but not immediately adjacent to the proposed improvement. Up to four members will reside outside of the 1/2 mile corridor.

To receive an application for membership, please contact Community Relations at 740-6410. The deadline for submitting an application is March 5, 2007.

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July 23, 2007

Re: La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road
Community Advisory Meeting (CAC)

Dear CAC Members:

The Pima County Department of Transportation will be hosting a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting for the La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road improvement project.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 7th, 2007 from 6:00 - 7:30pm at the Metro Water District office located at 6265 N. La Canada.

The purpose of this meeting is to orient the CAC with the Community Participation and Mitigation Ordinance and to explain operating procedures, duties and responsibilities of committee membership. The project scope and schedule will also be presented.

If you have questions regarding the meeting, please contact me at (520)740-6410 or e-mail Carol.Brichta@dot.pima.gov.

Sincerely,

Carol Brichta

Carol Brichta,
Community Relations, -Program Coordinator

xc: Annabelle Quihuis - Community Relations Manager
Dean Papajohn , Project Manager

La Cholla Boulevard:
Ruthruaff Road to River Road

Agenda

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting
Tuesday, August 7, 2007
6-7:30 p.m.
Metro Water Conference Room

La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road

1. Welcome and Introductions (Dean Papajohn & Rick Ellis)

2. CAC Purpose (Carol Brichta)
   a. Role and Responsibility
   b. Pima County Ordinance
   c. Communications with the Project Team/Board of Supervisors
   d. Electing Chairperson
   e. EAMR/Comment Process/Recommendation Letter

3. Project Overview (Dean Papajohn, Ted Buell, René Tanner)

4. Future Meetings

5. Questions/Open Discussion (All)

La Cholla Boulevard:
Ruthrauff Road to River Road
Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
Tuesday, August 7, 2007, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Metropolitan Domestic Water Improvement District Board Room

CAC Members Present at Meeting:
- Fred Bass
- Ellen Clark
- Jason Kai
- Ann Girvin
- Norma Metz
- Robert Schwartz
- Ellie Towne

CAC Members Not in Attendance:
- Humbert Arce
- Carol Gawrychowski
- Andy Hernandez
- William Mattausch
- Gretchen Ochoa
- Kaye Swinford
- Ian Stewart
- Edythe Walther
- Juergen Walther

Attending from Project Team:
- Pima County Department of Transportation: Carol Brichta, Rick Ellis, John McManus, Dean Papajohn
- HDR Engineering: Larry Barela, Ted Buell, Scott Stapp, René Tanner
- Gordley Design Group: Barb Alley, Jan Gordley, Arizeder Urreiztieta

Materials Distributed:
- Agenda
- Fact Sheet
- Binder for CAC members
    - Welcome Letter
    - Project Features
    - Project Area Maps
    - Pima County Community Participation and Mitigation Ordinance

Dean Papajohn, Pima County Department of Transportation (PCDOT) Project Manager, welcomed the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) members to their first meeting. Dean mentioned that there would be presentations from Rick Ellis, PCDOT Engineering Division Manager; Ted Buell, HDR Engineering Project Manager and René Tanner, HDR Engineering Project Scientist. Dean spent a few

minutes introducing himself to the group and what his role would be throughout this project. All of the project team members then introduced themselves and the committee members followed suit.

Dean began his portion of the presentation by telling the members that the essence of this project will be to "enhance life for people in Pima County." Dean stated that roads build community and by community he meant getting to homes, schools, hospitals, shopping, friends, family and work. The CAC meetings are intended to analyze and discuss issues throughout the project and for the members to not only be the eyes and ears for the community, but to also educate those located in the project area to become more informed citizens.

Dean stated that the agenda for the meeting consisted of introductions, a brief presentation on how a CAC operates, an overview of the project, and receiving comments from the members.

Dean introduced Rick Ellis, PCDOT Engineering Division Manager. Rick started out thanking the members for their commitment to this project. He stated there would be a lot of work and a lot of value with some key elements to come. Rick said there are three roles for the CAC on this project and wanted the members to know what to expect. First of all, the project team would be looking for feedback, real-life observations, and would be hearing from the CAC members about what is going on out in the community affected by the project. Secondly, the members were chosen because of the different interests they represent, from homeowners to business owners to community groups, and the project team would be looking for those perspectives. And third, Rick said this group needed to be advocates – allies to the project out in the community. He reiterated Dean's comment regarding educating the public and portraying a positive attitude.

Rick turned the floor back to Dean who introduced Carol Brichta, from PCDOT Community Relations. Carol gave a brief overview of what the CAC members would be responsible for during their time on the committee. Carol first went over what each member would find in his or her notebook. She went on to explain: 1) Each member needs to provide Pima County with feedback from the community; 2) CAC members would be responsible for preparing a collaborative letter hopefully of acceptance of the project that will accompany an Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report (EAMR) to the Board of Supervisors for approval; 3) Carol referenced the Pima County Participation and Mitigation Ordinance that was in each member's notebook. She stated that each member should take time to read through this document so that they would fully understand his or her role as a part of this committee. Carol also wanted the members to know that they would also have the opportunity to comment on the artwork that would be a part of the project.

Carol described how each member was chosen. People within the project area were mailed an application. A notice was also in the newspaper. From the signed applications, Dean and Carol plotted each applicant on a map, and then members were chosen in a way that assured that different areas of the project would be represented.

Carol said that is was important that all CAC members read page eight of the Ordinance. This page outlines what the CAC members are responsible to cover during their time on the committee. Carol also stated that although only eight meetings will be scheduled, there would be the possibility of the group meeting on their own when necessary. She also said that it was important for the group to choose a chairperson or co-chairpersons for this committee. It will become more important when the members start to write the letter that will go to the Board of Supervisors.

Carol stated that the next CAC meeting would be in about a month. The CAC members and the public would be notified about the date, time and place when that information becomes available. The suggestion was made that future meetings be held at the new Community Center that will open September 15, 2007. It is closer to the project area and one CAC member thought there might be more community involvement if the meetings were in a more central location.

Carol concluded by emphasizing how community outreach is extremely important to this project.

A question was asked about how soon the meeting summary would be ready to review. Barb Alley, Public Involvement Coordinator for Gordley Design Group, stated that she would start putting them together and they should be up and on the Web site in approximately two weeks. Carol also stated that the Web site was on the bookmark included in their binders. The members would be able to view not only information on this project, but they could get information on all Pima County projects.

A member asked how to give information out to neighbors. Carol stated that the member could make copies of what was passed out at the meetings to distribute or to point residents to the County Web site, which will have additional information for interested parties.

Dean introduced Ted Buell, Project Manager for HDR Engineering, to start the PowerPoint presentation that would take the members down La Cholla Boulevard for a project overview.

Ted started out by informing the group that La Cholla Boulevard between Ruthrauff Road and River Road would be widened from the two existing lanes to six lanes. Other project features:

- Total length of the project will be 1 1/2 miles with .7 of those miles being on La Cholla Boulevard and the rest would be intersection work at Ruthrauff Road and Curtis Road
- Bike lanes (6 feet wide), also referred to as “multiuse lanes”
- Close coordination with Sun Tran regarding the bus stops in the project area
- Drainage issues will be addressed at the Rillito River
- Storm drains will be addressed where La Cholla Boulevard meets the Rillito River (built in 1984)
- Ponding problems will be addressed

Dean spoke on available right-of-way (ROW) on La Cholla Boulevard. There is a 150-foot ROW; 75 feet on each side of the center line of the street. There is a mixture of residential and commercial properties in the area and the goal of the project is to make sure there is safe access into and out of these areas. Dean also touched on the fact that there will be landscaping in the project area. The decisions on what type of landscaping that would be needed would have to wait until it is decided on how the configuration of the roadway will unfold.

Dean also discussed utilities. He asked the group what utilities they thought were in the project area. Dean furthered the discussion by stating that multiple utilities were in the area; sewer, electric, gas, water, cable, etc. Dean also told the group that there is a gas regulator station in the area. Ideally, this should not be a problem, but if it should become an issue, Southwest Gas can only work on one regulator station at a time, and they are currently working on a station in Marana. The next one is scheduled for an area south of the project in Tucson. If work needed to be done on this station, Southwest Gas’ schedule would have to be accommodated. Again, this is not anticipated work at this time, although it could become an issue in the future.

Ted introduced René Tanner, Environmental Planner for HDR, to give a short report on the status of the environmental findings. René stated that one of the tasks of the CAC members would be to review cultural resources as a part of the EAMR. During the research of the project area, there were two cultural sites identified. The next step would be to determine if those sites were within the project limits. Desert Archeology will be surveying the property in order to make that determination for the project team and advise them accordingly. They will also be looking at biological resources, endangered species and wildlife. René informed the group that no bats were located under the bridge, as the current structure was not built in a way so as to support bat colonies. There were swallow nests found, but they were not active and they were deteriorating; however, they will continue to be monitored.

René also told the CAC members that there were a couple of old landfills in the area. They were currently looking at historic photos and documents to see what the limits are, and that would take some further investigation. There would also be soil testing done at the intersection of Ruthrauff Road and La Cholla Boulevard since there are some gas stations in the area. Noise level is another area that will be monitored and studied. The monitors used by HDR Engineering are calibrated each year to ensure their accuracy. HDR Engineering uses the Traffic Noise Model, which was developed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), to assess levels of noise in an area.

Ted talked about the Rillito River Bridge. This bridge was built in 1980 and is a four-span bridge. The design of bridges was changed in 1983 to include drill shaft foundations, which are deeper and more robust. Ted showed a rendering of what the bridge may look like. It would have three lanes in each direction along with a sidewalk and bike lanes on both sides. Ted also mentioned that it is possible to build the bridge one side at a time so that the bridge would remain open to traffic during construction.

Dean took a few minutes to talk to the members about the public art that will be present along the project area. The ideas are wide open at this point and there is nothing to present to the group today. An invitation was sent to members of the Tucson Pima Arts Council (TPAC), to apply for the artist position on this project, and the team received more than 60 applications. The list was cut to three finalists by a panel of citizens in which CAC member Ellie Towne was a part of. The person chosen was Vicki Scuri. Vicki had done other art along La Cholla Boulevard, but she was chosen because of the variety of experience she has in this area and professionalism she would bring to this project. Vicki would have one percent of the total budget of design and construction per Pima County policy to use for her art projects. Dean mentioned some areas that may include art along the project area; the bridge itself, the Rillito Park entrance, sidewalks, bus stops, etc.

Dean again mentioned the ongoing data collection and activities that have already begun on this project. Aerial photos have been taken of La Cholla Boulevard in its current state. There have also already been survey crews taking a look at the utilities and checking records. Pima County's Real Property division has already contacted residents and businesses with Right of Entry letters so that surveys could be made. Traffic engineers are already surveying the traffic flow and the noise levels will be measured once school is back in session.

Dean concluded the presentation portion of the meeting by stating that the design phase of this project will take a minimum of two years. It takes time to look at and resolve all the issues that will arise during the planning stage of the widening project improving La Cholla Boulevard between Ruthrauff Road and River Road. He pointed out that in the early fall of 2007 the team should have the Design Concept Report (DCR) and the EAMR ready for the CAC members to review. Once the committee reviews those documents, they will go to the Board of Supervisors for approval and upon approval the team can then go into the design phase of the project.

The floor at that time was opened up to questions and comments:

Ellie Towne: Concern about heading south on La Cholla Boulevard and making a right-hand turn onto Curtis Road; when vehicles are in the right-hand turn lane, there will be some cars that will go around them to turn in front of them: Dean said that traffic engineers are studying intersections and any problems they currently are experiencing.

Fred Bass: Concern about how close the new road will come to the houses in that area; also a concern about the safety of the middle-school kids who walk to and from school; cars do not always yield to the children, and often speed in the school zone. Dean reiterated that the traffic engineers would be surveying that area. One suggestion was that a median be put at the school crossing so that kids would have a place to stop if unable to make it all way across the new lanes on La Cholla Boulevard.

Jason Kai: Concern about how to access homes that are in the path of the widening project. He stated that on La Cañada Drive, those residents were given access to their homes from a street behind the main street. Dean talked about some of the options of what the widening may look like from narrowing the median to only putting a sidewalk on one side of the street. There are many alternatives to look at during this design phase to come up with the best one that would meet the needs of everyone involved. This may involve acquiring properties, building a frontage road for safe home and business access, etc.

Norma Metz: Concern about her home specifically. She is on the corner of La Cholla Boulevard and Curtis Road. Her concern was the amount of property the County would have to take in order to widen this stretch of road, leaving her home dangerously close to the busy intersection. She also referred to how difficult is was for her to get to and from her home turning from La Cholla Boulevard in a safe manner. Dean commented about how wide the intersection would be once four more lanes and turn lanes were added.

Robert Schwartz: Concerns about drainage problems. He has major problems on his own property on La Cholla Boulevard north of River Road with the vertical road profile that the County contractor did not build according to the plans has caused major issues on his own property. Dean said that that side of the road would have to be examined to determine what occurred.

Jason Kai: Concern about the additional three lanes in each direction causing back-ups due to the trains crossing Ruthrauff Road. Dean said the County is aware of the bottleneck in that area and they are taking the improvements one step at a time. Ruthrauff Road is on the long-range plan for improvements as well.

There was some discussion about how property might be acquired along the project area. It was stated that different options would be investigated, and the county would make sure if they needed to purchase property, it would be a fair transaction for all parties involved.

Dean adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. letting the group know that the team would honor and respect the time of the group. He concluded with the opening statement: that the goal of this project is to: “enhance life for the people in Pima County.”

La Cholla Boulevard:
Ruthrauff Road to River Road
Community Advisory Committee
August 7, 2007

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August 7, 2007

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La Cholla Boulevard:
Ruthrauff Road to River Road
Community Advisory Committee Meeting
August 7, 2007

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La Cholla Boulevard, Ruthrauff Road to River Road
Project Features
August 7, 2007

Roadway
- It is anticipated that La Cholla Boulevard will be widened from two lanes to six lanes between Ruthrauff Road and River Road.
- Additional turn lanes will be added at Ruthrauff.
- Approximately 6-foot multiuse lanes than can be used by bicycles will be added in each direction along with sidewalks.
- The project team will work with SunTran to determine bus stop locations.
- Total length of project is approximately 1.5 miles including tapers required along and south of Ruthrauff.
- New Aerial Photogrammetry and field topography has been prepared.
- An alignment study is being prepared to determine the new roadway location.
- A Traffic Report is being prepared to determine future traffic needs, lane configurations, median opening locations and turn-bay requirements.
- Design Concept Report (DCR) Report will summarize the following discipline reports: Drainage; Traffic; and Bridge Structure Selection Report.
- Roadway design will follow December 2003 PCDOT Roadway Design Manual (RDM).

Drainage
- The most prominent drainage feature is the Rillito River which crosses La Cholla about 800 feet south of River Road. HDR will model the river using Pima County's HEC-RAS model.
- A 404 Clean Water Act Section Permit from the USACOE will likely be required. Not sure if it will be a nationwide permit or an individual permit.
- A major storm drain was installed in La Cholla Blvd from Ruthrauff to the Rillito River in 1984. It outfalls into the river on the southwest side of the bridge. The outfall may need to be re-built to accommodate the lowering of the pedestrian path if it is determined to be needed to provide clearance under the new bridge.
- The subdivisions to the east are drained with grated catch basins across the roadways at the intersections with La Cholla.
- There are two ponding/flooding problems on La Cholla at Noreen Street and Calle Narcisco. Both of these problems will be fixed with this project.
- The open channel along the west side of La Cholla north of Curtis will be investigated and possibly replaced with a box or pipe culver.

Right of Way
- Most of the corridor has 150’ of right-of-way…existing right-of-way plans are being prepared.
- It will be tight to fit 6 lanes into the 150' right-of-way. We will look at design alternatives.
- Most of the native plants have been removed from the right of way over the years.
- Many property owners have been utilizing the right of way for car and truck parking, which will need to change with the new roadway.

Utilities
- Utility base maps will be compiled from survey/as-builts, and then confirmed with franchises. Existing utilities are Pima County Wastewater, Xspedius Communications, Southwest Gas, Tucson Electric Power, Tucson Water, Qwest, Comcast, SDT, and Metro Water.

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Project Features
August 7, 2007

La Cholla Boulevard Utilities:
- 6" and 12" water
- 8" and 10" sanitary sewer
- 4" gas (crosses upstream of the Rillito River Bridge)
- Telephone (on bridge in 4" PVC)
- Overhead electric (including 46 Kv on Steel Poles)

Ruthrauff Road:
- 8", 12" and 16" water
- 15" sanitary sewer
- 4" gas
- Telephone
- Cable T.V.

Environmental/Public Involvement *(Ted & Renee)*
- The Community Advisory Committee will review and provide input on the Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report (EAMR).
- Open Houses and Public Meetings will be held in accordance with Pima County requirements.
- Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report per County requirements; Environmental Assessment per federal requirements.
- Environmental Discipline reports will include: Cultural Resources; Biological Evaluation; Native Plant Preservation Plan; Noise Study and Hazardous Materials
- USACOE Permit applications will be prepared.

Rillito River Bridge
- Existing bridge was built in 1980 and has been determined to be scour critical. It will be removed.
- It is expected that the new bridge will accommodate 6 lanes of traffic and will include a raised median, bike lanes and sidewalk.
- Bridge will likely have three spans instead of four to avoid conflicts with the existing steel piles.

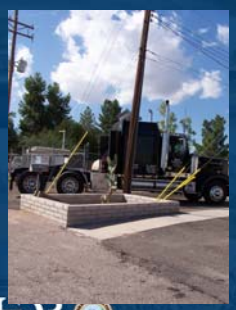
Public Art
- The Tucson Pima Arts Council has selected an artist to create public art to enhance the transportation improvements on this project.
- It has yet to be determined what type of art will be developed.

La Cholla Ruthrauff to River

Roadway

Drainage

Right of Way



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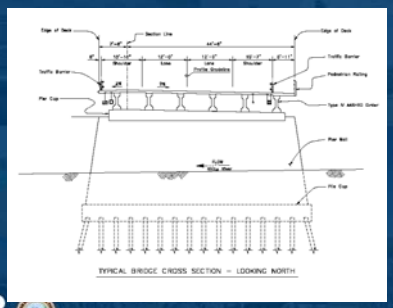
Environmental/Public Involvement

Rillito River Bridge

Existing Bridge



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July 2006 Flooding

Existing Bridge

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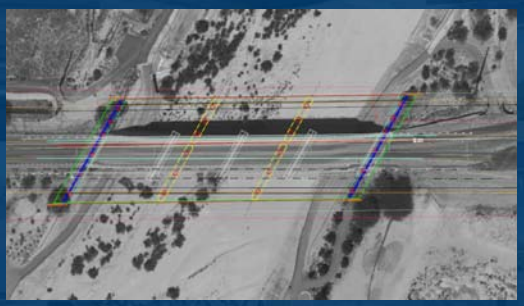

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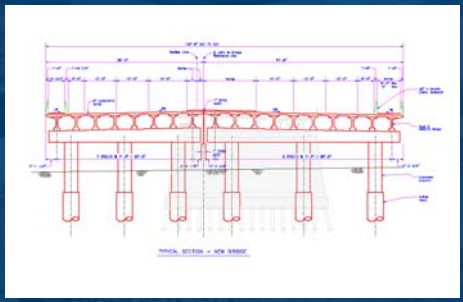

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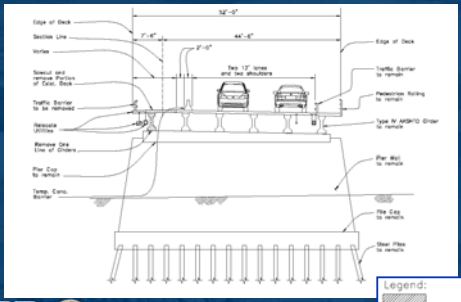

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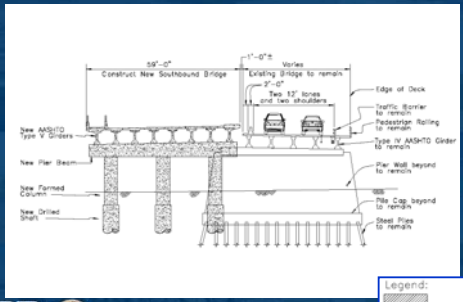
Bridge Phase 2



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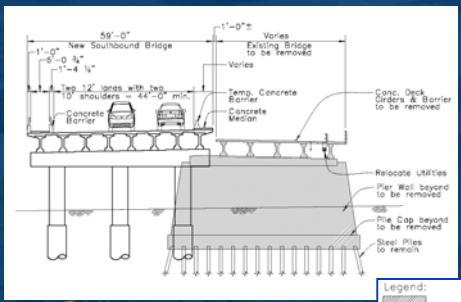

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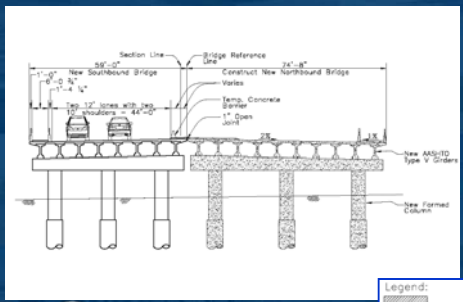

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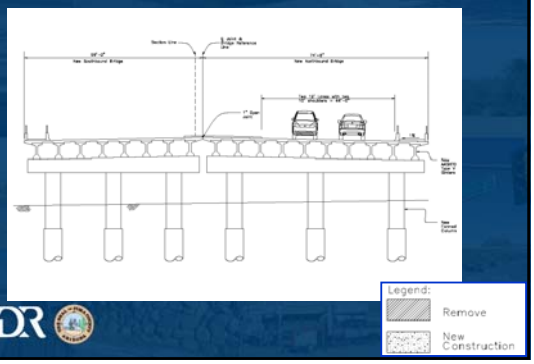

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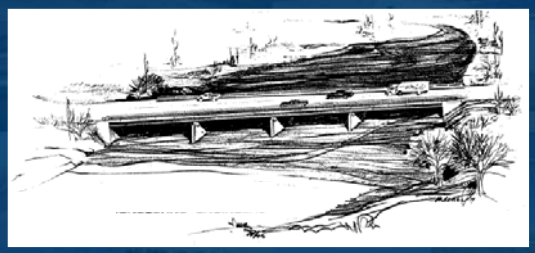

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September 24, 2007

Re: La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road Community Advisory Meeting (CAC)

Dear CAC Members:

The Pima County Department of Transportation will be hosting a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting for the La Cholla Boulevard Ruthrauff Road to River Road improvement project.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 2, 2007 from 6:00 - 7:30pm at the **Natural Resources Parks and Recreations Building, 3500 W. River Road**

Enclosed you will find a copy of the meeting minutes from our August 7th meeting. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please call our office so that we can make arrangement to send you any information that you will need.

If you have questions regarding the meeting, please contact me at (520)740-6410 or e-mail Carol.Brichta@dot.pima.gov.

Sincerely,

Carol Brichta

Carol Brichta,
Community Relations,
Program Coordinator

c: Annabelle Quihuis - Community Relations Manager
Dean Papajohn, Project Manager

La Cholla Boulevard:
Ruthrauff Road to River Road
Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
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- Ellie Towne

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- William Mattausch
- Gretchen Ochoa
- Kaye Swinford
- Ian Stewart

Attending from Project Team:
- Pima County Department of Transportation (PCDOT): Carol Brichta, Rick Ellis, John McManus, Dean Papajohn
- HDR Engineering: Larry Barela, Bob Brittain, Ted Buell, René Tanner
- Pima County District 3 Representative: Kiki Navarro
- Regional Transportation Authority (RTA): Britton Dornquast
- Gordley Design Group: Barb Alley, Jan Gordley

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Dean Papajohn, Project Manager, PCDOT, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the second CAC meeting. Dean made a brief statement about what was discussed at the previous CAC meeting and again stated to the group that this project is being done to "enhance life in Pima County." The purpose of this meeting was to focus on the alignment and potential configuration of the roadway. Dean pointed out the rough draft of Alternative E that Bob Brittain, Design Engineer, HDR Engineering, would be presenting to the group.

Dean asked everyone to introduce themselves to the group. He started with the design team, consultants, then CAC members.

The first speaker was Carol Brichta, Community Relations Department, PCDOT. Carol briefly touched on the roles and responsibilities of the CAC members, and again, asked for someone to step forward to be chairperson. She stated that the chairperson or chairpersons would be the point of contact when it came time to write the letter summarizing their opinions regarding the Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report (EAMR). Carol stated that it is helpful to have one person as the point of contact in this process and she would offer her assistance. Her presentation ended with no one volunteering for the open position.

Dean gave a brief overview of the project. He stated there are many disciplines in the design of a roadway including but not limited to, traffic, landscaping, art and bridge design. Dean went on to talk about the five key criteria of this project. They are: 1) safety, 2) function, 3) right-of-way, 4) aesthetics, and 5) budget and schedule. They are described as follows:

Safety: This includes drivers, pedestrians, buses and cyclists.

a. Adequate timing for traffic flow and pedestrian crossings
b. Sidewalks – safe passage for pedestrians
c. Paved shoulder – safe riding for cyclists
d. Driveway access – safe entrance and exit
   Options include:
   1. Dedicated lane for entrance and exit into driveways
   2. Frontage roads: Two-way frontage road on one side or one-way frontage roads on both sides
e. Medians
f. Bus pullouts
g. Storage lanes – cueing up for turns
h. Adequate sight distance
i. Bridge safety

Function: The operations of the project.

a. Looking at traffic needs – current and future traffic patterns
b. Turn movements off of La Cholla Boulevard onto cross streets
c. Adequate lane width
d. Accommodation of multiple users
e. Median openings to access cross streets
f. Frontage roads – reducing friction of vehicles entering the mainline
g. Utilities – maintaining access to them
h. Drainage

Right-of-Way

a. Limit property easements
b. Limit property acquisitions – leave property owners where they are

Aesthetics

a. Landscape design (currently limited from River Road to Ruthrauff Road)
b. Urban design/public art (will go into detail at future meeting)
c. Bridge – modern design, clean lines
d. Roadway profile– smooth design (rubberized asphalt – for noise control)

Budget and Schedule – funded by the RTA and Pima County

a. The public voted for the RTA La Cholla Boulevard project and its budget
b. Limit acquisitions due to budget constraints
c. Bridge – careful where placed – keep away from utilities

Dean commented that the main goal of this meeting was to discuss alignment, roadway and planning. All the options need to be researched so that a balance can be found and the team can move forward according to the schedule. This is important in order for this project to stay on course and on its projected time line.

Questions:

Ellen Clark: With the occasional high water in the Rillito, is there a way to deepen the riverbed or elevate the bridge?
Dean Papajohn: Those issues will be researched and addressed when the design is being done on the new bridge
Ted Buell: The girders are one foot above the 100-year flood level currently; however, they will be looking into options when reconstructing the bridge.

Ellen: There is a lot of debris in the riverbed. What can be done about that?
Carol Brichta: That is a separate issue and an order can be placed with the county to have that area cleaned up.

Ellen Clark: Is there anything planned for Curtis Road like bike lanes?
Dean: Curtis Road is not a part of this project.

Bob Brittain talked about Alternative E, which is the leading option for La Cholla Boulevard. He distributed a small version of the display map. Ann Girvin asked whether the traffic study had been done prior to the closing of the exit and entrance ramps on Interstate 10. Bob stated that the study is done mostly on projected traffic patterns into the year 2030. [Note: current traffic volumes were collected in Spring 2007 before school was out for the summer.] While current traffic patterns are observed, the overall study is over a 23-year period. Bob went into detail on what the map showed and the points are as follows:

a. Lanes would be narrowed one foot from 12 feet to 11 feet – this still meets lane width standards
b. The median has been reduced two feet from 20 feet to 18 feet from the County standard detail.
c. There will be double left turn lanes at Ruthrauff Road – they would be as long as possible
d. There will be left turn median openings at Jay Avenue and northbound Calle Narcisco
e. Ruthrauff Road will need to be widened at the intersection

f. South of Ruthrauff Road the lanes would be narrowed down to tie back in with the three lane section heading south
g. Sidewalks would be included on both sides of the road through the entire project at a width of five feet

A study will be done, if the time comes that cars cannot turn through traffic from the left turn bays onto cross streets, to see if a light is warranted.

Fred Bass: What about the bus stops? Will there be pullouts in order to get the buses out of traffic?
Bob: Stated that it was not shown in these preliminary drawings to have pullouts; however he felt there was enough room to put them in.

There was some discussion about just how close the sidewalks would come to resident's front doors. [Note: There is approximately 25' from the back of sidewalk to most front doors on the west side.] There was also discussion about the single, one-way frontage road. Residents would have to U-turn in order to get back to their homes. There was concern about the lack of visitor parking on La Cholla Boulevard on the frontage road, and there was also a comment about enhancing everyone's life by this improvement project except the people who live along the project area.

Dean stated that they will try to balance all the elements and that maybe a stake survey should be done for each resident to show the right-of-way so each resident can see where their property lines are and where the project would begin. [Note: pink whiskers were placed in the ground on the east and west side right-of-way lines on Oct. 8.]

Ellie: Where will the center line of the roadway be?
Bob: The center line will not change. The improvements will be added out from the original roadway's center.
Fred: What will happen to the noise level as the road moves closer to the houses?
Rick Ellis: The roadway paving material will be rubberized asphalt to help reduce the noise in the area.

Dean asked the CAC members to go around the table and make any comments they wanted so that each member had a chance to voice their concerns.

Andy Hernandez: It sounds like a sound plan – some issues, but we are in the planning stage. There will need to be more discussions and there will be time to keep talking.

Ellen: Since there will be two years prior to construction, there is time to discuss other options.
Dean: They can study the alignment; however, the more time the process takes with the public, the further the project is pushed out, leading to increased costs.

Norma: There is a two-year time frame before construction will begin on the roadway.

Fred: I would like to see all the affected properties taken by the county so that the construction can take place without impacting anyone as described; however, I understand budget concerns.

Ann: She has concerns about the current condition of the bridge.

Fred: Asked about the total cost of the project.
Dean: The total cost of construction is approximately 17 million dollars. The bridge will be made mainly of concrete, which is very expensive and has gone up in price since the original estimates. In order to

purchase property in the project area, several million dollars would be needed around the order of magnitude of three to five million dollars.

Humbert Arce: What is going in on the corner of La Cholla Boulevard and Ruthrauff Road?
Dean: There is a WalMart Market store going in at that corner.

Dean went over briefly what he heard the CAC members saying about the proposed Alternative E: positive reaction to additional lanes, wider bridge, turn lanes and lighting at intersections, sidewalk and bike lanes; concerns over proximity of residences that front La Cholla Boulevard. He stated that is was important for everyone to be on the same page during this process; the process is a collaboration between the County, consultants, and citizens. He thought it would be best for the members to meet back in a week or two. This would give the team a chance to discuss some possible changes and the CAC members will get a chance to see what their neighbors have to say about the proposed improvements.

A meeting date of October 9, 2007 was agreed upon and Carol stated she would check on the availability of the room and notify everyone to confirm the date.

La Cholla Boulevard:
Ruthruaff Road to River Road

Agenda

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Tuesday, October 2, 2007
6-7:30 p.m.
Pima County Department of Natural Resources Parks and Recreation

La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road

1. Welcome and Introductions (Dean Papajohn) 6:00 pm to 6:10 pm

2. CAC Participation(Carol Brichta) 6:10 pm to 6:20 pm

3. Design Criteria (Dean Papajohn) 6:20 pm to 6:40 pm
   - Safety
   - Function
   - ROW
   - Aesthetics
   - Budget and Schedule

4. Roadway Alignment (Bob Brittain) 6:40 pm to 7:00 pm

5. Discussion (Dean Papajohn) 7:00 pm to 7:25 pm

6. Future Meetings (Dean Papajohn) 7:25 pm to 7:30 pm
   - CAC
   - Open house

La Cholla Boulevard:
River Road to Ruthrauff Road

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La Cholla Boulevard: River R d to Ruthrauff Road

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La Cholla Boulevard:
Ruthruaff Road to River Road

Agenda

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting #3
Tuesday, October 9, 2007
6-7:30 p.m.
Pima County Department of Natural Resources Parks and Recreation

La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road

1. Welcome and Introductions (Dean Papajohn) 6:00 pm to 6:10 pm

2. Project Update (Ted Buell) 6:10 pm to 6:20 pm
   - Activities completed and on-going
   - Activities dependent on roadway alignment

3. CAC Feedback from Neighbors (CAC, Dean Papajohn, Bob Brittain, Ted Buell)
   - Ordinance: 10.56.030 General Considerations and 10.56.220 CAC - Review
   - Design criteria: Safety, Function, ROW, Aesthetics, Budget and Schedule
   - Summarize design needs
   - Discussion 6:10 pm to 6:55 pm

4. Future Meetings (Dean Papajohn) 6:55 pm to 7:00 pm
   - CAC
   - Open house

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- Ian Stewart
- Robert Schwartz

Attending from Project Team:
- Pima County Department of Transportation (PCDOT): Carol Brichta, Rick Ellis, Dean Papajohn
- Pima County Department of Public Works; Real Property: Greg Foster, Kelley Hall
- HDR Engineering: Larry Barela, Bob Brittain, Ted Buell
- Kimley-Horn and Associates: Mary Rodin
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Dean Papajohn, Project Manager, PCDOT welcomed the CAC members and the public to the meeting. He stated that this meeting was being held as a follow-up to the previous week's meeting and the format

would be a round table discussion rather than a presentation. The team members, CAC members, and the public made introductions.

Ted Buell, Project Manager, HDR Engineering, gave a brief update on the status of the project. The following tasks have been completed or are in progress:

- Mapping and surveys on adjacent properties along the project corridor
- Testing for hazardous materials
- Utility mapping
- Traffic reports
- Noise monitoring (monitoring the existing noise levels)
- Roadway alignment study
- Drainage
- Bridge research

Ted stated that a draft of the Design Concept Report (DCR) would include the information from these tasks.

There are several activities dependent on roadway alignment according to Ted, and they are as follows, along with the timeframe that has been planned for these activities to take place:

- Roadway alignment – as soon as possible
- Open house to present the alignment to the public – about a month after an alignment has been identified
- Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report (EAMR) – drafted by February 2008
- Soil testing for the bridge and roadway – targeted for February 2008
- Roadway plans for design and elevation – end of 2009 or January 2010

Dean stated that choosing an alignment is critical for this project to be able to move forward.

Dean went on to talk about the positives that the team heard from CAC members at the Oct. 2, 2007 meeting. He stated that he heard the CAC members liked proposed sidewalks, bus pullouts, turn lanes, median openings and bridge improvement. The area of concern seemed to be the approximate 1,000-foot stretch where homes are adjacent to the widening project. Dean stated he had wanted the CAC members to have time to think about the proposed alignment for a while and have a chance to talk with neighbors to get their input on Alignment E, the proposed alignment.

Dean asked Carol to comment on the debris in the Rillito River that was a concern brought up by some CAC members from the previous meeting. Carol stated that she needed to know the specific area and the debris that needs to be cleaned up, and then she would contact the Pima County Flood Control District. They would send out a representative from their department to survey the area and put in a request for cleanup. She asked that the CAC members approach her after the meeting, so that she could take down the information and start the process.

Mary Rodin, Traffic Planner, Kimley-Horn and Associates, gave a brief report of the traffic study. She stated that the report was based on traffic forecasts for the year 2030, which were obtained from the Pima Association of Governments (PAG). PAG does travel forecasting for the entire Tucson region. The PAG model, based on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTA), assumes that La Cholla Boulevard would become a major north/south parkway from Tangerine Road south to Interstate 10 (I-10). The I-10 connection would be made using Ruthrauff Road.

Dean pointed out that in the Community Participation and Mitigation Ordinance there is a section that states the project must follow the PAG model. The design team is doing its best to balance the guidelines set forth by PAG with the County and team's ideas with input from CAC members.

Questions were brought up regarding funding, and Dean stated that there were no additional funds for this project. The 17 million dollars that was budgeted for this project is what the team has to work with.

Dean also stated that he had pictures to pass around that showed the Right-Of-Way (ROW) lines staked by whiskers (a pink fuzzy on the top of a stake driven into the ground). Since the CAC members wanted to know exactly where the ROW lines were in relation to their property, the team felt the ROW being staked for the affected properties along the project area would be beneficial to the homeowners.

Dean opened up the discussion to the CAC members for their comments, and then expressed the desire to hear comments from the public that came to share their thoughts and ideas.

Fred Bass requested hearing the other options that were not presented.

Bob Brittain, HDR Engineering, gave a brief overview of the alternatives that were not discussed at earlier meetings. They are as follows:

Alternative A: Buys the adjacent residential properties on the east side of the road, portions of some business properties and shifts the roadway to the east
Pro – this option allows for a 30-foot wide two-way frontage road, potential noise wall and extra room on the west side of La Cholla Boulevard, and a 16-foot median
Con – the cost to purchase these properties would involve an additional cost of 4.3 million dollars or more

Alternative B: Buys the adjacent residential properties on the west side of the road and moves the roadway to the west
Pro – same as option A – except the extra room would be on the east side of La Cholla Boulevard
Con – the cost to purchase these properties would involve an additional cost of 3.6 million dollars or more. The number of properties needed to buy on this side would be less than on Alternative A. Also, this option would have to take the existing well and move it (It can only move within 500 feet of its existing site).

Alternative C: Instead of a frontage road, this option would simply add an additional lane to the roadway for residents to turn directly in and out of their homes
Pro – none
Con – not considered a safe option if vehicles back out onto La Cholla

Alternative D: Buys residences only on both sides that have driveways directly on La Cholla Boulevard and widens the road from its existing center line
Pro – roadway centerline can remain in the center of the existing right-of-way
Con – still expensive at a cost of 3.6 million dollars or more that is not in the budget

Alternative F: Buys every other residential property in order to have room to put circular drives in at the homes that are left; this will allow for those residents to safely exit and enter their properties off La Cholla Boulevard without a frontage road
Pro – safe access, reduces number of residences to purchase

Con – additional budget still required; every other property would be County-owned; question remains as to who would maintain that property.

Bob briefly went over Alternative E – Not purchasing any property. City of Tucson well site is not disturbed. This option provides adequate lane width of 11 feet and median width of 18 feet, one-lane frontage roads and allows for safe access to residences.

Humbert Arce: Which alternative is more schedule-friendly?

Bob stated that they all have their issues, so they all involve about the same time frame. Those alternatives that would require purchasing property could potentially take a little longer due to the acquisition process.

Dean made the statement that the RTA's plan was for a six-lane roadway, which was voted on, and the six lanes are what are needed for future growth in the area. He also said that acquisitions on this project were not possible due to the budget constraints.

Some of the CAC members and others in attendance were concerned about the noise, reduced speed needed for six lanes of traffic and the safety of children playing in their front yards so close to the road, and the loss of parking; residents are currently using the street in front of their homes and that will no longer be available. The team stated that the noise would be buffered by the fact that the frontage road would be between the homes and the throughway. It was also stated that René Tanner, HDR Engineering, would be reporting at a future meeting on the noise study and the reduction of noise by using rubberized asphalt.

The other concerns brought up by the CAC members had to do with the socioeconomic status of the residents in the project area. The CAC members feel that because they are at a lower income level than those on some of the other County projects, the decision makers at upper levels in the County are not hearing their concerns. The CAC members feel that the County set precedents because they have purchased homes throughout the County on other projects – but it was not provided for in the budget for this project. The CAC members are also concerned about the safety of children crossing La Cholla Boulevard from the middle school.

Dean suggested that if the CAC members wish to communicate their concerns to others at a higher level in the County, they could draft a letter, outlining their concerns, which he could present to his superiors. The CAC members agreed that would be a good idea.

The issues brought up by the public were as follows:

- Why were they not told of these proposed plans? The team stated that this project has been talked about for many years, has been of public record and had been voted on by the public.
- The bridge was not widened as originally planned because funds were shifted to other projects. The team stated that the County is no longer operating in that manner, and funds allocated for a project will stay for that project and within the budget that was set forth.

Fred Bass was chosen as the chairman for the CAC. The members decided to meet Monday, Oct. 15, 2007 to draft their letter.

Dean adjourned the meeting.

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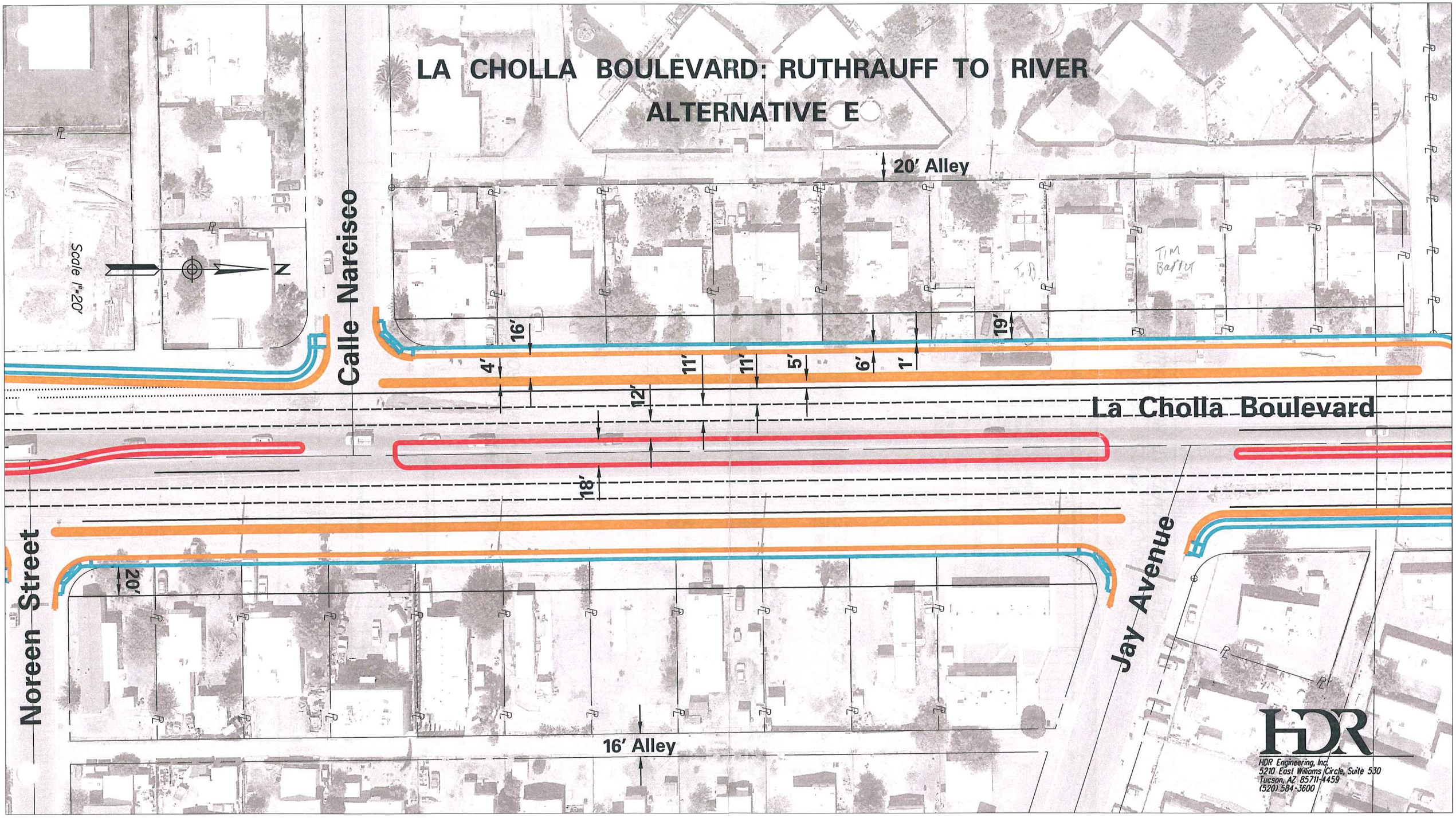

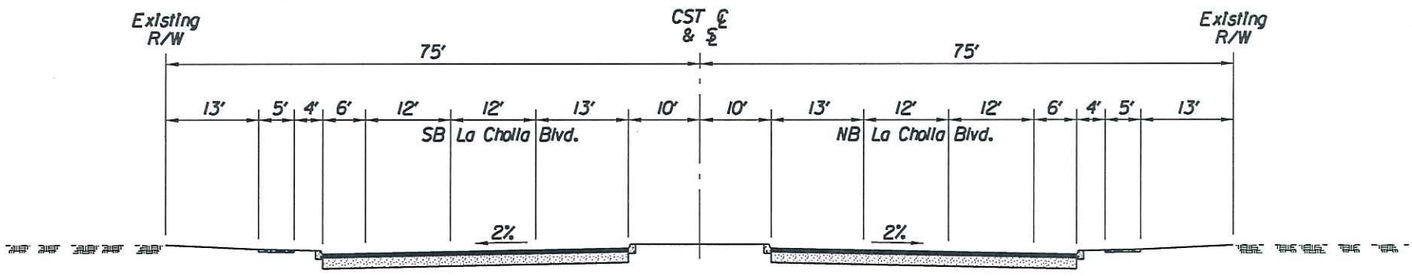

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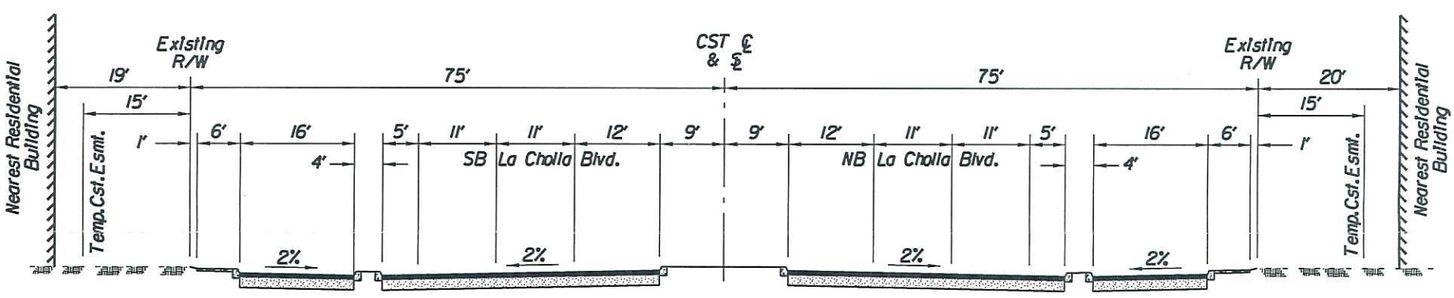

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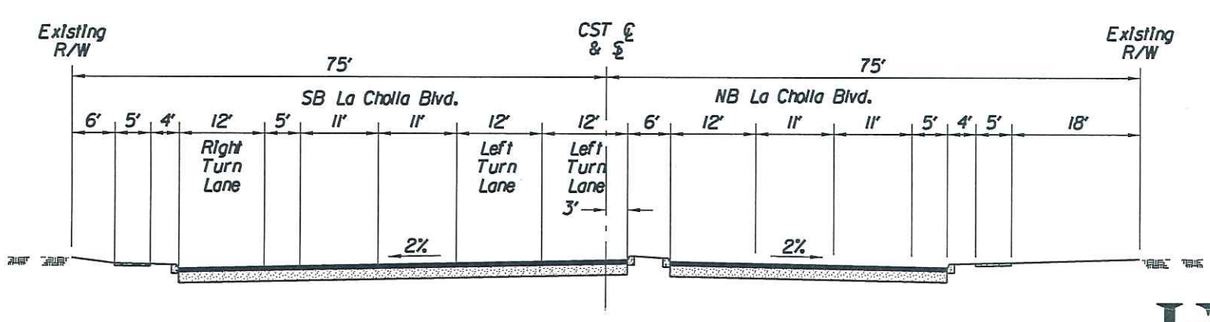

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November 23, 2007

Re: La Cholla: River Road to Ruthrauff Road
Community Advisory Meeting (CAC)

Dear CAC Members:

The Pima County Department of Transportation will be hosting a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting for the La Cholla: River Road to Ruthrauff Road improvement project.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2007 from 6:00 - 7:30pm at the Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center, 1660 W. Ruthrauff Road.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please call our office so that we can make arrangements to send you any information that you will need.

If you have questions regarding the meeting, please contact me at (520)740-6410 or e-mail Carol.Brichta@dot.pima.gov.

Sincerely,

Carol Brichta /ss

Carol Brichta
Community Relations
Program Coordinator

c: Annabelle Quihuis - Community Relations Manager
Dean Pappajohn Project Manager

La Cholla Boulevard:
Ruthruaff Road to River Road

Agenda

La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road
Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting
Thursday Dec. 6, 2007
6-7:30 p.m.
Ellie Towne Community Center

6:00 Welcome and Introductions

6:10 Agenda and meeting format

6:15 Committee and community concerns
- Previously stated
- Additional
- Prioritize

6:45 Discussion regarding CAC concerns

7:15 Project update

7:20 Next Steps
- DCR and EAMR
- Public Involvement:
  - Individuals
  - CAC
  - General Public

7:30 Adjourn meeting

Team will remain for individual questions

La Cholla Boulevard:
Ruthrauff Road to River Road
Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center

CAC Members Present at Meeting:
- Fred Bass
- Ellen Currey
- Ann Girvin
- Norma Metz
- Wayne Metz
- Ellie Towne

CAC Members Not in Attendance:
- Carol Gawrychowski
- Andy Hernandez
- Jason Kai
- William Mattausch
- Gretchen Ochoa
- Kaye Swinford
- Ian Stewart
- Robert Schwartz

Attending from Project Team:
- Pima County Department of Transportation (PCDOT): Carol Brichta, Dean Papajohn
- HDR Engineering: Larry Barela, Ted Buell, Bethy McGehee, Scott Stapp, René Tanner
- Gordley Design Group: Barb Alley, Jan Gordley

Attending from the public:
- Timothy & Jamie Barrett
- Bonny Bass
- Marsha Brendlinger
- James Brendlinger
- Bill Erickson
- Norman Franzen
- Robert Gaona
- Marvin Horn
- Steve Schweska

Materials Distributed:
- Agenda
- Fact Sheet
- Travel Demand Volume Data for the project area
- Meeting Minutes from 10/09/07 CAC Meeting

Dean Papajohn, Project Manager, PCDOT, welcomed the CAC members and the public to the meeting. All who attended made introductions and Dean stated that the purpose of this CAC meeting was for the committee members to focus on the aspects of the project and the tasks that the CAC is charged with and responsible for. Dean told the group that the team members would stay after the meeting was adjourned in order to answer individual questions including those from members of the audience. Dean turned the meeting over to Jan Gordley, Gordley Design Group, to review the agenda and facilitate the meeting.

Jan stated the purpose of her facilitating the meeting was so that Dean and the rest of the team could really focus on what the members were saying about the issues and concerns. Prior to the meeting, Jan had checked with Dean and Fred Bass, chair of the CAC, to see what their goals were for the meeting.

In Jan's discussion with Fred, she found that he had three concerns. Those concerns were traffic, noise and drainage. The team was prepared to give an update on those three areas, and to address other concerns the members had.

Jan took this time to go over an exercise that would allow individuals, including the public, to participate and voice their concerns. Categories of concerns were written on white paper and taped to the wall. The categories chosen were based on discussion at the previous CAC meeting, namely: Safety, Noise, Access, Parking, Visual and Other. Each CAC member was given pink paper while the public received blue paper. Each person was given the opportunity to write down their major concerns and tape them on the relevant white concerns paper. After that exercise was complete, the group was given three dots to put on the issues that were most important to the individual. Once this exercise was over, everyone took their seats and Jan went over the results.

Jan asked Ted to speak a few minutes on lane width, which was a concern under safety. Ted Buell, Project Manager, HDR Engineering, stated that the width of the lanes met the requirements of the American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials (AASHTO), which governs the design of the roadway. The lane width acceptable by AASHTO's standards is 10-12 feet. In this project, the projected lane width would be 11 feet, which is within the guidelines. Fred's issue with the 11-foot lane width relates to the large number of semi tractor-trailers that travel La Cholla Boulevard and Fred feels the 11-foot lanes will be a safety issue. Fred stated that he is aware of the budget constraints and voiced that this stretch of road needed to be built with the safety of drivers and pedestrians in mind. Fred also stated that this area should be widened to match what had been done farther north on La Cholla Boulevard in another widening project. Dean stated that the traffic projections for the year 2030 suggested a pavement cross-section between four and six lanes. Because of this, a six-lane section provides extra space for vehicles resulting in less benefit for 12-foot lanes. La Cholla Boulevard north of River Road has 10-foot wide paved shoulders for bikes. However, the County has learned that vehicles start driving in the shoulders or using it for turn lanes if the shoulders are that wide, which introduces conflicts between bicycle use and motorized vehicle use. The new bike lanes would be limited to five to six feet in order to avoid that problem in the future. At that point, Jan asked to move forward with some other concerns.

Dean commented on safety and asked Ted to talk about a High-intensity Activated crossWalK (HAWK) crossing. This is a crossing signal that is activated when there is a pedestrian present. They push a button that begins a yellow flashing light that turns to a red light so that a pedestrian can cross at the specified location. One of the guidelines for installing a HAWK crossing is 20 pedestrians per hour crossing the street during a peak time of day. Ted stated that to install a HAWK crossing is approximately $100,000 and if the volume of pedestrians is not what was anticipated, drivers will learn to ignore the crossing, causing another safety issue. Ellie Towne asked when a decision would be made about the crossing and Dean stated that would be determined after the roadway was built. Ellie wondered how pedestrians would cross the street to get to the southbound bus stop. A study would be done to determine what would be best for that area; however, the team could also recommend what they feel would work best. Dean stated that no matter which roadway alignment is chosen for this project, pedestrians would have a safe place to cross the street at the signalized intersections.

Scott Stapp, Environmental Manager, HDR, gave a brief overview of noise and how it is measured. He reviewed some basic noise concepts including dBA – decibels within the range of human hearing, Leq – average sound level and NAC – Noise Abatement Criteria. Scott stated that to require consideration of mitigation with sound barriers, the sound level must be above 66 dBA. Scott explained that up to 66 dBA, people could hold a normal conversation without having to raise their voices. Once above that number, mitigation is generally sought to help reduce the noise level. There are three places where roadway noise comes from: tires hitting the pavement, engine noise and exhaust. Criteria for assessing noise mitigation includes whether it is Feasible in terms of topography, geometry, drainage and safety, whether it is Reasonable in terms of cost per benefited receiver and if it is wanted by the affected property owners.

In Scott's presentation, he stated that landscaping was not enough to substantially lessen noise levels and noise walls only work where drainage, safety (sight distances) and continuous walls are provided. When a wall is not continuous (i.e. breaks in a wall to allow people access to their driveways), the noise will enter through the opening and render the wall ineffective. The best method of lowering noise in this situation is through rubberized asphalt. The increase in noise that may occur through year 2030 due to the increased traffic should not amount to more than three-dBA. A three-dBA reduction is generally allowed when using rubberized asphalt. Scott also let the group know that monitoring of existing noise levels had already been done and a report will be prepared projecting the noise levels to the year 2030. All of the data will be analyzed and a recommendation will be made based on the information that was determined by the noise study. Scott stated that he couldn't move forward with his study until the final alignment and roadway profile are determined.

Ted stated that the traffic report was in draft form and would be completed shortly. He passed out the travel demand numbers so that the committee could see where the volume is now and what the projected numbers would be for 2030. On this section of La Cholla Boulevard, traffic volumes currently range from 23,000-28,000 vehicles per day, with traffic volumes for 2030 predicted at 41,000-44,000 vehicles per day.

Ted and Dean reported on the status of the drainage study letting the members know that drainage goes hand in hand with the design, so that process is on hold until they are able to move forward in the design process.

Jan suggested the members each take a turn to go over their main concerns, one more time, for the team.

Norma Metz: No more comments at that time.

Wayne Metz: Voiced displeasure with Alternative E and wanted the County to look at some of the other alternatives that he feels are a better fit for this improvement project. Wayne feels the county should pick the best option for this project, and if the money isn't available, they should wait until more funds could be allocated.

Fred Bass: The road should be built with the best option for the project.

Ellie Towne: She voiced some concerns about where the residents would have to U-turn safely in order to get on the frontage road to access their homes. Ellie also had a question about the bridge and its height and width.

Ann Girvin: Her comment was to restate that she was not a homeowner and would not be directly affected by the project. However, she voiced her concern for the residents that will be directly affected by the widening of La Cholla Boulevard and stated she would support the decision they felt was right.

Ellen Currey: She stated that she had lived in Pima County since 1969 and wanted to see this project done correctly.

Ted stated that they would take specific questions from the public following the CAC portion of the meeting.

Jan discussed what the CAC's role was in moving this process forward. She reiterated that it was extremely important for anyone who had a concern to write a letter to Pima County so that the County was aware of specific

concerns that either the group or individuals had. Jan let the members know that the public process was important and the County had made a commitment to this project.

Carol Brichta, Community Relations, PCDOT, wrote the contact information for PCDOT's management on a flip chart for members and the public at the meeting to write their letters to Priscilla Cornelio, Transportation Director, PCDOT, 201 N. Stone Ave., Tucson, AZ, 85701, so that she could see their concerns and issues in writing.

Jan indicated the project was ready for a public meeting and that one would be scheduled after the first of the year.

Dean distributed a project fact sheet and the meeting was adjourned.

The team stayed for individual questions and comments from the public as well as CAC members.

La Cholla Boulevard: River Road to Ruthrauff Road

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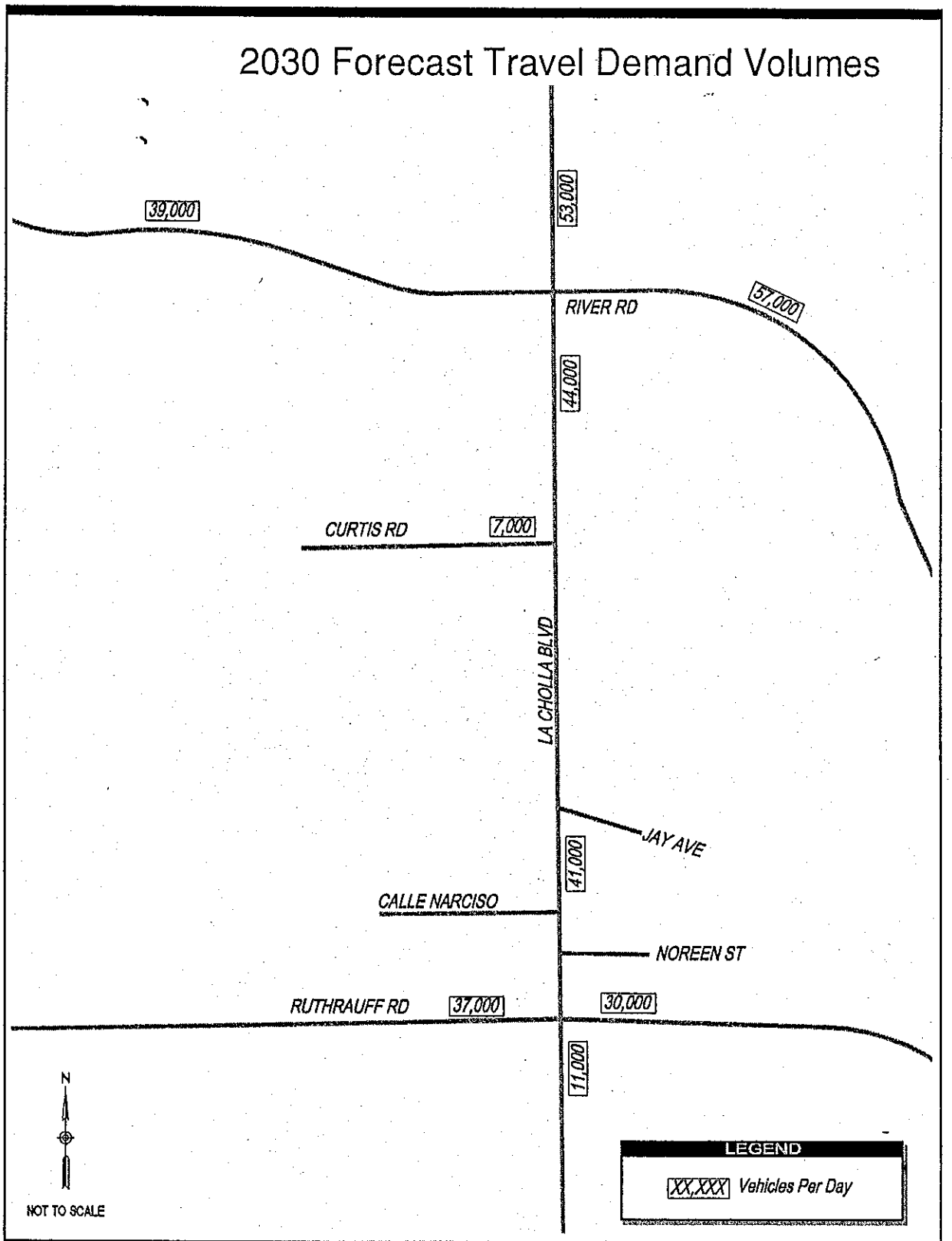

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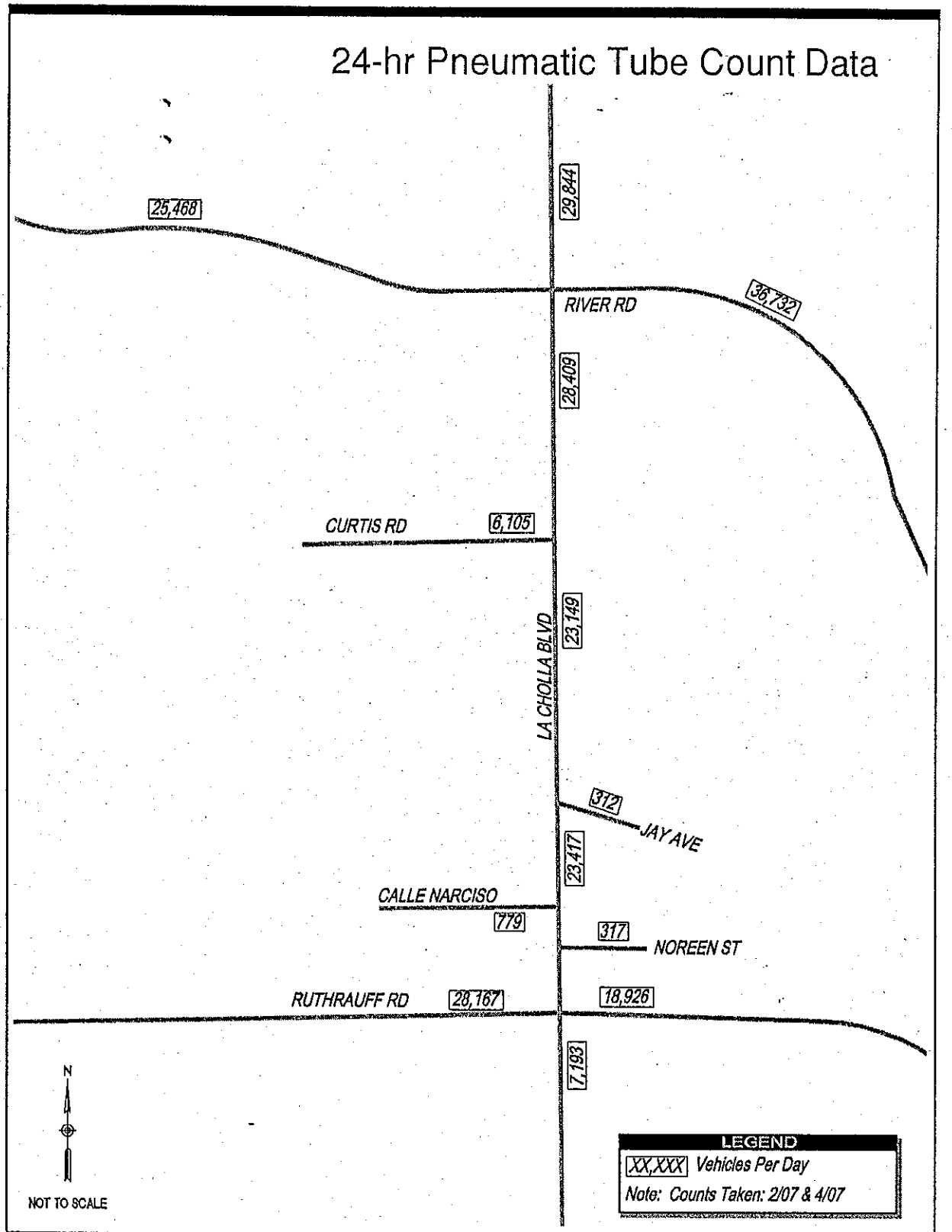

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December 7, 2007

Dear Community Advisory Committee for La Cholla:

Pima County appreciates your service on the Community Advisory Committee for the roadway improvement project on **La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road**. You provide the local perspective that is helpful in identifying needs and wants for this project. Additionally, you have demonstrated your commitment to the project by meeting independently three times since the Oct. CAC meetings.

On Oct. 2 the County presented the recommended roadway alignment for La Cholla Blvd. Due to CAC concerns a follow-up meeting was held Oct. 9. At that meeting the County walked the committee through a number of design alternatives that were developed, but deemed less desirable for not meeting certain criteria. Multiple options were not presented as a menu for the CAC to choose from, but as background information so the CAC could see that the design team had performed due diligence in developing the design amidst competing project needs. During these meetings the CAC expressed a variety of opinions regarding design and alignment. You were asked to put your concerns in writing so that the County could communicate them to the appropriate people within the County and provide a formal response. We informed various people at the County that a written response was forthcoming from the CAC. When a written response was not received it was unclear whether concerns were not as great as first appeared, or if the committee was not in agreement, or if there was something else going on. It was expected that a letter from the CAC would be completed in a couple of weeks. Since two months have passed without receiving written comments, a CAC meeting was held last night to try and facilitate the process. It is apparent that the CAC still has concerns. I strongly encourage the CAC to submit their concerns in writing to Pima County Department of Transportation (DOT). Even if you have not finalized all of your arguments it is important for the County to receive your written feedback at this stage of design. In the meantime, I have informed the director of DOT of your concerns (please see attached memo). County staff continues to collect data to determine the best way to meet as many of the CAC's concerns as possible.

Once again, thank you for serving on this committee. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Regards,

DEAN

Dean Papajohn, P.E.
Project Manager

Encl.

MEMORANDUM

Department of Transportation

DATE: December 7, 2007

TO: Priscilla S. Cornelio, P.E., Director of the Department of Transportation

FROM: Dean Papajohn, P.E., Project Manager

SUBJECT: 4LCITR: La Cholla Blvd.: Ruthrauff Rd. to River Road
CAC concerns

This memorandum is to inform you of the concerns that the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) has expressed regarding design of the new roadway on La Cholla Blvd. from Ruthrauff to River. Specifically, concerns revolve around the residences that front La Cholla.

Pima County has met with the CAC four times: Aug. 7, Oct. 2, Oct. 9, and Dec. 6. At this stage of design, the key element is alignment. The recommended alignment was presented to the CAC on Oct. 2. Since concerns were expressed, a follow-up meeting was scheduled Oct. 9 to provide additional information, including a review of alternative alignments that were deemed less desirable by the County. The County's recommended alignment alternative provides one-way access roads for approximately 1000' of the roadway to provide access to residences fronting La Cholla. CAC concerns with this alignment include safety, access, parking, noise, aesthetics, and property value. At the conclusion of the Oct. 9 meeting, the CAC was asked to put their concerns in writing so the County could formally respond to their concerns. It was expected that within a couple of weeks the CAC would submit a letter to the County. The CAC met independently on three separate occasions, but has not submitted a written summary of their concerns. In order to facilitate the process the County held another CAC meeting last night. Similar concerns were expressed last night as were expressed in Oct. The CAC was once again encouraged to submit their concerns in writing, which they said they were preparing to do.

In the meantime, the County has continued to gather design data. A number of local examples were identified where small residential lots are facing major arterial roadways, including: Broadway at Melville, Wilmot at Julia, and Speedway east of Wilmot. Our project team continues to explore ways to maximize benefits in the roadway design. Numerous project activities are on-going, including survey, utility mapping, traffic study, drainage study, environmental surveys, and bridge selection. The County continues to seek ways to meet as many of the expressed concerns of the CAC as possible.

Ultimately, the CAC does not believe the County can provide adequate access to residences on La Cholla, nor adequately mitigate noise in the existing right-of-way. Although AASHTO design standards are being met, the CAC does not feel like meeting these standards will produce the type of quality roadway they expect from Pima County. Therefore they believe the County should buy properties on one side of the road or the other. Please contact me with any question you may have.

Cc: Ana Olivares, Department of Transportation Deputy Director
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Re: Community Advisory Committee
La Cholla Boulevard, River Road to Ruthrauff Road

Dear Dean:

Enclosed is the original signed CAC letter to the RTA and PCDOT. I am awaiting signatures from Robert Swartz and Ellen Clark and will forward them to you as soon as I have them.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Bonny L. Bass

Bonny L. Bass

January 15, 2008

Regional Transportation Authority
Pima County Transportation Department

Re: La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road
Community Advisory Committee

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the La Cholla Boulevard Improvement Project (4LCITR) would like to thank Pima County and the Regional Transportation Authority for the opportunity to serve and advise on this important project. It is hoped that with the ideas and cooperation of all involved, the citizens of Pima County will benefit from a safe and more efficient corridor in which to travel.

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) has several criteria to be considered in the design of La Cholla Boulevard improvement. These consist of: Safety, Budget, Function, Right of Way, Aesthetics and Schedule. The PCDOT studied several alignment alternatives and recommends alignment alternative E to the CAC. The CAC believes other alignment alternatives are preferable to alternative E.

The CAC would like to discuss each alternative beginning with their recommended Alternative, Alternative B.

I. ALTERNATIVE B:

Alternative B requires the purchase of the property on the west side of La Cholla Boulevard. This alternative is the recommended option of the CAC. In support of their recommendation, the CAC believes the benefits of Alternative B include, but are not limited to:

1. Alternative B would allow the travel lanes, bike paths and sidewalks to remain consistent with the widening project of La Cholla Boulevard north, River Road to Omar Road. The width of the travel lanes would be consistent with safe and efficient flow of traffic, bicycles and pedestrians as proven by the existing design of other road improvement projects including the La Cholla widening project, River to Omar Roads; Wetmore Road widening project between Fairview and Romero Roads, the Wetmore/Ruthrauff widening project between Romero and La Cholla Boulevard.

2. Alternative B allows for improved safety precautions to be designed into the intersection of La Cholla Boulevard and Ruthrauff Roads for children walking to

nearby elementary and junior high schools, including marked pedestrian crossings and additional room between the existing roadway and the pedestrian sidewalks.

3. Alternative B allows for public transportation bus pull-outs, permitting more efficient vehicular travel.

4. Alternative B allows for additional crosswalks to public transportation bus stops for both existing north and southbound bus stops. Right now, pedestrians are running across traffic to catch their bus. A Hawk Light should be installed for safe crossing of pedestrians at the bus stops.

5. Alternative B eliminates the right of way issues for homes on both sides of La Cholla Boulevard. The CAC recommends moving the proposed roadway to the west after the acquisition of property. This would allow additional room for a two way street on the east side of La Cholla Boulevard for homeowners to access their property.

6. The CAC suggests in addition to Alternative B, a 10 foot masonry wall sound barrier be installed on the west side of La Cholla Boulevard for noise abatement.

7. The CAC would suggest in addition to Alternative B, a 10 foot masonry wall sound barrier be installed on the east side of La Cholla Boulevard for noise abatement.

8. Alternative B would allow for a two way side street to the east of the 10 foot masonry wall sound barrier on the east side of La Cholla Boulevard. This would allow a safe, convenient right of way for residents on the east side of La Cholla from all directions. This design would be consistent with the design of the River Road widening project from La Canada to Oracle Road on the south side of the road.

9. Alternative B allows more room for improved aesthetics such as landscaping and artwork so as to comply with Federal law which mandates that part of the budget be used for artwork and landscaping.

10. Alternative B allows more room for wider, safer sidewalks and pedestrian pathways for children walking to the nearby junior high and elementary schools, bus stops and businesses in the area.

11. This alternative would allow the County to own the property surrounding the existing well located on the west side of La Cholla Boulevard, allowing safe efficient access to the well for maintenance and upkeep.

12. By reducing the likelihood of potential lawsuits for inverse condemnation, this alternative would allow the efficient scheduling of the project.

13. This alternative substantially reduces the liability potential to Pima County for roadway design defects.

The CAC recommends Alternative B as it requires less acquisition of properties, would affect fewer households and businesses at a greatly reduced cost over Alternative A.

II. ALTERNATIVE A:

Alternative A requires the purchase of the properties on the east side of La Cholla. This alternative has basically the same benefits as listed in Section I above. However, this alternative is considerably more expensive budget wise, and includes the acquisition of a greater number of residential and business properties, displacing significantly more people than Alternative B.

III. ALTERNATIVE E:

This CAC finds alternative E to be unacceptable for a number of reasons. Although this alternative is the least expensive, the CAC contends that it does not meet any of the other criteria necessary for approval of the project: safety, function, right of way, aesthetics and schedule. Allow us to explain.

1. By using the existing right of way, the DOT proposes to significantly reduce the width of the travel lanes, bike paths and sidewalks, thereby constricting the safe and efficient flow of travel for trucks, public transportation, school buses, vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians.

2. Of immediate concern for safety, reducing the width of travel lanes decreases the margin of error for traffic to avoid accidents and could compound its devastation by possibly ending in someone's front yard or worse, their house.

3. The bike path will also be narrowed suffering the fate of once again reducing the margin of error.

4. By not engineering out safety hazards, Pima County leaves itself open for potential lawsuits for negligent design of the roadway, bike path and pedestrian walkways.

5. The right of way to the houses situated on either side of La Cholla Boulevard is unsafe and unacceptable. Homeowners on either side La Cholla will be forced to make unsafe u-turns on a busy street in order to enter the "one way" side streets to access their property.

6. No U-turns are permitted at River Road & La Cholla. The CAC believes that conditions will exist requiring same at Curtis & La Cholla and Ruthrauff & La Cholla. This will require homeowners to take extensive alternative routes in order to access the one-way right of way to their homes.

7. This proposal will leave homeowners on either side of La Cholla Boulevard with issues regarding parking and right of way for any guests or family who come to visit them at their homes. The proposed 11 foot one way road does not leave room for any curbside parking.

8. Further, the proposed 11 foot one way road along the homes on either side of La Cholla Boulevard does not allow room enough for larger trucks and vehicles to turn into the resident driveways.

9. The suggestion to use the utility easements for access to homes is not allowed. Utility easements are not to be used for ingress and egress.

10. The noise level to the surrounding neighborhood, and especially the houses on the street itself, will be unacceptable. The noise abatement efforts suggested will be insufficient to properly address the livability within the households and their adjacent yards.

11. Aesthetics: with alternative E, there are none. It could viewed that since this is considered a lower income neighborhood, that the same provisions provided to the neighborhoods up north of River Road, perceived to be of a higher income, were not considered, i.e., sound barriers, etc. Further, it does not meet the criteria for Federal

funding which mandates a portion of the funding be used for artwork and landscaping.

In addition to its other shortcomings, Alternative E would impose adverse effects upon the houses situated on either side of La Cholla Boulevard and the surrounding neighborhoods. The inhabitability created by the road noise, air quality, access and safety issues, would greatly increase potential for lawsuit and could delay the schedule by years, substantially increasing the budget for this project due to increased legal fees and inflation of construction costs.

In short, it seems that all the criteria, with the exception of budget, were not considered by the RTA and PCDOT. The CAC does not approve this alternative.

The CAC recommends that if appropriate funding cannot be made available to institute Alternative B for this project, that the project be tabled until such time that the necessary funds can be obtained. The CAC recommends that the project be done correctly, with all aspects of the design criteria being considered. The CAC believes this project should be given the same consideration as other improvement projects in the neighborhoods on the north side of La Cholla.

Once again, we would like to thank the Regional Transportation Authority and Pima County for the opportunity to assist in this project.

Sincerely,

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January 24, 2008

La Cholla Boulevard, River Road to Ruthrauff Road
Community Advisory Committee
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Subject: Your Letter Dated January 15, 2008, Regarding La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road

Dear Community Advisory Committee Members:

We received your letter dated January 15, 2008, expressing your views on the roadway alignment design for La Cholla Boulevard. This project is one of the County's key Capital Improvement Projects in the first quarter of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) plan and we appreciate the Community Advisory Committee's (CAC) concern to "get it done right." We have communicated your concerns to County Administration and to Supervisor Sharon Bronson, Pima County Board of Supervisors. We would like to take this opportunity to clarify several important issues that may impact on how the CAC views the proposed alignment. Below is a clarification of the issues that relate to safety features of the roadway, aesthetics, utilities, access, and general right-of-way issues:

Roadway Features

Crosswalks: Marked pedestrian crossings are proposed for the Ruthrauff Road intersection.

Travel Lanes: The proposed width of travel lanes meets the national standards provided by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and is not considered unsafe or substandard.

Sidewalk: The proposed sidewalk width meets Pima County standards.

Bike Lanes: Currently, bicyclists ride on the two-lane pavement or they ride in the dirt right-of-way where drivers turn in and out randomly. A proposed 5' paved shoulder that bicyclists can use will improve safety.

Bus Stops: Bus stops will be provided for SunTran.

HAWK Light: The use of HAWK lights for pedestrian crossings are carefully reviewed by the County Traffic Division. Specific criteria must be met to justify a HAWK light otherwise the HAWK light can turn into a liability rather than an asset. Currently, a HAWK light would not be justified at Jay Avenue. After the La Cholla Boulevard improvements are built the situation can be reviewed again to see if a HAWK light is warranted.

Aesthetics

Public Art: By Pima County policy, one percent of the planning, design and construction costs of arterial roadway projects should be designated for public art. Vicki Scuri of SiteWorks has been selected as the project artist. This selection process was managed by Tucson Pima Arts Council. Information about the artist can be found at www.vickiscuri-siteworks.com.

Landscape: Pima County provides appropriate roadway landscape in medians and parkways. Roadway landscape must take into consideration issues such as site distances and underground and above ground utilities. McGann and Associates has been selected as the landscape architect (www.mcgannland.com/).

Utilities

Well Site: The well site on the west side of La Cholla Boulevard is owned by the City of Tucson. Pima County does not have a need to acquire property adjacent to the City's well.

Access

Access and U-turns: Arterial roadways in Pima County frequently have raised medians which greatly improves safety. Drivers generally are able to adjust their travel patterns and/or utilize u-turns to access certain streets, businesses, and residences. This is necessary to provide safe access management.

Parking: Typically, Pima County does not provide parking on arterial roadways. Since La Cholla Boulevard was designated an arterial roadway prior to 1960 and prior to the development of the properties fronting La Cholla Boulevard, property owners should have been aware that it would be important to provide adequate on-site parking.

Frontage Road: The proposed frontage road is 16' wide, not 11' wide as stated in the letter. Examples of frontage roads in the community include Swan north of Speedway, Wilmot at Julia, and Broadway at Melville. Frontage roads provide managed access to properties fronting busy roadways.

Alley: Pima County will maintain access to all lots fronting La Cholla Boulevard. In your letter, the alley west of La Cholla Boulevard was described as a utility easement only; however, it is also available for ingress and egress and as such provides alternative access to properties.

Properties Adjacent to La Cholla

Accidents: The CAC has raised concerns that traffic on La Cholla Boulevard may create accidents that end up on private property. La Cholla Boulevard was designated as an arterial roadway prior to 1960 and before any residences were built north of Ruthrauff Road. The developer that built and the subsequent people that acquired property fronting La Cholla Boulevard did so with the knowledge that La Cholla Boulevard was designated a wide arterial roadway intended to carry large volumes of traffic. This urbanization is found in many parts of Pima County and the City of Tucson and does not pose unreasonable threats to safety.

Noise: Noise is a factor related to urbanization. Prior to 1960 and prior to development of properties adjacent to the road, La Cholla Boulevard was designated an arterial roadway and the adjacent properties were designated Multi-Use zoning. Noise walls are not effective when driveways are spaced closely and are better suited for residential zoning with large lots rather than for multi-use zoning areas with closely spaced lots.

Property Value: Roadway improvements generally help improve the value of adjacent properties. La Cholla Boulevard improvements will reduce traffic congestion, increase intersection capacity at the Ruthrauff Road intersection, improve capacity of the bridge, provide sidewalks for pedestrians, provide paved shoulders for bicyclists, provide landscape and public art for aesthetics, provide ADA access to bus stops, and provide access management. These capacity, safety, and aesthetic improvements generally help property values.

I hope this explanation helps to clarify the issues the community may have about the La Cholla Boulevard project. Many of these issues revolve around the fact that La Cholla Boulevard was designated an arterial roadway before adjacent properties were developed. This places the burden on property owners to correctly develop and use their properties for an urbanizing environment. The proposed alignment that includes one-way frontage roads for approximately 1000' for the properties north of Ruthrauff Road meets all the needs and many of the wants of Pima County residents. Other alternatives requiring right-of-way acquisition would unnecessarily increase the cost of the project, cause disruption to property owners and increases the schedule for the project. In your letter you have asked the County to build the road "correctly." Based on the information here, I trust you will have confidence that the improved La Cholla Boulevard will be built to National and County standards for a safe and efficient roadway. If you have any questions, please contact our Community Relations representative Carol Brichta at 740-6410, or the Project Manager Dean Papajohn at 740-6471.

Sincerely,

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Director

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c: Dean Papajohn, Project Manager, Engineering Division
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January 31, 2008

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Re: La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road
Community Advisory Committee

Dear Priscilla:

Thank you for your letter dated January 24, 2008. We appreciate that you forwarded our comments to the Board of Supervisors.

Your response addressed several concerns presented in our January 15th letter recommending that the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) and the Pima County Department of Transportation (PCDOT) use Alternative B for the roadway design. You did not specify in your letter which Alternative you were addressing; however, the Committee assumes you were defending Alternative E – the only Alternative which the RTA and PCDOT propose. All other Alternatives have been suppressed. With this in mind, allow us to discuss the points contained in your January 24th letter.

Roadway Features

1. Crosswalks:

Despite the fact that marked pedestrian crossings are proposed for the Ruthrauff/La Cholla intersection, the Committee continues to be concerned for the safety of school children crossing that intersection. There are two schools, Centennial Elementary School and Flowing Wells Junior High School south of the Ruthrauff/La Cholla intersection. This school crossing traffic increases the use of the crosswalk dramatically and the Committee believes the safety of these children and adults crossing that intersection is paramount. Extra precautions should be taken.

2. Travel Lanes:

Although the 11 foot travel lanes may meet the national standards provided by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, it does not meet Pima County standards according to the *Pima County Roadway Design Manual* for this size of urban roadway. See chapter 2, p. 2-32, figure 2-10 and table 2-1, p. 2-6. Further, the Committee maintains this roadway project should be consistent with the La Cholla Road widening project, River to Omar Road.

3. Sidewalks:

The Committee agrees that the sidewalks should meet PCDOT standards which is six feet.

4. Bike Lanes:

Although bicyclists do ride on the two-lane paved road or on the dirt shoulder of La Cholla Boulevard, the Committee believes that since bike lanes are part of the improvement plan, they should be built consistent with the ones installed north of River Road in the La Cholla Road to Omar Road widening project. Further, according to the *Pima County Roadway Design Manual*:

> "On curbed roadways, six feet are to be added to the typical width of outside travel lanes to accommodate bicycles." *Pima County Roadway Design Manual*, chapter 2, p. 2-15.

5. Bus Stops:

As presented to the Committee, Alternative E does not show bus stops long the corridor from Ruthrauff to River Road. Simply stating that bus stops will be provided is not sufficient for the Committee. The Committee believes, consistent with advertisements in support of the RTA election, pullout bus stops should be designed into roadway improvement projects. Pullout bus stops allow for the efficient flow of traffic and increased safety for bus passengers.

6. HAWK Light:

Installation of a HAWK light may require additional studies. The Committee suggests that a marked pedestrian crossing should be provided at Jay Avenue.

Aesthetics

7. Public Art:

With Alternative E, there will essentially be no place for public art on the south end of the improvement project. This includes no room for art installed at bus stops or on sound abatement walls. Will all of the pubic art be installed at the north end of the project?

8. Landscape:

As pointed out in point 7 above, with Alternative E, there is no room for landscaping.

Essentially, the aesthetics contained in Alternative E are nonexistent and bodes unfavorably towards the "perceived" lower income neighborhood.

Utilities

9. Well site:

The Committee understands that the well site located on the west side of La Cholla Boulevard is owned and operated by the City of Tucson. However, when periodic maintenance occurs, large trucks carrying pipes and equipment park at the well site. These vehicles would be forced to park on the one way frontage road to perform maintenance on the well, thereby blocking the roadway and denying access to homes and businesses on the frontage road.

Access

10. Access and U-turns:

The Committee agrees that raised medians greatly improve safety. However, it appears that you did not get the point the Committee was making regarding U-turns. If you review the diagram of Alternative E, you will see that there is a break in the median at Jay Avenue for turns. However, the entrance to the one way frontage road for residents on the west side of La Cholla Boulevard is north of Jay Avenue. Therefore, residents coming from the south would have to make a U-turn somewhere else. Currently U-turns are prohibited at the River Road/La Cholla intersection. The Committee is assuming that no U-turns will be permitted at Curtis and La Cholla, since southbound traffic will be coming off a bridge.

Alternative E severely limits the access to properties on the west side of La Cholla Boulevard by forcing these residents to either find alternative access or by negotiating potentially dangerous U-turns. In doing so, Pima County is creating a unique subgroup for this neighborhood.

11. Parking:

It is true that several of the residents whose homes face La Cholla Boulevard have been living there since the homes were built, perhaps as early as 1960. However, these residents should not have been expected at that time to look into their crystal ball to see what the roadway design plans would be 40 years down the road. In 1960 and most assuredly prior to those homes being built along La Cholla Boulevard, Pima County did have engineers and planners who knew or should have known of the roadway design plans for the future. If indeed Pima County intended in 1960 to build an arterial roadway on La Cholla Boulevard, Pima County should have taken that into consideration prior to allowing these homes to be built.

12. Frontage Road:

Once again, the Committee fails to understand why frontage roads built many years ago in Tucson such as the ones mentioned in your letter have anything to do with the frontage road proposed in Alternative E. The frontage roads at Swan north of Speedway, Wilmot at Julia and Broadway at Melville all have entrances after turning off the main street onto a side street. Further, these frontage roads are wider than 16 feet and allow two-way traffic.

In contrast, the entrance to the proposed frontage road on the west side of La Cholla Boulevard is not off a side street such as Calle Narciso, it is off La Cholla Boulevard. There is no proposed turn lane or "slow down" lane for traffic entering this frontage road. Therefore, the Committee assumes that 45 mile per hour traffic must quickly slow in order to negotiate the right turn entrance onto the frontage road. This could potentially put Pima County at risk for lawsuits arising out of rear end type accidents for a faulty road design. The Committee believes this is a faulty road design.

13. Alley

Up to this time the alley has not been used as regular ingress or egress by the residents and most likely could not be considered a road. Coupled with the fact that the alley is dirt, residents who utilize it for said reason would be in violation of Pima County

Code 17.16.090, A-E concerning air quality control. In order for the alley to be used for ingress and egress, it must be paved and/or dust abatement must occur. In addition, all drainage issues must be resolved. The Committee believes Pima County would be responsible for this mitigation.

Properties Adjacent to La Cholla

14. Accidents:

Once again, Pima County cannot seriously believe that residents who purchased their homes in 1960 would have the foresight to know that La Cholla Boulevard was designated as an arterial roadway. Further, the same argument applies to Pima County in allowing such residences to be built despite the fact that they did know that La Cholla Boulevard was designated as an arterial roadway. It simply stands to reason that increasing the traffic flow, decreasing the lane width and not reducing the speed limit will cause increased accidents. The statement made to the Committee that a six inch curb will eliminate vehicles from coming onto private property is not sufficient. The increased danger and negligent design will open Pima County to lawsuits.

15. Noise:

Although the Committee has asked repeatedly for the noise studies and the traffic flow studies, we have not been provided with any information other than they are in draft form and not available. The Committee believes that the noise levels of the roadway currently are above the levels allowed according to the *Pima County Roadway Design Manual*, chapter 1, Appendix 1-A-9, §7.1(1)(c).

The Committee understands that noise walls are not effective when driveways are spaced closely which is why the Committee recommends the taking of those residential lots along the west side of La Cholla Boulevard. This would allow for noise retention walls to be built to protect the other homes in the neighborhood which will are also effected by the noise level.

16. Property Value:

The CAC Committee does not concern itself with property values. The CAC Committee concerns itself with building the road correctly and consistent with the La Cholla to Omar Road widening project.

A strong argument can be built against Pima County when it maintains that:

> "La Cholla Boulevard was designated an arterial roadway **before** adjacent properties were developed. This places the burden on property owners to correctly develop and use their properties for an urbanizing environment." [emphasis added].

The Committee, which is not solely made up of those particular residents, is offended by this statement. Once again, the Committee believes the onus is on Pima County who did have the information and knowledge that this was an arterial roadway. Perhaps Pima County should not have allowed these homes and developments to be built. The fact remains that they were built, people live and work there and the proposed roadway design suggested in Alternative E does not consider how it would adversely effect the homes and businesses in this neighborhood.

It is clear to the Committee, especially after receipt of your letter, that Pima County's only criteria in proposing Alternative E is the cost of the project. Alternative E would impose adverse effects upon the homes situated on either side of La Cholla Boulevard and the surrounding neighborhood. The inhabitability created by the road noise, air quality, access and safety issues would increase the potential for lawsuits thereby delaying, possibly for years, the project and increasing substantially the budget for the project due to legal fees and inflation of construction costs. Further, the proposed road in Alternative E does not substantially meet Pima County standards as set out in the *Pima County Roadway Design Manual* and is not consistent with other roadway improvement projects in the surrounding area.

The Committee thanks you again for your time in reviewing our concerns. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Frederick Bass at 407-3767.

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February 11, 2008

La Cholla Boulevard, River Road to Ruthrauff Road
Community Advisory Committee
Attention: Frederick Bass
145 South Sixth Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85701-2007

Subject: Your Letter Dated January 31, 2008, Regarding La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road

Dear Community Advisory Committee Members:

We received your letter dated January 31, 2008, expressing your views on the roadway alignment design for La Cholla Boulevard. It appears to me that we share many of the same goals for the project, such as improved mobility for motorized vehicles, facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists, efficient and safe intersections, access to bus transportation, a wider bridge, collection of storm runoff, and the integration of landscape and public art. The additional concerns your committee has raised with regards to noise, accessibility, parking, etc., are the concerns that our design team has been investigating even before the first Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting. Each time the CAC has provided input our design team has dug deeper and deeper to identify and evaluate possible solutions. Unfortunately, at this point, it appears that the County is proposing solutions that differ from the property acquisition proposal the CAC has provided.

As a public project there are certain procedures that must be followed in the design of La Cholla Boulevard. The next steps in the process include holding an open house to allow the community to learn more about the project and share their feedback. Two technical documents must be completed. The first is called the Design Concept Report or DCR. The second is the Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report or EAMR. Drafts of each of these reports will be discussed at future CAC meetings. Each of these reports will have sections on Public Involvement which will clearly convey the CAC's concerns and the CAC's request for an increased budget for property acquisition. It is the intent of Pima County Department of Transportation to work with the CAC through all of these steps and continue to address issues and concerns as we are able. Ultimately, the EAMR is presented to the Board of Supervisors with a letter from the CAC supporting or not supporting the Pima County Department of Transportation's recommendations.

As you can see, there is still much work to be done on the La Cholla project and Pima County Department of Transportation is committed to continuing to work with the CAC. We appreciate the commitment the CAC has already given to the project and look forward to continuing to work with you in the months ahead. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the project manager Dean Papajohn at (740-6471).

Sincerely,

Priscilla S. Cornelio, P.E.
Director

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c: Dean Papajohn, Project Manager, Engineering Division
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La Cholla Boulevard: River Road to Ruthrauff Road

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, March 6, 2008

6:00 -8:00 p.m.

Introductory Overview at 6:15

Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center
1660 W. Ruthrauff Road

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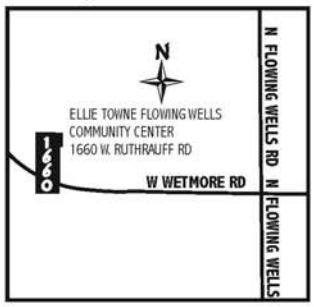

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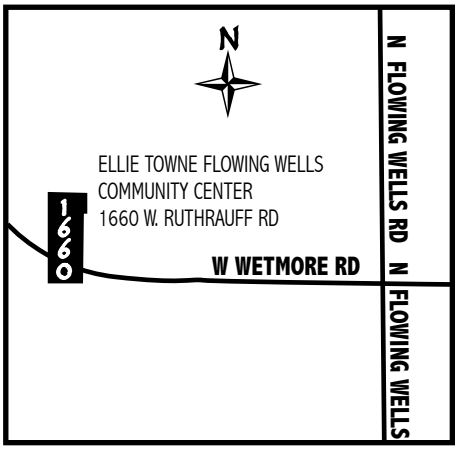

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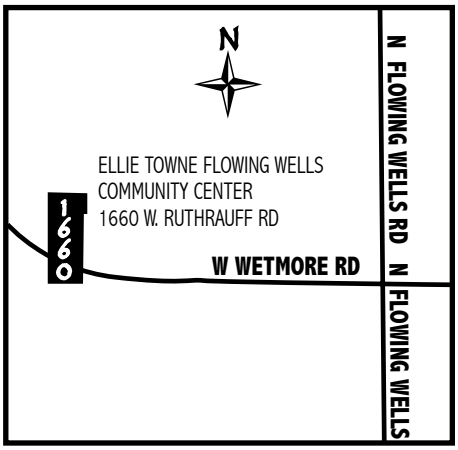

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La Cholla Boulevard: River Road to Ruthrauff Road

Comment Form
March 6, 2008

1. What is your primary interest in La Cholla?

- ☐ I live in rented property adjacent to this section of La Cholla.
- ☐ I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla.
- ☐ I own rental property in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla.
- ☐ I work in a business on this section of La Cholla.
- ☐ I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla.
- ☐ I regularly walk or bike through this section of La Cholla.
- ☐ Other, please explain. _____

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2. What do you like about this project?

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3. Please list any questions or concerns about this project.

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4. Please list any other comments you have concerning this project.

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IMPORTANT! Please print the following information:

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Mail to: Pima County Community Relations Office, 201 N. Stone 4th floor, Tucson, Arizona 85701 or Fax to 740-6439

For more information visit http://www.roadprojects.pima.gov/LaChollaRiver/ or contact Carol Brichta at 740-6410

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River Road to Ruthrauff Road
Open House
Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center
Thursday, March 6, 2008

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KATIE LEWIS	" "		405-1314	
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Bob Britton				
Scott Slapp				
Darlene Sakowater	mcGann Ass.			
Rene Tanner	HDR			
Scott Beck	KHA		615-9191	

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ROBERT V. GAONA	SELF	4921 N. LA CHOLLA	887-1395	
Doris M. Chesdustian	Self	5242 N Royal Palm Dr	690-0690	
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Hoover Lee	Silver Cholla	MHP 5000 N. La Cholla	887-0891	
Carole Shrewsbury	Dairy Queen	2120 W Ruthrauff	293-5198	—
Beverly Chapman	my self	2401 W. Golda Pl #2	292-8823	
Betty Spears	my self	2401 W. Kimberly	887-9492	

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Catherine Bolm	self			
Heidi Schneider	HDR	2939 N Cardell Circle	5843651	
Elly Johnson	HDR	4690 E Megan Dr.	584 3200	

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Bob Mickelson	self	3675 N. El Moraga Dr 1	743-9838	
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Tom Danehy	SELF	5880 N. EDENBROOK LN. 85741	8874109	

La Cholla Boulevard: River Road to Ruthrauff Road

Design Project Information

1. What are the benefits of the project?

- Provides a safe parkway-type alternative north-south route to Oracle Road.
- Continues and connects recently completed widening projects on La Cholla south of Magee Road to River Road.
- Provides access to I-10 via Ruthrauff Road.
- Improves mobility, access, and safety for busses.
- Improves bicycle and pedestrian mobility and safety.
- Provides ADA accessible transit stops.
- Enhances the right-of-way with landscape and urban design (public art).

2. What type of improvements will the project contain?

- Proposed improvements include: six travel lanes, paved shoulders for bicycles, sidewalks, curbs and storm drains, intersection improvements at Curtis and at Ruthrauff, a new six-lane bridge over the Rillito river, a raised landscaped median, and urban design (public art).
- The voters of Pima County approved the scope of this project in the RTA vote of 2006.

3. How long will it take to improve La Cholla Boulevard?

- A new roadway design takes approximately 24 months. Procurement of a contractor takes approximately 3-9 months. Construction takes approximately 18-24 months. The design phase is just beginning.

4. How wide is the La Cholla Boulevard right-of-way?

- The right-of-way is 150' wide. The County acquired this right-of-way prior to 1960 in anticipation of widening La Cholla Boulevard. Much of the property adjacent to La Cholla Boulevard was zoned multi-use prior to any development to allow flexibility with private property as La Cholla Boulevard became busier and expanded over the years.

5. Will there be public input on this project?

- A Community Advisory Committee (CAC) has been formed. The design team has met with the CAC four times so far. Input from the CAC is considered in design and all CAC input is shared with the Board of Supervisors before preliminary design concepts are approved.
- Open Houses are held to provide project updates to the public and to receive input from the public.

6. How can I learn more about the project?

- The project web site is at: http://www.roadprojects.pima.gov/LaChollaRiver/
- Specific questions can be directed to: Carol Brichta, Pima County Community Relations, 740-6410.

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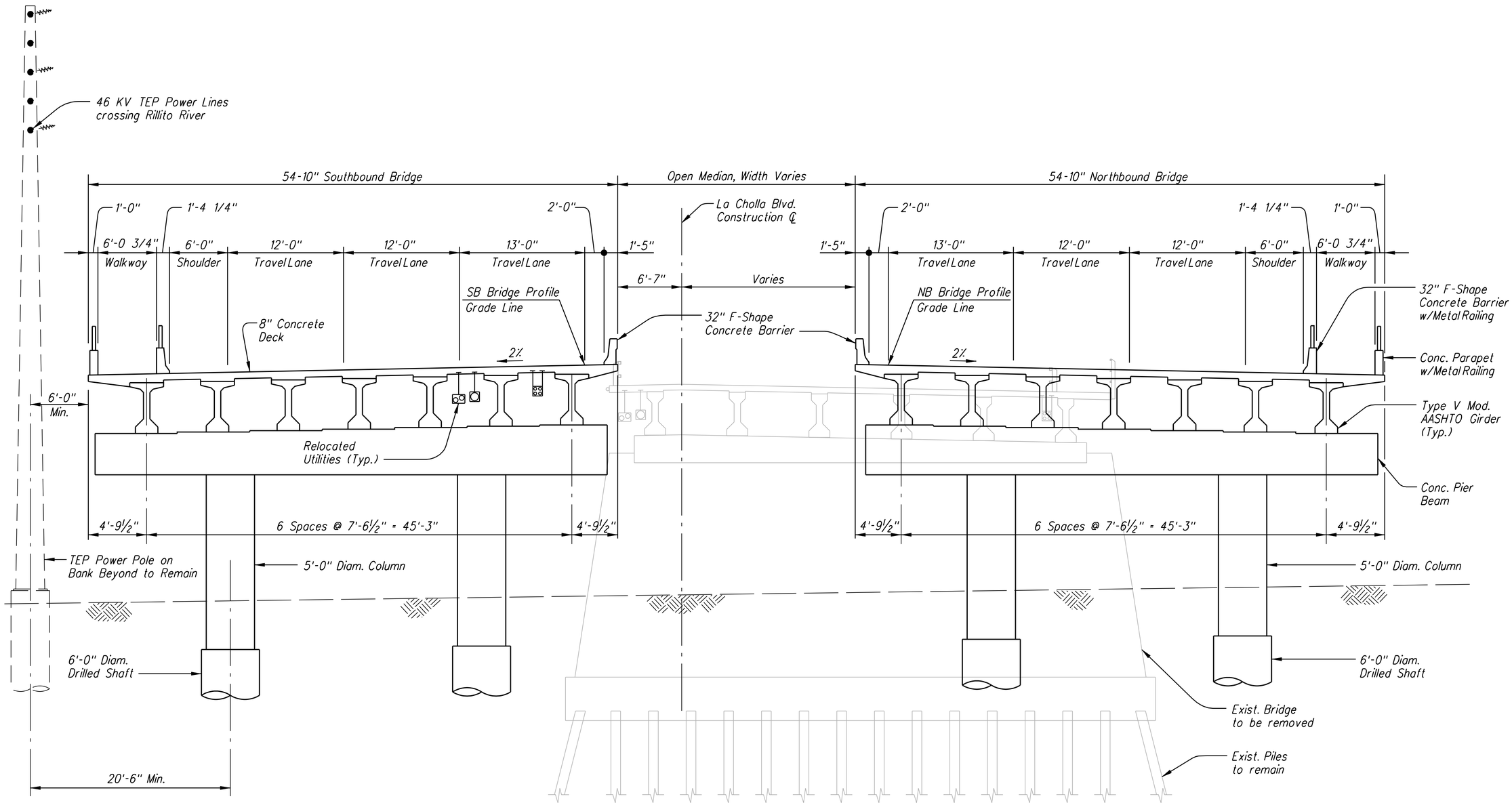

TYPICAL SECTION – (LOOKING NORTH)

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PROPOSED BRIDGE

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Pima County Department of Transportation

Priscilla S. Cornelio, P.E. Director

No.	Revision Description	Engineer	Date

		Date
Designed	MJD/CRM	03/08
Drawn	TRK	03/08
Checked	TWB	03/08
Proj. Eng.	TWB	03/08

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HDR

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TYPICAL SECTION
LA CHOLLA BOULEVARD BRIDGE
RUTHRAUFF RD. TO RIVER RD.
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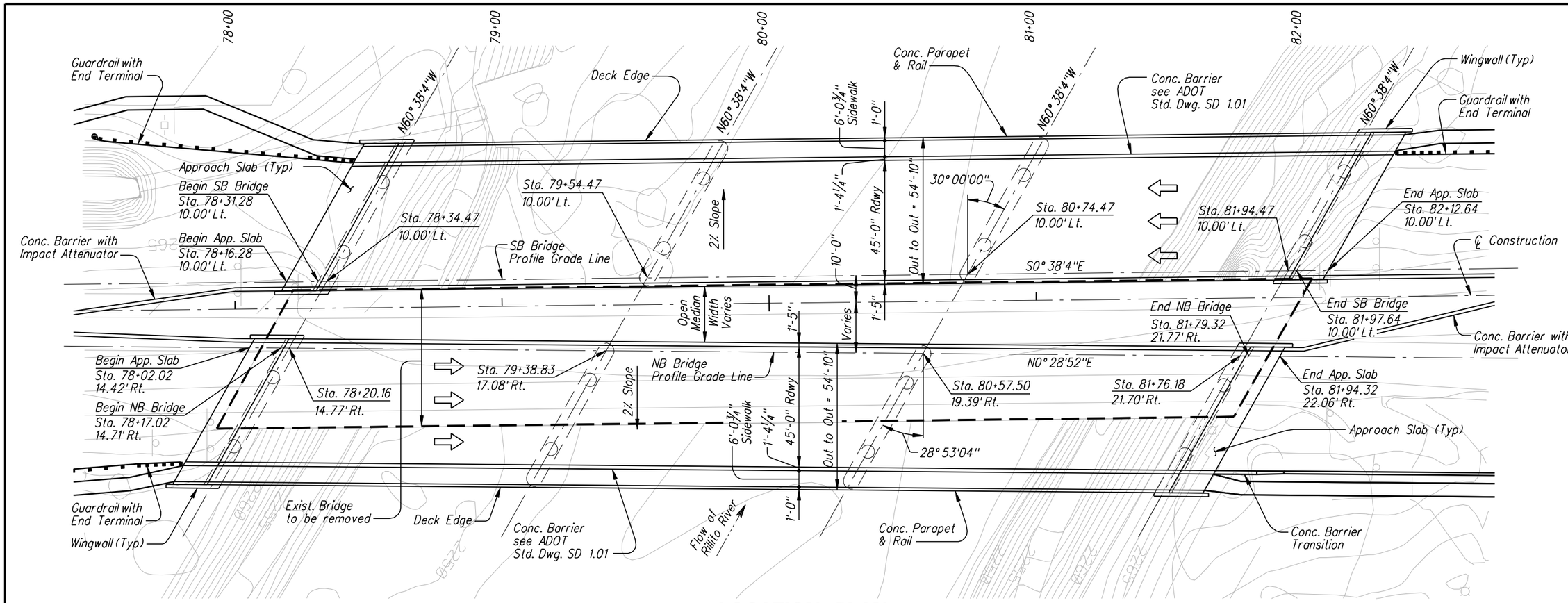

LOCATION PLAN

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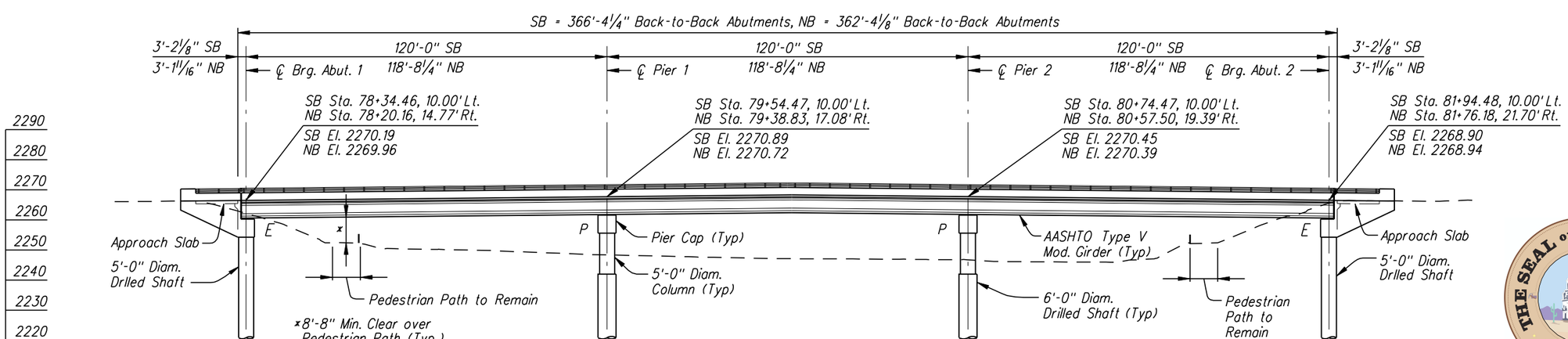

BRIDGE ELEVATION (LOOKING WEST)

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Stations are along the La Cholla Boulevard Construction Centerline.
Dimensions and Elevations are along the SB or NB Bridge Profile Grade Line at top of Deck unless noted otherwise.

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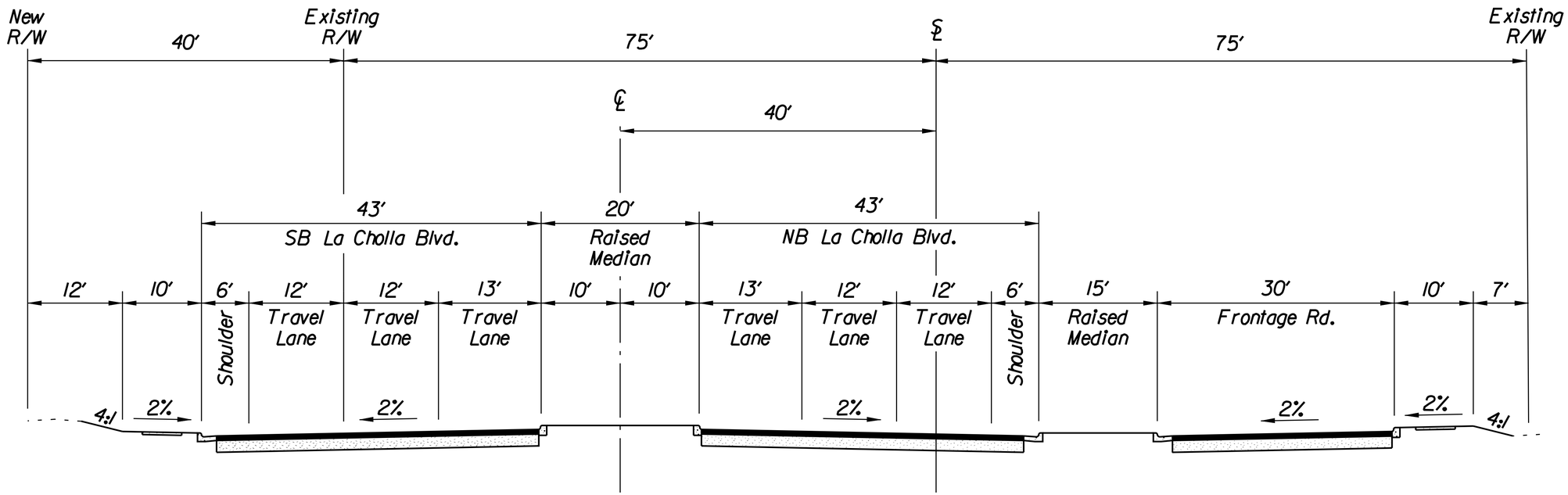


TYPICAL ROADWAY CROSS SECTION LA CHOLLA BLVD.
OPTION WITH RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION FOR AN
ADDITIONAL +/- $4 MILLION

N.T.S.

Common Outdoor and Indoor Noise Levels

Common Outdoor Noises	Noise Level (dBA*)	Common Indoor Noises
	110	Rock Band
Jet Flyover at 1,150 feet	100	
Gas Lawn Mower at 3 feet Diesel Truck at 50 feet	90	Food Blender at 3 feet
Noisy Urban Daytime	80	Garbage Disposal at 3 feet
Gas Lawn Mover at 100 feet	70	Shouting at 3 feet Vacuum Cleaner at 10 feet
Commercial area	60	Normal Speech at 3 feet
Quiet Urban Daytime	50	Large Business Office Dishwasher in next room
Quiet Urban Nighttime	40	Small Theater
Quiet Suburban Nighttime	30	Library
Quiet Rural Nighttime	20	Concert Hall
	10	Broadcast and Recording Studio
	0	Threshold of Hearing

Source: American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, 1993.

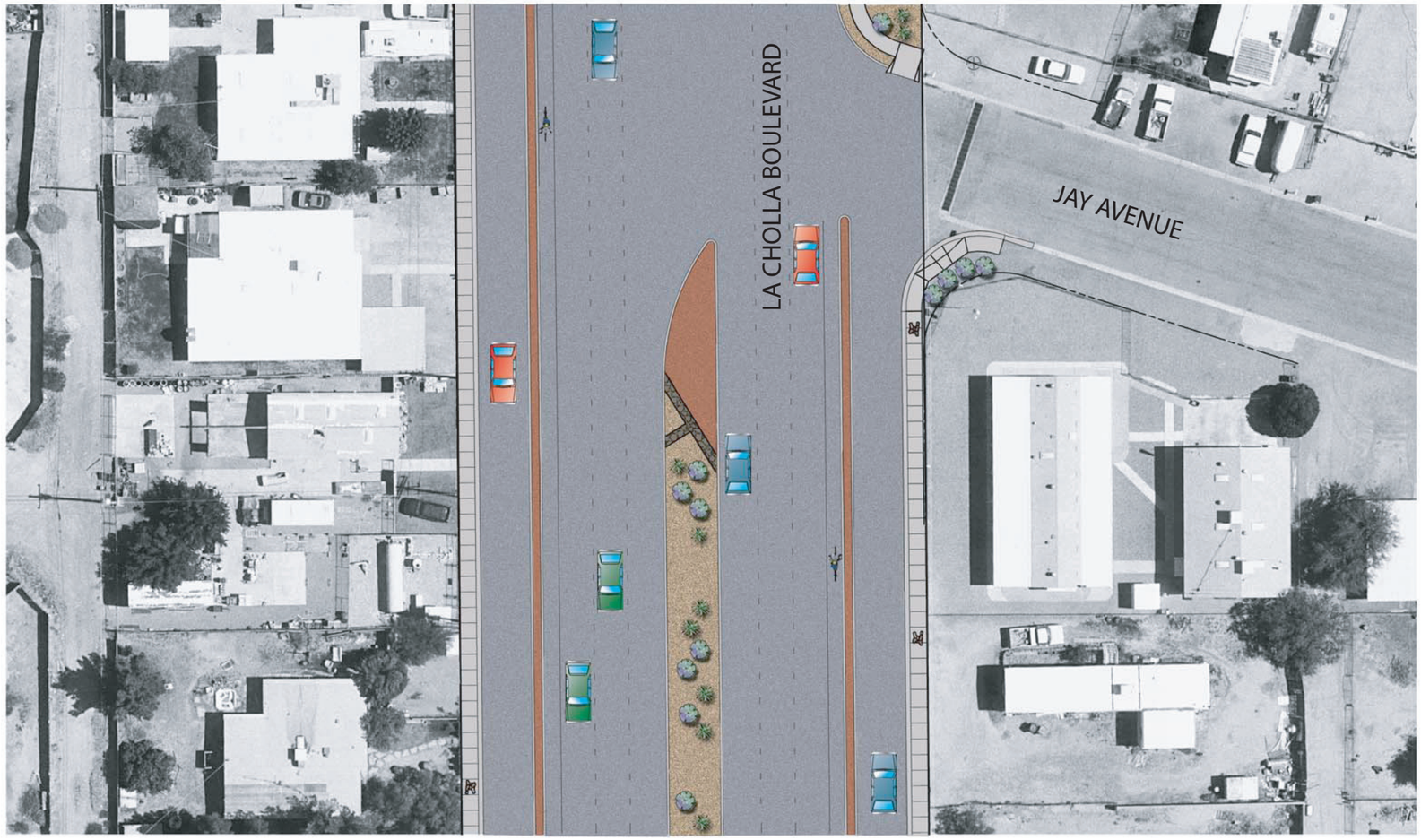
Distances less than 10 feet are rounded to the nearest whole foot and distances over 10 feet are rounded to the nearest 10 feet.

*dBA is a unit for measuring sound levels that is weighted to represent the range of human hearing.

Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report

These topics will be evaluated in the report for this project.

- Biological Resources
- Drainage and Water Quality
- Floodplains
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Utilities
- Hazardous Materials
- Cultural Resources
- Construction
- Visual Resources
- Right-of-way
- Access, Parking
- Neighborhood Disruption
- Parks and Recreation Areas
- Consistency with Other Plans
- Agency Coordination
- Public Participation
- Native Plant Preservation



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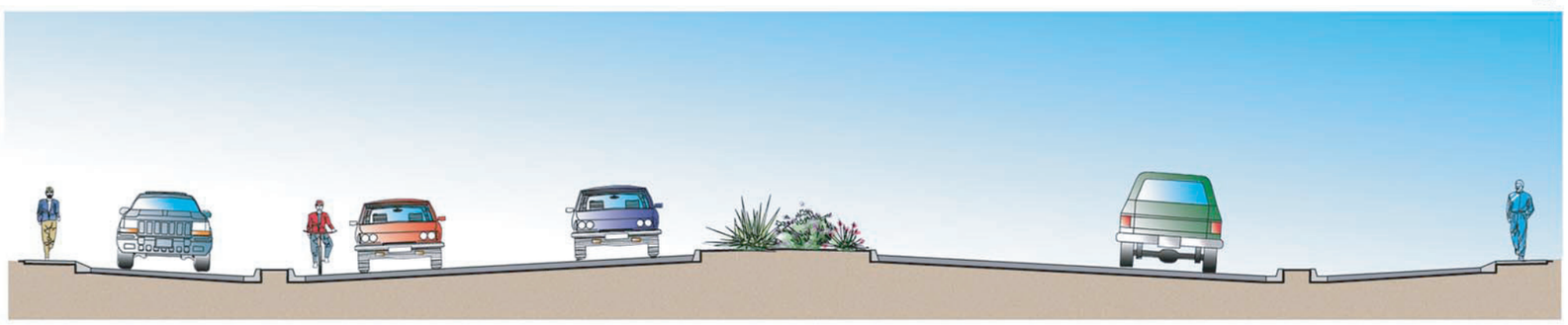

LANDSCAPE CONCEPT - TYPICAL SECTION AT FRONTAGE ROADS

LA CHOLLA BOULEVARD - RIVER ROAD TO RUTHRAUFF ROAD

TYPICAL LANDSCAPE PLAN AND SECTION

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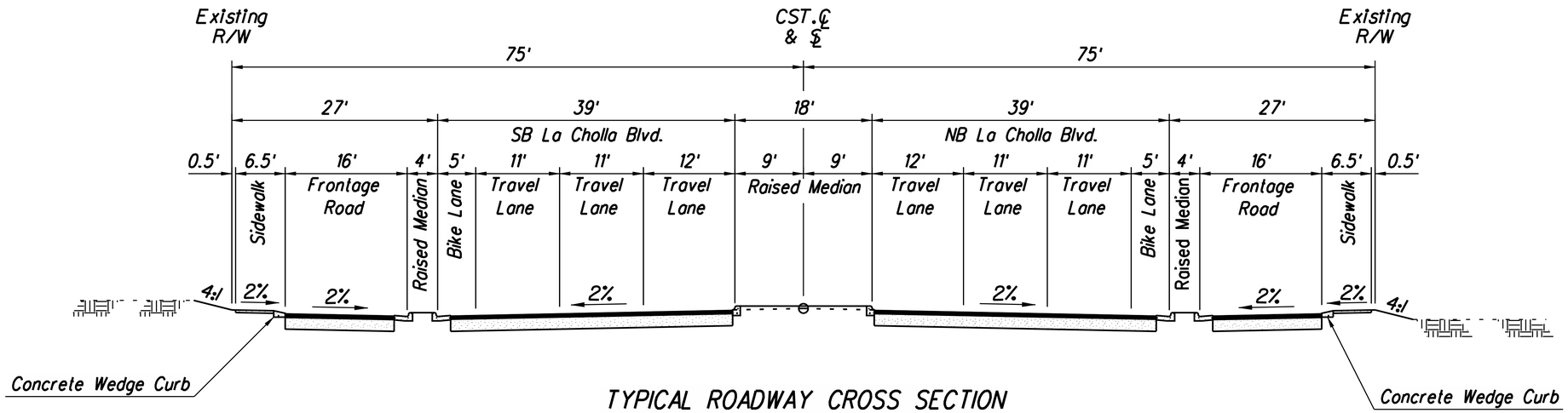

TYPICAL ROADWAY CROSS SECTION
LA CHOLLA BOULEVARD WITH FRONTAGE ROADS

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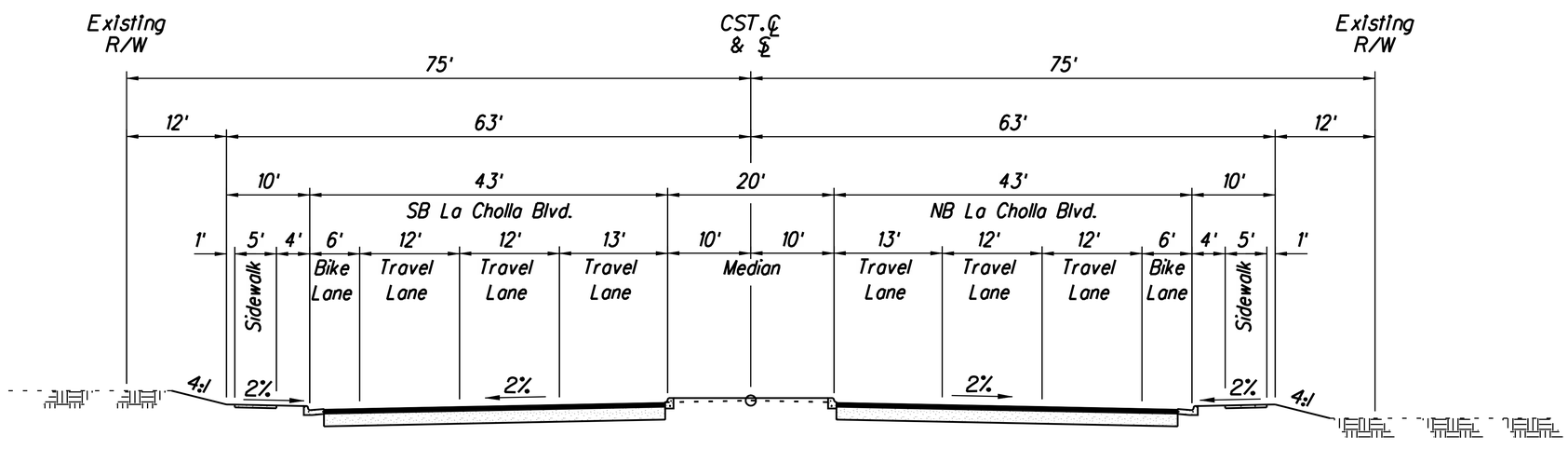

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LA CHOLLA BOULEVARD NORTH OF FRONTAGE ROADS

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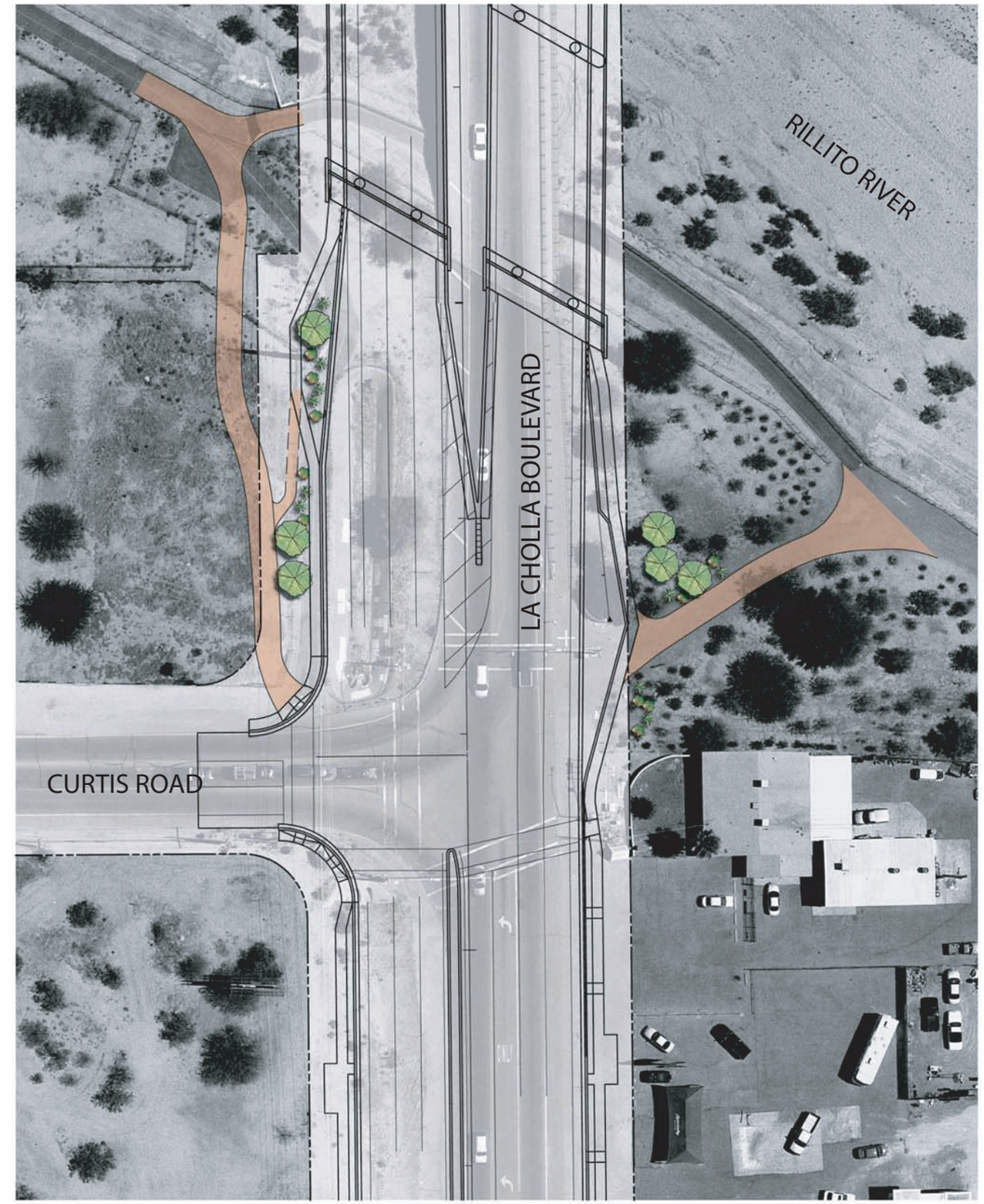
RIVER PARK ACCESS - NORTH BANK



RIVER PARK ACCESS - SOUTH BANK

LA CHOLLA BOULEVARD - RIVER ROAD TO RUTHRAUFF ROAD

PRELIMINARY CONCEPT - RIVER PARK ACCESS

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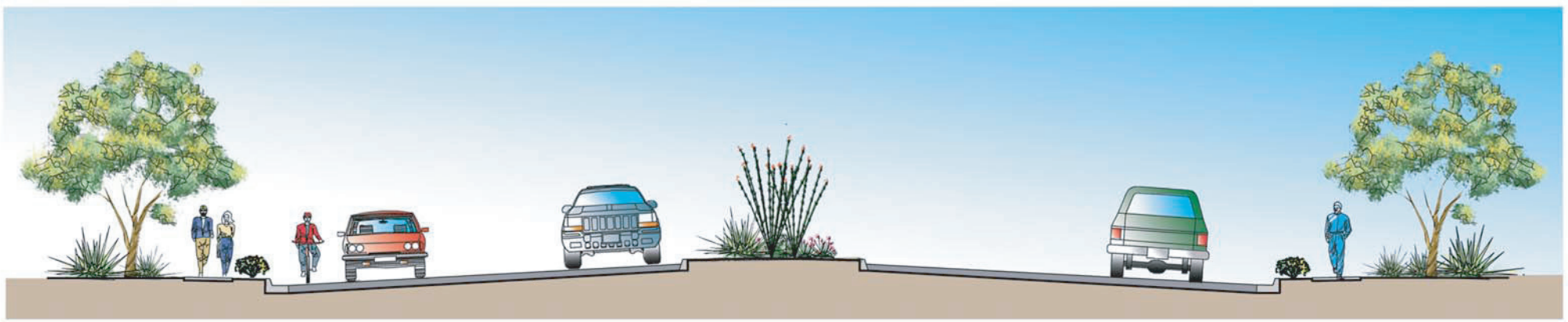

LANDSCAPE CONCEPT - TYPICAL SECTION

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LA CHOLLA BOULEVARD, RUTHRAUFF ROAD TO RIVER ROAD
EXISTING NOISE CONDITIONS

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0 125 250 500 750 1,000 Feet

Aerial Photography by Sun Mapping (July 2007 and October 2007)

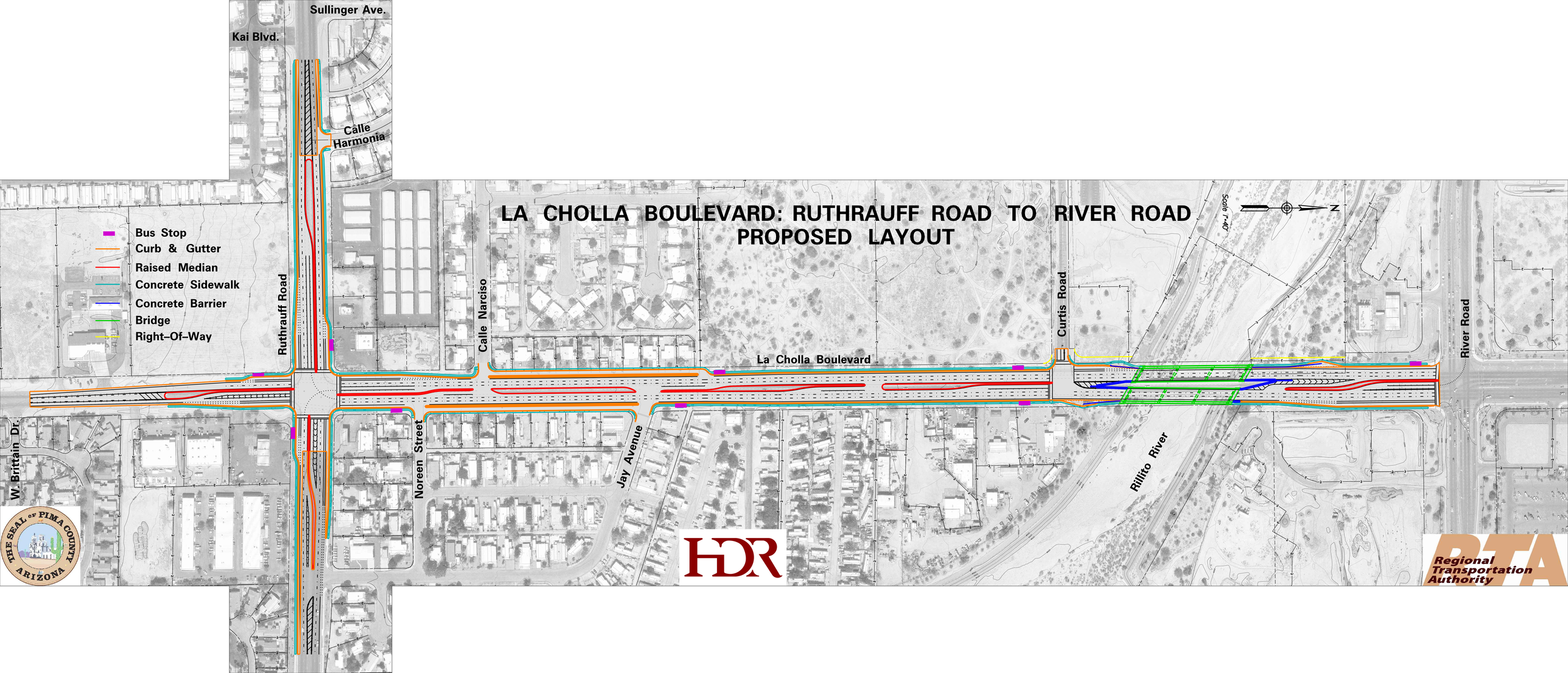
Legend

Noise monitoring site

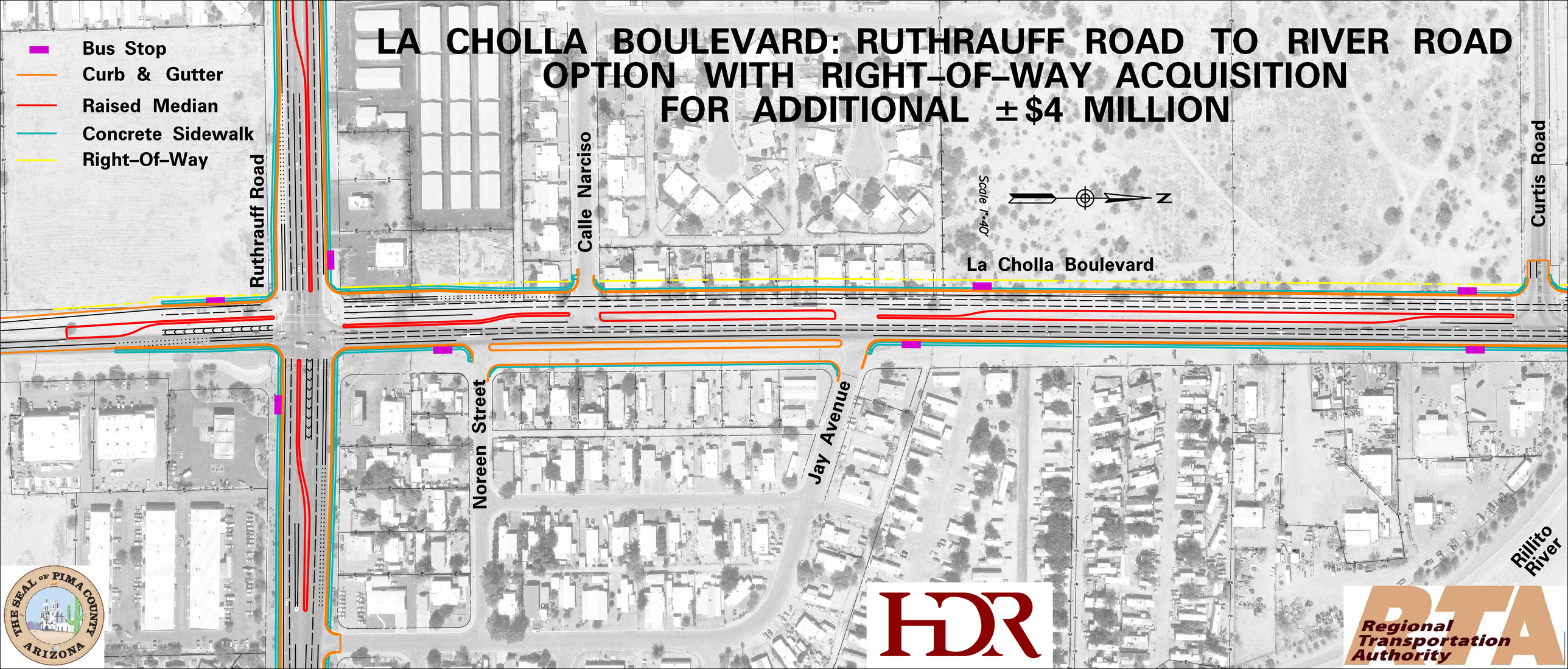
Date of measurements and average AM and PM noise levels during peak traffic hour (measured in dBA*)

* dBA is a unit for measuring sound levels that is weighted to represent the range of human hearing

LA CHOLLA BOULEVARD: RUTHRAUFF ROAD TO RIVER ROAD
PROPOSED LAYOUT



LA CHOLLA BOULEVARD: RUTHRAUFF ROAD TO RIVER ROAD OPTION WITH RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION FOR ADDITIONAL ±$4 MILLION



Pima County Department of Transportation
La Cholla Boulevard:
River Road to Ruthrauff Road

The Pima County Department of Transportation (PCDOT) held an informational public meeting to address roadway improvement conceptual design on La Cholla Boulevard from River Road to Ruthrauff Road. Area residents, property owners, stakeholders and jurisdictional representatives attended the public meeting. PCDOT representatives and the design team conducted a formal presentation at 6:15 p.m. Before and after the presentation, the meeting followed an open house format with maps, displays and other informational materials available for the public to view. Those in attendance were encouraged to complete and submit comment forms.

Public Meeting

- Thursday, March 6. 2008
    - Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center
    - 6 – 8:00 p.m.; Presentation at 6:15 p.m.

Public Notification

- Invitation-postcard announcing meeting mailed the week of Feb. 18, 2008
    - Mailing area included businesses and residences one half mile north of Ruthrauff Road and one half mile south of River Road; and one half mile east-west of La Cholla Boulevard between Ruthrauff Road and River Road
- Newspaper advertisements ran in the Arizona Daily Star on Feb. 24, 2008 and the Daily Territorial on Feb. 15, 2008
- Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) made contact with more than 100 businesses along the corridor providing them with information about the RTA Mainstreet program and invitations to the public meeting

Team Attendance

- **PCDOT**: Carol Brichta, Priscilla Cornelio, Ali Fermawi, Dean Papajohn, Annabelle Quihuis
- **Pima County District III**: Kiki Navarro – Representative for Supervisor Sharon Bronson
- **HDR**: Larry Barela, Bob Brittain, Ted Buell, Scott Stapp, René Tanner
- **Kimley-Horn and Associates:** Scott Beck
- **McGann & Associates**: Darlene Showalter
- **Public Artist**: Vicki Scuri
- **RTA**: Britton Dornquast, Steve Taylor
- **Tucson Pima Arts Council (TPAC)**: Jane Hallet
- **Gordley Design Group**: Susan Parcells, Arizeder Urreiztieta

Materials

- Fact Sheet
- Comment forms
- Sign-in sheets
- RTA brochures

Displays and Presentation

- Six information stations each with displays
    - Aerial photos showing alignment and access management
    - Typical cross-sections
    - Informational display board on noise
    - Notebook with examples of public art
    - Landscape design concepts and Rilllito River Park access concepts
    - Brochures (RTA/Mainstreet; Pima County Real Property)
    - Concept bridge plans
- PowerPoint presentation

Name	Address	Phone	E-mail	Add to Mailing List	1. What is your primary interest in La Cholla?	2. What do you like about this project?	3. Please list any questions or concerns about this project.	4. Please list any other comments you have concerning this project.
Comments Received at the Open House								
Betancourt, Celia	2121 W. Calle Narciso Tucson, AZ 85705			yes	I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	Side walks; Sound Barriers	More Traffic; Access into Calle Narciso in and out	Have a sound barrier or wall between house and road; narrowing of lanes further down the road.
Carrig, Cheryl	4964 N. Jay Ave. Tucson, AZ 85705	888-5685		Yes	I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	Kill the congestion.	If expansion is to the east, which I own property and reside in, what will happen to my property?	I am concerned with what will happen to my property, if anything.
Chardukian, Doris	5242 N. Royal Palm Dr. Tucson, AZ 85705	690-0690		Yes	I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly walk or bike through this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I own property off of Curtis Road.			When heading south on Curtis Road, there is a lane with a solid white line crossing out this lane. this was made into a right-turn lane now, it would help traffic some. I have almost been hit by vehicles in that lane.
Gaona, Robert	4921 N. La Cholla Blvd. Tucson, AZ 85705	887-1395		Yes	I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulveard.	Fix the traffic flow.	Drainage	Will we be bought out?
King, Gloria	2202 W. Calle Narciso Tucson, AZ 85705			Yes	I ownthe property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	Drainage problems to be corrected; sidewalks; landscaping	There need to be sound barriers between roadway and housing areas - this was not mentioned, but there is a need for them. Where is the art work going to go? Wider roads attract more traffic.	Questions from the floor were no encouraged. What is the plan for access to an from Calle Narciso? The lanes south of River Road need to be the same width as north of River Road - they shoulc not be narrower.
Larsen, Svein Larsen, Carol	2125 W. Calle Fortunado Tucson, AZ 85705	690-9091		Yes	I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulveard. I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	This will be a wonderful north-south roadway.	I live at 2125 W. Calle Fortunado. Access is on La Cholla Boulevard at Calle Narciso. When La Cholla is completed, I believe access will be very difficult because of the closeness to the traffic light at Ruthrauff Road, and just in general because of a major thoroughfare. I have lived at this address since 1964.	This was a good meeting and a very nice community center. I hope the traffic lights at Ruthrauff and Curtis Roads can somehow work as a team. The light at Ruthrauff Road now just makes traffic more congested instead of helping traffic.

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Mattausch, William	2462 W. Kimberly Pl. Tucson, AZ 85705	293-2958		Yes	I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	It is a good thing. It will move traffic quickly and safely.	Will we be able to pull heavy trucks off the residental streets, i.e.; Kain Avenue (north and south) between Ruthrauff Road and Curtis Road?	The three comanpies who move very large and heavy equipment; can they be required to use Curti Road and La Cholla Boulevard routes.
Plog, Patricia Plog, Terry	1965 W. Cusco Pl. # 2 Tucson, AZ 85705	235-0289	patriciaplog@ yahoo.com	Yes	I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly walk or bike through this section of La Cholla Boulveard. I live two blocks away from La Cholla Boulevard.	More space!! Traffic flow.	No questions.	I was hoping this project was further along. Need it now!!
Price, Robert	4950 N. La Cholla Blvd. Tucson, AZ 85705	888-2708	rprice15@ comcast.net	Yes	I live in rented property adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I own rental property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	No wall being put up.	A wall.	How long will it take?
Schweska, Stephen	4846-4854 N. La Cholla Blvd. Tucson, AZ 85705	906-2961		Yes			Ingress/egress is needed for businesses on the east side of La Cholla Boulevard. I would like to enter straight in and straight out - no frontage road. I am concerned that the bus stop is too close to the intersection of Ruthrauff Road and La Cholla Boulevard.	

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Steakman, Laura	5484 N. Bramble Brook Ln. Tucson, AZ 85704	888-9730	laurafree@ comast.net	Yes	I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I live in Riverside Place subdivision next to Bashas'.	Everything, especially relief from traffic congestion.	When is the widening of River Road to six lanes going to begin so we can make a U-turn at the intersection of La Cholla Boulevard and River Road to go east on River Road?	What is the tentative timeline to completion?
Van Echo, Jay	6750 W. El Camino del Cerro, Tucson, AZ 85745	917-4534	jay.vanecho@ dmjmharris. com	Yes	I regularly drive though this section of La Cholla Boulevard: to and from work and to shop regularly at River Road and La Cholla Boulevard - also a regular at Dairy Queen!	Improve a.m. and p.m. peak turn movements; improve roadway safety and reduce congestion; new bridge at the river; improved access.	Please do not spend my tax money foolishly; if you can build it within existing Rignt-Of-Way and not spend $4 million more - do it!! However, make sure landscape amenities and safe access are provided to homeowners - signal timing will be critical. Build it now - take advantage of a lull in construction activities to get a good bid!	The eastbound-to-northbound an conversely the southbound- to-westbound movements are extremely critical - please make sure turn-bay storages are sufficient. How about a free southbound-to-westbound right-turn lane into a dedicated westbound Ruthrauff Road acceleration lane to drop at a sufficient distance to the west?
Williams, Donald	5242 N. Royal Palms Dr. Tucson, AZ 85705	690-0690		Yes	I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly walk or bike through this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I live off of Curtis Road.			Until this project is started or completed, is there any reaso going south on La Cholla Boulevard across the bridge, that drivers could merge righ into a lane that is striped as a no-drive lane to make a right on Curtis Road? It might help the flow of traffic until completion of the project.
Anonymous					I regurlarly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	Looks nice.	Construction time - five years? This is a major way to the hospital.	
Anonymous					Commercial Development			Get this project bid!!! This is a period one RTA commitment! Forget the Right-Of-Way purchase! Get the constructio cost more in line with the budget.

Name	Address	Phone	E-mail	Add to Mailing List	1. What is your primary interest in La Cholla?	2. What do you like about this project?	3. Please list any questions or concerns about this project.	4. Please list any other comments you have concerning this project.
Miller, Chad	4545 N. La Cholla Blvd. Tucson, AZ 85705	696-8557	millerch@flowingwells.K12.az.us	Yes	I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I work at the school south of this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	To move traffic through the bridge and Curtis Road intersection while traveling southbound-northbound. Also, the sidewalks will be an added safety feature for students walking home from school.	Increase in the width of the intersection at La Cholla Boulevard and Ruthrauff Road. This will directly impact the safety of the students commuting to and from school.	I would like to request that th intersection at Ruthrauff Road have long enough "walk" time so students can safely travel through the intersection.
Bass, Bonny	1502 W. Kilburn Tucson, AZ 85705	293-6841	bbass@pd-law.com	Yes	I own a rental property in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly walk or bike through this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	I like the fact that the project is getting done. I think the section of road is long overdue for repairs and upgrading, and will ultimately be an asset to people who live in the area and commute through it.	See attached comments.	See attached comments.
Danehy, Tom	5880 N. Edenbrook Ln. Tucson, AZ 85741		c13yd@aol.com		I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	It is a logical extension of the widening that has occurred on La Cholla Boulevard north of River Road.	Why are the lane widths reduced in the areas where there will be frontage roads? It seems like 6.5-foot sidewalks could be reduced to 5 feet (as in the other sections) to provide 12-foot lanes throughout the entire segment.	I prefer the one-way frontage roads to the two-way frontage roads. Also, why are bus pullouts no included?

Public Attendance

- 84 attended

Public Comments

- Sixteen individuals submitted comment forms at the public meeting and during the two-week comment period ending March 20, 2008.

La Cholla Boulevard: River Road to Ruthrauff Road

Comment Form
March 6, 2008

1. **What is your primary interest in La Cholla?**
   - ☐ I live in rented property adjacent to this section of La Cholla.
   - ☐ I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla.
   - ☒ I own rental property in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla.
   - ☐ I work in a business on this section of La Cholla.
   - ☒ I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla.
   - ☒ I regularly walk or bike through this section of La Cholla.
   - ☐ Other, please explain. _____

2. **What do you like about this project?**
   See attached

3. **Please list any questions or concerns about this project.**
   See attached

4. **Please list any other comments you have concerning this project.**
   See attached

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2. **What did you like about this project?**

I like the fact that the project is getting done. I think this section of road is long overdue for repairs and upgrading and will ultimately be an asset to people who live in the area and who commute through it.

3. **Please list any questions or concerns about this project:**

a. I am disappointed by the design of the proposed project. It adversely affects people's homes, property and lives due to the increase of congestion and noise the improved roadway will bring to the neighborhood.

b. I would like to know why bus pullouts will not be designed into the project. One selling point of the RTA prior to the election last year was that bus pullouts would be instituted on major arteries to aid in the efficient flow of traffic.

c. The fact that Pima County sees no need for sound abatement bothers me. I do not believe that this project would be presented to neighborhoods where the "perceived" income of the residents is higher. I have always felt and continue to feel that Pima County does not care about the "lower income" citizens who reside in these neighborhoods and therefore does not care to rectify the noise problems.

d. I continue to be distressed by the fact that Pima County believes it is okay to narrow the travel lanes along the stretch of roadway where the 10 or 11 homes are to "squeeze" the roadway in.

e. I would like to know why no one, other than the RTA and Pima County, had a say in who the artist on this project would be. In attending other road widening projects, the CAC Committee members will be given the opportunity to choose the artist. We are stuck with some lady, even if she is nationally recognized, from Seattle. I find it hard to believe that there are no qualified artists in the entire State of Arizona. I am assuming we will be stuck with a "Sonora" or other similarly bad art projects in and around Tucson.

f. As the project is proposed, there is no room for landscaping.

g. I do not like the one way access roads proposed for the east and west sides of the street. It is unlike any other roadway projects in the Tucson area, except for some that were done perhaps in the 1980's. Pricilla Cornelio's solution is for residents to use the alley behind their homes to access their properties. This is not a viable solution and the arrogance of the suggestion is a slap in the face.

h. I continue to be concerned how the City of Tucson will maintain its well site on La Cholla Boulevard after the access road is installed. The maintenance vehicles

will virtually close the access road to any through traffic since there will be no where for them to park.

i. The suggestion by an Engineer at the Open House that although this access road is proposed to be one way, it won't matter whether or not people drive two ways on it was insulting. His further suggestion that people will park along this access road even if they are told not to was also insulting. If there is no parking there, then the PCSO could issue parking citations.

j. I am confused why the road width and the sidewalk width will not be constructed according to guidelines set out in the *Pima County Roadway Design Manual.*

k. If there is such a big problem with the budget then who is responsible for the shortfall? If the County knew they were going to do this project, and understood that the project needed to comply with the *Pima County Roadway Design Manual*, then why weren't the appropriate amount of funds set aside? Who fell down on the job?

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March 6, 2008

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   - ☐ I live in rented property adjacent to this section of La Cholla.
   - ☐ I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla.
   - ☐ I own rental property in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla.
   - ☒ I work in a ~~business on~~ school south of this section of La Cholla.
   - ☒ I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla.
   - ☐ I regularly walk or bike through this section of La Cholla.
   - ☐ Other, please explain. _____

2. **What do you like about this project?**
   To move traffic through the bridge & Curtis intersection while traveling southbound/northbound. Also, the sidewalks will be an added safety feature for students walking home from school.

3. **Please list any questions or concerns about this project.**
   Increase in the width of La Cholla/Ruthrauff intersection. This will have a direct impact on the safety of students commuting to/from school.

4. **Please list any other comments you have concerning this project.**
   Requesting that the intersection at Ruthrauff have long enough "walk" times so students can safely travel through intersection w/o oncoming traffic starting.

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April 8, 2008

Tom Danehy
5880 North Edenbrook Lane
Tucson, Arizona 85741

Re: La Cholla Boulevard, Ruthrauff Road to River Road, Project #4LCITR

Dear Mr. Danehy:

We are glad you were able to attend the Open House on March 6, 2008 for La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road. We also appreciate the time you took to submit comments. All written public comments received at the open house were read by the project team and will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in the Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report (EAMR) for La Cholla Boulevard. I

In your comments you asked about sidewalk width and bus pullouts. The cross-section for the frontage roads includes a 5 foot sidewalk with a 1.5 foot wedge curb for a total of 6.5 feet. At this stage of planning, approximate locations for bus stops have been identified. The details of the bus stops will proceed in later stages of design.

Thank you for your interest in the project.

Sincerely,

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William Mattausch
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Re: La Cholla Boulevard, Ruthrauff Road to River Road, Project #4LCITR

Dear Mr. Mattausch:

We are glad you were able to attend the Open House on March 6, 2008 for La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road. We also appreciate the time you took to submit comments. All written public comments received at the open house were read by the project team and will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in the Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report (EAMR) for La Cholla Boulevard.

In your comments you mentioned the truck traffic on Kain Ave. We forwarded your concerns to the Pima County Traffic Engineering Division. They noted that Kain Avenue is a collector roadway with industrial complexes at both the north and south ends of the segment between Ruthrauff Road and Curtis Road, with some business access from Kain Avenue. Typically, the County does not limit truck traffic on public roadways unless there is some physical facility (bridge, culvert, pavement, etc.) that has a structural limitation. A review of the crash history for Kain Avenue and intermediate intersections found no applicable crash history. Kain Avenue is not a local roadway and is not within a subdivision and is therefore not defined as a "cut through" route. Given these considerations, no weight restrictions have been established for Kain Avenue.

Thank you for your interest in the project.

Sincerely,

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Svein and Carol Larsen
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Re: La Cholla Boulevard, Ruthrauff Road to River Road, Project #4LCITR

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Larsen:

We are glad you were able to attend the Open House on March 6, 2008 for La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road. We also appreciate the time you took to submit comments. All written public comments received at the open house were read by the project team and will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in the Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report (EAMR) for La Cholla Boulevard.

In your comments you mentioned Calle Narciso and the intersections. A median opening is planned for Calle Narciso to leave access open from La Cholla Blvd., however, the close proximity of Calle Narciso to the Ruthrauff intersection may make access more challenging during busier parts of the day. Regarding the Ruthrauff intersection, the current plans call for two left turn lanes for southbound La Cholla and eastbound Ruthrauff and a right turn lane on all four legs of the intersection. Turn lanes are also planned for Curtis Road. The timing of traffic lighting will be studied and integrated into the project.

Thank you for your interest in the project.

Sincerely,

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Stephen Schweska
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Re: La Cholla Boulevard, Ruthrauff Road to River Road, Project #4LCITR

Dear Mr. Schweska:

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In your comments you mentioned access and bus stops. A frontage road was recommended for the properties between Noreen and Jay in order to reduce traffic conflict with the new six lane road. Having multiple driveways and multiple vehicles exiting and entering La Cholla could be confusing. Regarding the bus stops, Sun Tran prefers their bus stops to be down stream but close to the intersections. The project team will continue to work with Sun Tran on the location and configuration of bus stops.

Thank you for your interest in the project.

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Robert Price
4950 North La Cholla Boulevard
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Re: La Cholla Boulevard, Ruthrauff Road to River Road, Project #4LCITR

Dear Mr. Price:

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In your comments you mentioned walls and schedule. The County received varying opinions on the desirability of sound barriers. The alternative with right-of-way acquisition and sound barriers will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for consideration. It is important for the County to hear from the public on this issue to make sure all concerns are taken into account. Regarding schedules, to comply with all the regulations and policies it takes about 2 years to complete a roadway design if there are no political, financial, environmental, or cultural delays. Since right-of-way acquisition has appeared as an issue, it may take additional time to get the project under construction.

Thank you for your interest in the project.

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Bonny Bass
1502 West Kilburn
Tucson, Arizona 85705

Re: La Cholla Boulevard, Ruthrauff Road to River Road, Project #4LCITR

Dear Ms. Bass:

We are glad you were able to attend the Open House on March 6, 2008 for La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road. We also appreciate the time you took to submit comments. All written public comments received at the open house were read by the project team and will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in the Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report (EAMR) for La Cholla Boulevard.

In your comments you asked about a number of issues the CAC has been discussing with the County. One item you asked about was the selection of the artist. The Pima County Public Art Program Policy is described in Board of Supervisors Policy C3.3, which can be found in the Roadway Design Manual, Appendix 3-E. Tucson Pima Arts Council (TPAC) is charged with managing the selection process. Section V.D.B. describes the make-up of the selection panel. In the case of La Cholla, the following people served on the panel: Ellie Towne (community representative), Dan Offret (community representative), Barbara Jo McLaughlin (local artist), Curt Brill (local artist), Barbara Macri (local arts professional), Lauren Harmon (District 3 Office representative), Roberta Zelikow (District 3 Appointee to Public Art & Community Design Committee, non-voting member), Ted Buell (design principal), Dean Papajohn (PCDOT Department designee), and Jane L. Hallet (panel facilitator –TPAC, non-voting member). TPAC takes great pride in running consistent and fair artist selection panels.

Thank you for your interest in the project

Sincerely,

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Chad Miller
4545 North La Cholla Boulevard
Tucson, Arizona 85705

Re: La Cholla Boulevard, Ruthrauff Road to River Road, Project #4LCITR

Dear Mr. Miller:

We are glad you were able to attend the Open House on March 6, 2008 for La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road. We also appreciate the time you took to submit comments. All written public comments received at the open house were read by the project team and will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in the Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report (EAMR) for La Cholla Boulevard. I

In your comments you asked about the intersection at La Cholla and Ruthrauff. Signal timing and pedestrian crossing times will be reviewed by our traffic engineers during design.

Thank you for your interest in the project.

Sincerely,

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Donald Williams
5242 North Royal Palms Drive
Tucson, Arizona 85705

Re: La Cholla Boulevard, Ruthrauff Road to River Road, Project #4LCITR

Dear Mr. Williams:

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In your comments you asked if a right-turn lane for Curtis Road could be striped on the existing La Cholla bridge until the new improvements are built. This paved shoulder is designated for bicycles, allowing motorized vehicles to use it for a turn lane would create conflicts. The slanted striping was added to remind vehicles to stay out of the bicycle lane. The proposed improvements will provide separate space for right turns.

Thank you for your interest in the project.

Sincerely,

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Jay Van Echo
6750 West El Camino del Cerro
Tucson, Arizona 85745

Re: La Cholla Boulevard, Ruthrauff Road to River Road, Project #4LCITR

Dear Mr. Van Echo:

We are glad you were able to attend the Open House on March 6, 2008 for La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road. We also appreciate the time you took to submit comments. All written public comments received at the open house were read by the project team and will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in the Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report (EAMR) for La Cholla Boulevard.

In your comments you mentioned right-of-way, landscape, access, signal timing, turn bays, free southbound right turn lane, and schedule. The alternatives with and without right-of-way acquisition will be presented to the Board of Supervisors since additional money would be needed if property is acquired. The displays at the open house showed access, landscape, and turn lanes. If you have specific questions, please let us know. A free southbound right turn lane was considered at Ruthrauff but was rejected due to the need for property acquisition. Signal timing will be considered in the design of the intersections. Regarding schedules, to comply with all the regulations and policies it takes about 2 years to complete a roadway design if there are no political, financial, environmental, or cultural delays. Since right-of-way acquisition has appeared as an issue, it may take additional time to get the project under construction.

Thank you for your interest in the project.

Sincerely,

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Laura Steakman
5484 North Bramble Brook
Tucson, Arizona 85704

Re: La Cholla Boulevard, Ruthrauff Road to River Road, Project #4LCITR

Dear Ms. Steakman:

We are glad you were able to attend the Open House on March 6, 2008 for La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road. We also appreciate the time you took to submit comments. All written public comments received at the open house were read by the project team and will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in the Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report (EAMR) for La Cholla Boulevard.

In your comments you mentioned the River Road and schedule. Currently there is no definite schedule for improvements to River Road, though the intersection may be widened before the main line. Regarding schedules, to comply with all the regulations and policies it takes about 2 years to complete a roadway design if there are no political, financial, environmental, or cultural delays. Since right-of-way acquisition has appeared as an issue, it may take additional time to get the project under construction.

Thank you for your interest in the project.

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Terry and Patricia Plog
1965 West Cusco Place #2
Tucson, Arizona 85705

Re: La Cholla Boulevard, Ruthrauff Road to River Road, Project #4LCITR

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Plog:

We are glad you were able to attend the Open House on March 6, 2008 for La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road. We also appreciate the time you took to submit comments. All written public comments received at the open house were read by the project team and will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in the Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report (EAMR) for La Cholla Boulevard.

In your comments you mentioned your desire for the project to move forward quickly. The project is fully staffed and will work toward getting construction started as soon as possible. To comply with all the regulations and policies it takes about 2 years to complete a roadway design if there are no political, financial, environmental, or cultural delays. Since right-of-way acquisition has appeared as an issue, it may take additional time to get the project under construction.

Thank you for your interest in the project.

Sincerely,

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Gloria King
2202 West Calle Narciso
Tucson, Arizona 85705

Re: La Cholla Boulevard, Ruthrauff Road to River Road, Project #4LCITR

Dear Ms. King:

We are glad you were able to attend the Open House on March 6, 2008 for La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road. We also appreciate the time you took to submit comments. All written public comments received at the open house were read by the project team and will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in the Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report (EAMR) for La Cholla Boulevard.

In your comments you mentioned sound barriers, public art, traffic congestion, lane width, and Calle Narciso. The County received varying opinions on the desirability of sound barriers. The alternative with right-of-way acquisition and sound barriers will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for consideration. Most of the congestion problems are due to the intersection. Six lanes should be more than adequate to handle traffic within the corridor. The lane width will be designed to meet or exceed national standards. A median opening is planned for Calle Narciso to leave access open from La Cholla Blvd., however, the close proximity of Calle Narciso to the Ruthrauff intersection may make access more challenging during busier parts of the day.

Thank you for your interest in the project.

Sincerely,

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Robert Gaona
4921 North La Cholla Boulevard
Tucson, Arizona 85705

Re: La Cholla Boulevard, Ruthrauff Road to River Road, Project #4LCITR

Dear Mr. Gaona:

We are glad you were able to attend the Open House on March 6, 2008 for La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road. We also appreciate the time you took to submit comments. All written public comments received at the open house were read by the project team and will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in the Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report (EAMR) for La Cholla Boulevard. I

In your comments you mentioned drainage and property acquisition. A thorough drainage analysis will be performed as part of the roadway design. Though improvements in the right-of-way don't necessarily improve flooding on private properties. Regarding property acquisition, the County's recommendation is to construct the new improvements in the existing right-of-way without purchasing property from adjacent landowners. This would eliminate uncertainty that some property owners are feeling. The alternative with right-of-way acquisition and sound barriers will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for consideration. If the Board approves right-of-way acquisition, some adjacent properties would need to be purchased by the County. It is important for the County to hear from the public on this issue to make sure all concerns are taken into account.

Thank you for your interest in the project.

Sincerely,

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Doris Chardukian
5242 North Royal Plam Drive
Tucson, Arizona 85705

Re: La Cholla Boulevard, Ruthrauff Road to River Road, Project #4LCITR

Dear Ms. Chardukian:

We are glad you were able to attend the Open House on March 6, 2008 for La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road. We also appreciate the time you took to submit comments. All written public comments received at the open house were read by the project team and will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in the Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report (EAMR) for La Cholla Boulevard.

In your comments you asked if a right-turn lane for Curtis Road could be striped on the existing La Cholla bridge until the new improvements are built. This paved shoulder is designated for bicycles, allowing motorized vehicles to use it for a turn lane would create conflicts. The slanted striping was added to remind vehicles to stay out of the bicycle lane. The proposed improvements will provide separate space for right turns.

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Cheryl Carrig
4964 North Jay Avenue
Tucson, Arizona 85705

Re: La Cholla Boulevard, Ruthrauff Road to River Road, Project #4LCITR

Dear Ms. Carrig:

We are glad you were able to attend the Open House on March 6, 2008 for La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road. We also appreciate the time you took to submit comments. All written public comments received at the open house were read by the project team and will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in the Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report (EAMR) for La Cholla Boulevard.

In your comments you mentioned your property on the east side of La Cholla. The County's recommendation is to construct the new improvements in the existing right-of-way without purchasing property from adjacent landowners. This would eliminate uncertainty that some property owners are feeling. The alternative with right-of-way acquisition and sound barriers will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for consideration. If the Board approves right-of-way acquisition some adjacent properties would need to be purchased by the County. It is important for the County to hear from the public on this issue to make sure all concerns are taken into account.

Thank you for your interest in the project.

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April 8, 2008

Celia Betancourt
2121 West Calle Narciso
Tucson, Arizona 85704

Re: La Cholla Boulevard, Ruthrauff Road to River Road, Project #4LCITR

Dear Ms. Betancourt:

We are glad you were able to attend the Open House on March 6, 2008 for La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road. We also appreciate the time you took to submit comments. All written public comments received at the open house were read by the project team and will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in the Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report (EAMR) for La Cholla Boulevard.

In your comments you mentioned access to Calle Narciso. A median opening is planned for Calle Narciso to leave access open from La Cholla Blvd., however, the close proximity of Calle Narciso to the Ruthrauff intersection may make access more challenging during busier parts of the day. You mentioned sound barrier and lane widths as concerns. The County received varying opinions on the desirability of sound barriers. The alternative with right-of-way acquisition and sound barriers will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for consideration. It is important for the County to hear from the public on this issue to make sure all concerns are taken into account.

Thank you for your interest in the project.

Sincerely,

Dean

Dean Papajohn, P.E.
Project Manager

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Sample Letter; Distributed to all CAC Members

June 5, 2008

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Ellie Towne
5324 N. Royal Palm Drive
Tucson, AZ 85705

Dear Ms. Towne:

This letter provides a brief update on project activities for **La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road**. There are numerous studies and reports required in order to complete a roadway project. Since the open house in March, the project team has been working on draft reports for Cultural Resources, Biological Evaluations, Geotechnical information, Noise studies, etc. The primary documents underway now are the Design Concept Report (DCR) and the Environmental Mitigation and Assessment Report (EAMR). These reports not only document the proposed plan, but also will include the background information that lead to the plan, alignment alternatives with pros and cons, impacts to the environment and community, and the specific concerns of the CAC. Next steps in the roadway design process include:

- Complete the DCR and EAMR.
- County review of DCR and EAMR.
- Present the DCR and EAMR to the CAC.
- CAC to compose a response letter to the EAMR for the Board of Supervisors. (Areas of concern have previously been escalated to County Administration and to your Supervisor, so they are familiar with the issues.)
- Present EAMR plans to the public at an open house.
- Present DCR to the Director of the Department of Transportation.
- Present EAMR to the Board of Supervisors. Public input is included in the EAMR document and can be shared at the Board of Supervisor's public hearing.

The next CAC meeting is anticipated for August. We will be contacting you about a specific meeting time as the date draws nearer. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns about the roadway design process, please feel free to contact me. The County appreciates your service on the Community Advisory Committee for La Cholla Boulevard.

Sincerely,

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July 10, 2008

Re: La Cholla Boulevard: River Road to Ruthrauff Road
Community Advisory Meeting (CAC)

Dear Neighbor:

The Pima County Department of Transportation will be hosting a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting for the La Cholla Boulevard: River Road to Ruthrauff Road improvement project.

The meeting will be held on Thursday July 24, 2008 from 6:00 - 7:30pm at the **Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center located at 1660 W. Ruthrauff Road.** The meeting agenda will include the review of the noise report.

If you have questions regarding the meeting, please contact me at (520)740-6410 or e-mail Carol.Brichta@dot.pima.gov.

Sincerely,

Carol Brichta,
Community Relations,
Program Coordinator

xc: Dean Papajohn, Project Manager
Annabelle Quihuis - Community Relations Manager

La Cholla Boulevard:
Ruthruaff Road to River Road

Agenda

La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road
Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting
Thursday July 24, 2008
6:00-7:30 p.m.
Ellie Towne Community Center

6:00 Welcome and Introductions

6:10 Agenda and meeting format

6:15 Project Update

6:20 Presentation of Noise Report

7:00 Discussion

7:25 Next Steps

- CAC meeting on Thursday August 7, 2008 from 6:00-7:30 to distribute and discuss the draft Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report (EAMR) and the draft Design Concept Report (DCR). CAC will be asked to write a response letter to the EAMR.
- Open House September 9 or 11.

7:30 Adjourn meeting

Team will remain for individual questions

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August 4, 2008

Re: La Cholla Boulevard: River Road to Ruthrauff Road
Community Advisory Meeting (CAC)

Dear Neighbor:

The Pima County Department of Transportation will be hosting a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting for the La Cholla Boulevard: River Road to Ruthrauff Road improvement project.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 12, 2008 from 6:00 - 7:30pm at the **Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center located at 1660 W. Ruthrauff Road.** The meeting agenda will include the review of the Environmental Assessment and Mitigation (EAMR) report.

If you have questions regarding the meeting, please contact me at (520)740-6410 or e-mail Carol.Brichta@dot.pima.gov.

Sincerely,

Carol Brichta,
Community Relations,
Program Coordinator

xc: Dean Papajohn, Project Manager
Annabelle Quihuis - Community Relations Manager

La Cholla Boulevard:
Ruthruaff Road to River Road

Agenda

La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road
Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting
Tuesday August 12, 2008
6:00-7:30 p.m.
Ellie Towne Community Center

6:00 Welcome and Introductions

6:10 Presentation of Draft Design Concept Report

6:30 Presentation of Draft Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report

7:00 Follow up on Noise Report

7:10 Discussion

7:25 Next Steps

- Open House September 11.

7:30 Adjourn meeting

Team will remain for individual questions

La Cholla Boulevard:
Ruthrauff Road to River Road
Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting
Thursday, Aug. 12, 2008
6 to 7:30 p.m.
Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center

CAC Members Present:
- Fred Bass
- Ann Girvin
- Norma Metz
- Wayne Metz
- Robert Schwartz
- Ellie Towne

CAC Members Not in Attendance:
- Ellen Currey
- Carol Gawrychowski
- Andy Hernandez
- Jason Kai
- William Mattausch
- Gretchen Ochoa
- Ian Stewart
- Kaye Swinford

Attending from Project Team:
- Pima County Department of Transportation (PCDOT): Carol Brichta, Rick Ellis, Dean Papajohn
- Representative from Supervisor Sharon Bronson's office: Kiki Navarro
- HDR Engineering: Larry Barela, Catherine Bolm, Bob Brittain, Ted Buell, Scott Stapp
- Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) – Jim DeGrood
- Gordley Design Group: Barb Alley, Arizeder Urreiztieta

Attending from the Public:
- Bonny Bass
- Timothy Barrett
- Marvin Horn
- Bob Iannarino
- Jerry Jones

Materials Distributed/Presented:
- Agenda
- Comment forms
- RTA booklets
- Draft Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report and Draft Design Concept Report

Dean Papajohn, PCDOT Project Manager, welcomed the group to the CAC meeting, and again thanked the members for their commitment to the La Cholla Boulevard project. He took a moment to go around the room and have everyone introduce themselves and state their affiliation.

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to discuss two very important project documents. The CAC will be provided with the draft Design Concept Report (DCR) and the draft Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report (EAMR). Although the DCR is in draft form, it is quite thorough at this stage and it includes all the documentation that has been presented to the CAC members over the past several months. The draft EAMR contains all the information to date and it summarizes all the investigations, analysis and design work that has been completed for this project.

With the amount of information in the reports, the team felt it would be beneficial to the members to present them with the documents in order to help them navigate through some of the major elements in the documents. It will be the role of the CAC members to respond to the DCR and the EAMR, and present that information back to the design team.

Dean took a moment to direct the CAC to the Community Participation and Mitigation Ordinance, section 10.56.200, which is located in their member notebooks. He stated that this section spells out the functions and the duties of the CAC. At this point in the process, the CAC is to provide written comments containing the CAC's recommendations on the DCR and the EAMR. The written summary and response will not only be presented to the design team, but will also be presented to the Pima County Board of Supervisors (BOS).

The CAC members on this project are further in the process than other CAC's; they had written a letter to the BOS in January. Dean stated that the team did their best to incorporate their concerns in the documents that the committee had received.

Dean stated that the group would need to come together after reviewing the documents in order to write their letter. He stated that PCDOT would be available to meet with the members if requested. Dean stated that the committee could use the comments that they submitted to the BOS in January, or they could write a new letter.

Dean informed the members that as a part of the process, the team would be getting the additional input from the community at a public meeting that has been scheduled for Sept. 11, 2008, at the Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The county will mail invitations to everyone that lives within one-half mile of the project area. The team will be there with displays and available to answer questions from the public. There will also be surveys that will be passed out to the attendees of the meeting as well as mailed to all who received the invitation for the public meeting. The results will be gathered and given to the project team and the CAC members so they can address the public's comments in their letter to the BOS.

Dean introduced Bob Brittain, HDR Engineering, who would present the draft DCR to the CAC members. The DCR is the report that is drafted to document the design approach on how to prepare the construction plans. This report summarizes all the reports, surveys, etc. that have been performed in the project area. Bob pointed out that at the front of the draft DCR there would be an Executive Summary and a Table of Contents. The following is a quick overview of each chapter:

Chapter 1 – Project Overview – how and why this project exists
Chapter 2 – Project Description – scope of work
Chapter 3 – Project Area Characteristics – existing conditions; environmental and physical
Chapter 4 – Traffic and Accident Data – summarizes traffic volumes, capacity, accidents, etc. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) did a safety study of the intersection of La Cholla Boulevard and River Road due to the number of accidents at that intersection. Even though that intersection is not a part of this RTA project, there will be some improvements under the recommendation of ADOT that will occur as a result of that study.
Chapter 5 – Design Standards and Criteria – 2003 Pima County Roadway Design Manual and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)

Chapter 6 – Major Design Features – horizontal and vertical alignment, access control, right-of-way, drainage, earthwork considerations, intersections, utilities, structures, pavement design, signalizing, construction issues, design exceptions
Chapter 7 – Social, Economic and Environmental Considerations – summarizes all environmental studies
Chapter 8 – Public Involvement – includes the Public Participation Plan, information from the CAC and summarizes public open houses; documentation including meeting minutes, can be found in Appendix B; information and documentation from the Sept. 11, 2008, open house will be added to this document
Chapter 9 – Agency Coordination – environmental review and intergovernmental agreements
Chapter10 – Alternatives – lists Roadway Alternatives A, B, C, D, E (recommended by PCDOT), F and variations of Alternative E
Chapter11 – Conclusions and Recommendations
Chapter12 – Cost Estimate and Budget Considerations
Chapter13 – References
Appendix A – Construction Costs and Estimate
Appendix B – Community Advisory Committee and Public Involvement Information
Appendix C – Stage 1 (15%) Construction Plans – bound separately
Appendix D – Right-of-Way Requirement Plans – bound separately

There were several questions from the CAC regarding the DCR as follows:

Where will the money come from to improve the La Cholla Boulevard and River Road intersections?

The River Road intersection is a separate project with a separate budget. The County has allocated money separate from the La Cholla Boulevard project to build the River Road intersection improvements.

Where will the money come from for the installation of the new drainage improvements along this corridor?

The project cost estimate has included the additional storm drain since early planning and design identified this as a need.

Was the cost of sound walls added into the cost estimate?

Yes. When the noise study found walls to be warranted, the cost became a part of the estimate.

When will the CAC need to write the letter to the BOS?

After the open house comments are received and documented. The summary of comments will be made available to the CAC prior to writing the letter to the BOS. The public has two weeks after the open house to return comments to be included in the EAMR.

What about the alternative that the CAC is going to recommend?

Dean stated that the team had brought both alignments with them to the meeting tonight. PCDOT is aware that the CAC wants to choose an option that is not being recommended by the County. Dean said that all of the alternatives are summarized in the draft DCR, but the County will only develop one set of plans. It is not cost-effective to design several roadway alternatives. At the 15-percent stage of plans, since the alternatives are not dramatically different, the team is able to show the CAC's alignment choice conceptually. However, further along in the process, it will not be feasible to continue to develop multiple alternatives in detail.

In Alternative B, how far would the road have to be moved over?

Bob stated that the lanes would be wider with Alternative B and he would most likely move the road over 40 feet. With Alternatives A and B, that would allow for wider lanes and a much wider frontage road since property would be purchased in those alternatives. In Alternative D, that alternative would be purchasing both sides of La Cholla Boulevard, reducing the need for frontage roads along the project corridor. This alternative would also keep the roadway on its current centerline.

Dean let the members know that on Page 60 of the draft DCR, there was a cost estimate of the different alternatives. Construction costs for Alternative B would be approximately $23.8 million in comparison to Alternative D, which would be an approximate cost of $23.5 million.

Would the CAC's alternatives be presented at the open house?

PCDOT plans to bring the county's recommended Alternative E to the open house. The team will also bring the CAC's alternative they will be recommending; however, they will not bring all of the alternatives to the public meeting.

How will south La Cholla Boulevard look with the intersection expanded at Ruthrauff Road and the possibility of La Cholla Boulevard being expanded past Wetmore Road?

After passing through the intersection, the roadway will gradually narrow back to two lanes. There are no plans in the 20-year plan to widen La Cholla Boulevard in that area. The traffic counts collected do not anticipate much growth.

If Alternative D purchases both sides of La Cholla Boulevard, there would not be frontage roads. Would the cost be reduced because frontage roads would not be needed?

No, there would be other costs incurred like wider lanes. Dean referred the members to Page 50 of their draft DCR to see which houses would be purchased and what the roadway would look like. Money is tight on this project and Dean stated that PCDOT already has the right-of-way needed to build Alternative E.

Dean stated that the team still had the EAMR to brief the members on. He said that the EAMR has a lot of the same information, as the DCR and Scott Stapp, HDR Engineering, would be presenting the EAMR to the members.

The EAMR begins with the executive summary. Scott stated that the summary only summarizes the information that is written in the report, so he is strongly urging everyone to read the entire report prior to reading the summary.

After the title page of the EAMR, there will be a table of contents that will outline what is in the report. The actual report begins on page one, after the executive summary. For your reference, the executive summary portion has ES before each page number.

Scott again stated that the draft EAMR has most of the same information as the draft DCR. This EAMR contains:

Chapter 1 – Background – project cost and funding, direction by BOS, and project design process
Chapter 2 – Purpose and Need
Chapter 3 – Project Setting

Chapter 4 – Proposed Project
Chapter 5 – Environmental Screening
Chapter 6 – Environmental Assessment and Mitigation – Natural/Physical Environment; biological resources, drainage and clean water act, floodplain, air quality, noise, utilities, hazardous materials, construction activities, cultural resources, visual resources; and Neighborhood/Social Environment; right-of-way acquisition, temporary and permanent access and parking impacts, neighborhood disruption, parks and recreational areas, consistency with other plans
Chapter 7 – Agency Coordination
Chapter 8 – Public Participation – public participation activities; community comments
Chapter 9 – Conclusions and Recommendations
Chapter10 – References
Chapter11 – Abbreviations and Acronyms

Scott told members to refer to Chapter 10 in order to get information on the documentation used in this report. He referred members to Chapter 11 for a list of acronyms that will be used throughout the documents. He also pointed members to the inside cover of their booklets where a CD is located that includes all the text and appendices in the document.

Scott referred everyone to table ES – 7, which is the summary for the environmental impacts and recommendations. He stated that in the summary it would show potential impacts, recommended mitigation, agency coordination and consultation and parties responsible for implementation. Scott mentioned was there were cultural sites found and the design of the roadway was slightly altered to avoid the sites. These sites will continue to be monitored during the course of construction. There was also a lot of past discussion regarding traffic noise. The entire study is contained in this report and what areas were found to warrant sound barriers as a result of the noise study. Another area of concern was hazardous material. Because of the potential of hazardous material from prior businesses, trenches were dug along the corridor and soil samples were gathered. The area was found to be free of any hazardous material. Borings were also done where known storage tanks were located once known to have been leaking. No concerns were noted with the extensive investigations that took place as a part of this report.

Scott took a moment to explain to everyone how to read the main report. He asked the members to turn to Page 18 of their report. Under Section 6.1.1, the CAC would find the Biological Resources section of the report. Under this section the members will find the existing conditions, what permits are needed, potential impacts and mitigation measures. Each chapter has this information available along with addititional supporting documentation as warranted.

This report was based on Alternative E. Scott stated that some of this information would change if another alternative were to be chosen. For example, if the design moves out of the existing right-of-way, there may need to be additional contamination testing done to ensure the area is safe to work in.

There were several questions from the CAC regarding the EAMR as follows:

Where are the cultural sites located that were mentioned?

That information is excluded from the public record to ensure the areas stay undisturbed.

I was under the understanding that there were not any sites located in this project area?

There are no cultural resources within the project site; however, there are some sites that are adjacent to the project area that will be monitored.

Dean took a moment to point everyone to Pages ES – 12 and 13. This section contains a summary of the CAC and public concerns within the project area. More detail on this subject could be found in the main document beginning on Page 67.
There is also information in the Appendix on public art. Ellie Towne, CAC member, was on the selection committee to choose the artist that will work on this project. Vicki Scuri from Seattle Wash. was chosen as the artist on this project. There is not a lot of information at this point. She has some preliminary concepts she is working on. When the project is further along, she will come to Tucson and meet with the CAC to discuss her ideas on the public art that will be along La Cholla Boulevard. She is currently exploring art on the railing of the bridge and noise barrier walls. She will want the input from the committee when she is ready to move forward in her designs.

Will she be aware of all the safety features that will be a part of this project?

Yes, she will have all the necessary information when it is time to move forward.

Are there noise walls needed for Alternative D?

Noise walls will not be needed with Alternative D because both sides of the roadway would be purchased eliminating the need for sound mitigation. Dean stated that Scott would be available for any noise questions.

What if some residents don't want walls where walls are warranted?

If noise walls are still warranted upon approval from the BOS, there is a process the team will go through to find out who wants the walls in the areas where noise walls could be added. There has to be a majority of approval for each wall in order for the wall to be constructed.

Are all the documents in this report specific to Alternative E?

All the alternatives are presented in this report. PCDOT's recommendation is Alternative E, which stays within the current right of way, meets the mandates of the County and disrupts as few residents in the area as possible.

Dean stated that since there were no further questions, he wanted to remind everyone of the public open house which would be held on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center.

Dean reminded the CAC that their responsibility would include reading through the documents to get prepared to write their letter to the BOS. Dean stated that it would be up to the CAC if they wanted to use the letter that the CAC sent to the BOS in January; however, they could write a new one if they felt it was necessary. The public has a two-week period after the open house in which comments can be received. Those comments will be given to the CAC for their review. The members should have their letter completed near the end of September.

Dean stated that if there were any individual questions, the team would stay to answer those specific questions.

Can the CAC get a copy of the mailing list? The members would like to send information to the people who received the invitation to the open house.

Carol Brichta, PCDOT Community Relations, stated she would have to check to see if that would be possible. Dean stated that he would like the CAC and PCDOT to work together on any mailing that goes out to the community; it is important the CAC and PCDOT work as a team in this process. Dean

stated the team would be happy to have questions on the survey if the CAC wanted specific concerns addressed with the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

La Cholla Boulevard:
Ruthrauff Road to River Road

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting
Sign-In Sheet
Tuesday, Aug.12, 2008

Completion of this sign-in sheet is completely voluntary and helps the project team keep an accurate record of meeting attendees. Under state law, any identifying information provided below will become part of the public record, and as such, must be released to any individual upon request. **Please print clearly.**

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Timothy Barrett		4955 N. La Cholla #4967	85705	293-3339	
Bob Landaeno	Diamond Ventures	2200 E. River Rd #115	85718	577-0200	
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La Cholla Boulevard:
Ruthrauff Road to River Road

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting
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Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2008

Initial	Name	Agency and Address		E-mail
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	Carol Gawrychowski	4721 N. Warner Terrace Tucson, AZ 85705	*Phone* *Fax*	
	Ann Girvin	2440 W. Chris Oliver Way Tucson, AZ 85705	*Phone* 520-730-2920 *Fax*	ann@holualoa.com
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La Cholla Boulevard:
Ruthrauff Road to River Road

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting
Sign-In Sheet
Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2008

Initial	Name	Agency and Address		E-mail
	Jason Kai	2305 W. Ruthrauff Road Tucson, AZ 85705	*Phone* 602-402-5451 *Fax* 888-0642	jasonukai@yahoo.com
	William Mattausch	2462 W. Kimberly Place Tucson, AZ 85705	*Phone* 293-2958 *Fax*	
	Wayne and/or Norma Metz	4901 N. La Cholla Blvd. Tucson, AZ 85705	*Phone* 520-887-0553 *Fax*	norma.metz@msn.com
	Gretchen Ochoa	2015 W. Ruthrauff Road #163 Tucson, AZ 85705	*Phone* *Fax*	
	Robert Schwartz	7898 N. Ancient Indian Drive Tucson, AZ 85718	*Phone* 520-444-5005 *Fax*	
	Ian Stewart	2446 W. Rau River Road Tucson, AZ 85705	*Phone* *Fax*	

La Cholla Boulevard:
Ruthrauff Road to River Road

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting
Sign-In Sheet
Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2008

Initial	Name	Agency and Address		E-mail
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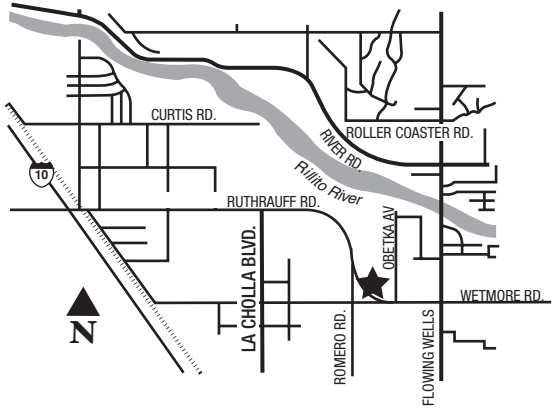
	Ellie Towne	Flowing Wells Neighborhood Association PO Box 5141 Tucson, AZ 85703	*Phone* 888-2085 *Fax*	towebaz@msn.com

Pima County Department of Transportation

OPEN HOUSE

La Cholla Boulevard from Ruthrauff Road to River Road Improvement Project

Thursday, September 11, 2008
Stop by between 5:30 -7:30 p.m.
Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center
1660 W. Ruthrauff Road



Pima County Department of Transportation (P.C.D.O.T.) will be holding an open house meeting to provide conceptual design information on the widening of **LaCholla Boulevard** from **Ruthrauff Road** to **River Road**.

Proposed improvements consist of: six travel lanes, paved shoulders for bicycles, sidewalks, curbs and storm drains, intersection improvements at Curtis and at Ruthrauff, a new six-lane bridge over the Rillito river, a raised landscaped median, and urban design (public art). Project design is approximately at the 30% stage. Information from the Design Concept Report (DCR) and the Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Report (EAMR) will be presented at the open house. Team members will be available to informally discuss roadway design, bridge design, drainage design, proposed sound barrier walls, and other project features. The open house is intended to keep the public informed on project progress and to provide a forum for public input that will be provided to the Board of Supervisors with the EAMR prior to Board approval.

With this open house format, you may **stop in any time between 5:30 to 7:30** to view the project displays and to interact with project staff. We hope you will come to share your thoughts about the project.

Individuals with disabilities who require accommodations for effective participation and communication in the meeting may call Community Relations at 740-6410 by September 4 to make appropriate arrangements. All meeting sites are accessible.

RTA
Regional Transportation Authority

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September 3, 2008

Dear Community Member:

Pima County is planning roadway improvements on **La Cholla Boulevard from Ruthrauff Road to River Road** and would like your input. Proposed improvements consist of: six travel lanes, paved shoulders for bicycles, sidewalks, curbs and storm drains, intersection improvements at Curtis and at Ruthrauff, a new six-lane bridge over the Rillito river, a raised landscaped median, and urban design (public art). The enclosed project information sheet provides additional background on the project

An open house to present preliminary design concepts has been planned for September 11, 2008, from 5:30-7:30 at the Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center at 1660 W. Ruthruaff Road. If you were unable to attend or did not already complete a survey at the open house, we would still like to hear from you. Please consider completing the enclosed survey and returning it by Sept. 26 to the address listed at the bottom of the survey. All feedback received by this date will be summarized and placed in the project report given to the Community Advisory Committee and the Board of Supervisors.

We look forward to receiving your survey.

Sincerely,

Dean Papajohn, P.E.
Project Manager

Encl.

La Cholla Boulevard: River Road to Ruthrauff Road

Project Information

1. What are the benefits of the project?

- Provides a safe parkway-type alternative north-south route to Oracle Road.
- Continues and connects recently completed widening projects on La Cholla south of Magee Road to River Road.
- Provides access to I-10 via Ruthrauff Road.
- Improves mobility, access, and safety for busses.
- Improves bicycle and pedestrian mobility and safety.
- Provides ADA accessible transit stops.
- Enhances the right-of-way with landscape and urban design (public art).

2. What type of improvements will the project contain?

- Proposed improvements include: six travel lanes, paved shoulders for bicycles, sidewalks, curbs and storm drains, intersection improvements at Curtis and at Ruthrauff, a new six-lane bridge over the Rillito river, a raised landscaped median, and urban design (public art).
- Walls to mitigate sound are feasible if determined desirable by adjacent property owners.
- The voters of Pima County approved the scope of this project in the RTA vote of 2006.

3. How long will it take to improve La Cholla Boulevard?

- Design is at approximately 30%, with approximately 16 months of design work remaining. Procurement of a contractor takes approximately 3-9 months. Construction takes approximately 18-24 months.

4. How wide is the La Cholla Boulevard right-of-way?

- The right-of-way is 150' wide. The County acquired this right-of-way prior to 1960 in anticipation of widening La Cholla Boulevard. Much of the property adjacent to La Cholla Boulevard was zoned multi-use prior to any development to allow flexibility with private property as La Cholla Boulevard became busier and expanded over the years.

5. Will there be public input on this project?

- A Community Advisory Committee (CAC) has met with the design team six times so far. Input from the CAC is considered in design and all CAC input is shared with the Board of Supervisors before preliminary design concepts are approved.
- Open Houses are held to provide project updates to the public and to receive input from the public. The first open house was held in March 2008. A community survey will be conducted in conjunction with the September 2008 open house.

6. How can I learn more about the project?

- The project web site is at: http://www.roadprojects.pima.gov/LaChollaRiver/
- Specific questions can be directed to: Carol Brichta, Pima County Community Relations, 740-6410.

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1. What is your primary interest in La Cholla? (check all that apply)

- ☐ I live in rented property adjacent to this section of La Cholla.
- ☐ I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla.
- ☐ I own rental property in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla.
- ☐ I own or work in a business on this section of La Cholla.
- ☐ I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla.
- ☐ I regularly walk or bike through this section of La Cholla.
- ☐ Other, please explain. _____

2. Please describe what you like about this project

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3. Please list any comments you have about design elements of the proposed roadway improvements, such as vehicle lanes, bike lanes, sidewalk, median, intersections, utilities, drainage, access, etc.

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4. Please list any other comments you have about environmental elements of the proposed roadway improvements, such as landscape, noise, visual impacts, etc.

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5. Please provide any other general comments you have about the project.

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

e-mail: _____ Telephone: _____

Please return by **Friday September 26, 2008** to: Carol Brichta, Pima County Community Relations Office, 201 N. Stone 4th floor, Tucson, Arizona 85701 or Fax to 740-6439 or email to carol.brichta@dot.pima.gov

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Pima County Department of Transportation
La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road
Open House Summary

Date, Location and Time

- Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008
- Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center
- 6 to 8 p.m.

Public Notification

- Postcard announcing meeting mailed:
  - Week of Aug. 11, 2008
  - Mailed to approximately 900 residents and businesses in a one-half-mile radius of the project area
- Newspaper notification:
  - Arizona Daily Star – Aug. 27, 2008
  - Daily Territorial – Aug. 27, 2008
- Web site:
  - Meeting date and time was posted on project Web site
- Business outreach
  - Sept. 2 and 3, 2008; attempted to or made contact with 62 businesses along the corridor

Team Attendance

- **Pima County**: Priscilla Cornelio, Rick Ellis, Ali Fermawi, Ana Olivares, Dean Papajohn, Annabelle Quihuis
- **HDR Engineering:** Larry Barela**,** Mike Barton, Catherine Bolm, Ted Buell, Martha Davis, Christine Jacobs-Donoghue, Bethy McGehee, Arturo Ledesma
- **McGann & Associates:** Darlene Showalter
- **City of Tucson Water Department:** Patricia Eisenberger
- **Regional Transportation Authority (RTA); MainStreet Program**: Britton Dornquast, Steve Taylor
- **SunTran**: Bea Paulus
- **Gordley Design Group**: Barb Alley, Arizeder Urreiztieta

Public Attendance

- 50

Comments

- Six comments received at the open house
- Thirty one comments received during the two-week period following the open house

Materials

- Comment forms
- Fact sheets
- Sign-in sheets

Agenda

- Introductory remarks: Sharon Bronson, Pima County Board of Supervisor
- Question-and-answer session
- Team introductions

- Review displays with one-on-one interaction

Displays
- Bridge design
- City of Tucson Water
- Environmental
- Landscape design
- Roadway Design (two display tables)
- RTA MainStreet
- SunTran

Room Set-up
- Sign-in table
- Refreshment table
- Eight display tables set up around the room
- Seating for approximately 45 people with podium

Signs
- A-frame signs to direct traffic into parking lot and facility

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Regional Transportation Authority

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C. Carrig	Self	4964 N. Jay Ave	05	888 5685	
R. Price	Self	4950 N. La Cholla	05	888 2708	
MARVIN Hom	Self	4961 N LACHOLLA	05	887-1056	
Bea Paulus	SunTran	4220 S Park Av	14	4049567	bea.paulus@tucsonaz.gov
Oakley Lafferty	Self/STLMFG	550 N La Cholla	05	408-7647	oakleylafferty@Comcast.net
Norman Charlene Franzen	Self/AccuTax, P.C.	4911 N. La Cholla	85705	744-0660 572-2177	clfcpa@qwestoffice.net
Pam Potts	Suade Barbershop	2005 W. Ruthrauff #161	85705	690 5474	Suadeofpotts@AOL.com
Bob Mickelson	Self/Taxpayer	3675 N. El Moraga Dr Tucson AZ 85745	85745		

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Wendy Krueger		2211 W Calle Narciso	05	349-3844	
Chelsea Helwig		" "	"		
James Jarvis	myself	4935 N. Jay Ave	85705	888 2197	
Jackie Basterfield	myself	5745 N. Lacholla	85741		
Gary Basterfield	myself				
Dawn Rataczak	myself	4861 N River Valley Lp	85705		
John Tornabene	myself	1948 W. Paul Pl.	85705	888 3083	
[illegible]	Self	P.O. Box 87123	85754	624-0059	
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John Hall	Self	4872 N. River Valley Loop	85705		

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Jamie Martin					
Jason Kai	Villa Capri Park Mobile Home	2305 W. Ruthrauff Rd	85705	887-2255	

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Nanette Reynolds		5505 N Shannon	05		
B. Baer		"	05		
Mike Barton	HDR				
Britton D.					
RTA @ Steve?					
Laura Steckman	Riverside Place HOA	5484 N. Bramble Brook Lane	04	888-9730	laurafree@comcast.net
Sharon Bronson					
ROBERT V GAONA + ELIA GAONA		4921 N La Cholla	05	887-1395	

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Martha Davis	HDR				
ELLEN CURREY		CAC			
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John Cook	Self	2612 Kimberly	05	293 5429	—
Delored R. Kempton	Self	1951 W. Brittany	05	887-5874	

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Comments received at the Open House								
Basterfield, Gary and Jackie	5745 N. La Cholla Blvd. Tucson, AZ 85741			I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	The reason we like this project is because it will help with traffic congestion in the area along La Cholla Boulevard.	Please make sure the bike lanes are wide enough. Also, at Ruthrauff Road and La Cholla Boulevard, is it possible to have right-turn arrows? Too many people make the right turn on red to beat out the people making a left turn off of Ruthrauff Road onto La Cholla Boulevard.		
Erickson, Bill	4967 N. La Cholla Blvd. Tucson, AZ 85705	609-6969		I own rental property in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly walk or bike through this section of La Cholla Boulevard.		Taggers spray painting on the sound barrier wall.		
Jarvis, James	4935 N. Jay Ave. P.O. Box 50703 Tucson, AZ 85705	888-2497		I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly walk or bike through this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	I like the three-lane each way design. Hopefully it will prevail.	Please include wide sidewalks and bike lanes.	Trees are great, but please don't put them too close to intersections. They are hard to see around when you are turning onto the busy, fast roadway. Bushes are great.	I am concerned about the "cut-through" traffic on Jay Avenue right now, as well as what can be planned to protect our neighborhood during construction.
Krueger, Wendy	2211 W. Calle Narciso Tucson, AZ 85705	349-3844		I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard.		La Cholla Boulevard and Calle Narciso raised median makes it very difficult to turn north.		
Metz, Wayne	4901 W. La Cholla Blvd. Tucson, AZ 85705	887-0553	ps341@msn.com	I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	More lanes.	The County plans to take away parking in front of my home, subjects me to increased noise as no wall will be built in front of my home. This also subjects me to increased safety risk due to increased lanes and will lower my property value.	The current plans will bring the road within 12 to 15 feet of my home. This will subject me to increased noise and air pollution and the County plans do not really provide for landscaping unless they opt for alternate plans.	Please approve Alternative D.
Steckman, Laura	5484 N. Bramble Brook Ln. Tucson, AZ 85704		laurafree@comcast.net	I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	Well organized presentations for the community.	Can drivers heading south on La Cholla Boulevard make U-turns? If not, please allow for them.		Please allow U-turns at double left-turn lanes. I cannot exit out of my house on the northeast corner of River Road to go east onto River Road because there is too much traffic.
Comments received after the Open House								
Bender, Dick Shamrock Dairy	1900 W. Ruthrauff Rd. Tucson, AZ 85705	887-0300		I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	It will help to relieve congestion.			
Green, Mary	1949 W. Paul Pl. Tucson, AZ 85705	887-2932		I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	It would no longer be necessary to merge to one lane when driving south on La Cholla Boulevard - it is dangerous. Also, it would considerably improve the whole area.	This is a much needed improvement.	I hope the median landscaping will be well taken care of - landscaping along both sides of Ruthrauff Road needs trimming.	I hope it would require a general clean-up of properties around the area.

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Horn, Marvin	4961 N. La Cholla Blvd. Tucson, AZ 85705	887-1056		I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	Everything about this project will in some way affect us negatively. By increasing traffic, smog and decreasing property values.	We feel that the design elements will be a problem because of limited space. The traffic and its elements will be too close to our home. We are disappointed about the proposed complicated roadways and lack of access to emergency vehicles and pedestrians.	Again, we feel all of these elements are not improvements and will increase noise, pollution, decrease street access and our overall property value will go down. We will no longer have a view.	We were not aware that this area was to become a business area. The quality of our neighborhood has vastly decreased. We will no longer have access for visitors.
Hoxsie, Dolores	4661 N. Brightside Dr. Tucson, AZ 85705	603-9509		I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	It will move traffic faster and safer.	What about the bridge?	Noise control?	
Langford, Dave and Patty	2049 W. Brittain Dr. Tucson, AZ 85705	203-6319	pattylangford@yahoo.com	I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard. We live in Edgebrook 1.	Making the road six lanes is great, along with better lanes for bicycles, etc. - great!	We would like something (and maybe this is in the plan) put up to hide the unsightly trailers and homes that are on the other side of Curtis Road. Also, the Quick Mart Family Foods needs to be cleaned up.	We have only been here three years, but would love to see that area cleaned up.	Sorry we couldn't make the meeting, my husband is out of town and I work until 7:30 or 8 p.m. We would be pleased to support this project!
Moreno, Rosalino	4971 N. Mathews Ave. Tucson, AZ 85705	408-1160		I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	All proposed improvements.			A traffic signal is needed at the Calle Narciso and La Cholla Boulevard intersection. With all the improvements, the problem will be worse.
Muhs, Peggy	5513 N. Silver Stream Way Tucson, AZ 85704	408-5235	pjmuhs@aol.com	I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly walk or bike through this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	Everything!!! Much needed project!	This should be a continuation of La Cholla Boulevard as far as design.	I think the art work should be minimal as the area is prone to taggers, and maintenance and clean-up is a real concern to be figured into the project.	
Loflin, Isabell	4921 N. River Vista Tucson, AZ 85705			I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly walk or bike through this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	Improved bicycle mobility, safety and better bridge crossing for bicycles. I am glad the area will be brightened up with public art and landscaping.	In the process of redoing the bridge, the bike and hiking path along the Rillito River should be repaved.		
Peterman, Dan and Eleanor	1940 W. Paul Pl. Tucson, AZ 85705	396-8099	nanapeterman7777@comcast.net	I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	There will be no more traffic congestion.	As long as there will be turning lanes, I will be happy.	Noise is a factor.	When will this work begin?

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Logan, Belinda	2232 W. Calle Fortunado Tucson, AZ 85705			I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly walk or bike through this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	I like the idea of the extra lane for traffic flow.	Why six lanes? I believe that is too many lanes. Will this affect the road between Wetmore Road and Ruthrauff Road with the schools?	Noise would be a concern.	

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Ratje, Jeff	1938 W. Alder Grove Dr. Tucson, AZ 85704	408-8269	jmratje@hotmail.com	I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly walk or bike through this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	I ride SunTran from this area to work each day. The bus improvements are a welcome addition. The landscape median over the bridge is also a nice design element.	It would be nice to have improvements to the River Walk as part of construction.	The increased traffic around River Road and La Cholla Boulevard proves a problem for the growing number of residences and new home construction. Noise Mitigation is necessary. Also, graffiti is a big problem here. Anti-graffiti materials and a dedication to remove it quickly need to be factored in.	As someone who lives in the area, traffic has grown exponentially due to the work on I-10. I am concerned this area will become so busy it is not nice to live here anymore. Traffic mitigation needs to be looked at. Enhanced SunTran routes might help with this.
Smith, William	5559 N. Silver Stream Rd. Tucson, AZ 85704	293-1153		I own property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	Finish the major roadway improvements for River Road and La Cholla Boulevard.	Don't forget roadside visual barriers where needed.	Make sure there is good visual roadside barriers along ugly post development areas like La Cholla Boulevard - not like La Cholla Boulevard on the north side of River Road on the west side - ugly missing sections.	Consider roundabouts at major intersections. See attachment of Roundabout in Carmel, Indiana.
Stash, Betty Ann	2151 W. Calle Narciso Tucson, AZ 85705	887-3273	cozetts@aol.com	I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	A left-turn lane at La Cholla Boulevard and Calle Narciso. It is almost impossible to make a left turn onto La Cholla Boulevard.	Please give us an attractive wall - not the ugly multicolored wall north of River Road. The wall between Orange Grove Road and Ina Road is very pretty and would add to the neighborhood.	This work needs to be done and it will make getting around much easier.	I would like to be informed on the progress, I was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.
Thompson, Lori	4783 N. Woodside Dr. Tucson, AZ 85705		thomploe@gmail.com	I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly walk or bike through this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	Upgrades! Newness!	I would prefer a more aesthetic and pleasing view of this area with provisions for safety components. I would prefer to see less of the unattractive homes and businesses along the La Cholla Boulevard and Curtis Road area.	Perhaps have medians with landscaping. Maybe a barrier wall hiding the homes and businesses along La Cholla Boulevard (south of River Road to Ruthrauff Road).	
Wiewel, Martha	1847 W. Waterleaf Dr. Tucson, AZ 85704	887-2957	marthawiewel@msn.com	I own property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	I would like to bike from La Cholla Boulevard to Ruthrauff Road and I would like to bike on Ruthrauff Road to Sweetwater Drive.	Bike lanes - sidewalk and other improvements as you desire.	Please do not plant trees or bushes. People throw trash under them and we do not have the dollars to keep them trimmed. Plant ocotillos, saguaros or golden barrels.	This project sounds good to me. I want to thank you for the work you accomplish for the County. I would like to see the debris picked up more often, especially along River Road. The trees need to be trimmed.
Zumpano, Leonard	4716 N. Woodside Dr. Tucson, AZ 85705	690-7349		I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	I feel this would help reduce traffic congestion.	This would help with traffic flow. Access and to be able to pull off the road with commuter traffic buses would not slow up the traffic flow, especially during rush hour.	Natural landscape trees, bushes and cactus would bring improvements.	This should improve traffic flow and hopefully reduce accidents due to impatience in long lines at the light.

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Anonymous				I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I use Ruthrauff Road and La Cholla Boulevard at least once a day.	After widening Ruthrauff Road and all the improvements there, La Cholla Boulevard is woefully lacking in space for cars driving down it. I think this will improve La Cholla Boulevard.	There is quite a bit of dust around the side of the roads. I would hope that they would tar that area to cut down on the amount of dust that comes from the side of the road. Hopefully the area around the wash will be improved for bikers. I hope they put appropriate speed limit signs - that is a real speed zone and I have seen several accidents in that area in the past few months. I worry for those who will be working in the area.	Seasonally they get a lot of water in the wash. I hope diligence is taken to make sure that this area is safe, especially for businesses that are near the wash. I like those multi-colored walls that are further down on La Cholla Boulevard. I hope color is used on this project.	I would just like to be kept in the loop in terms of progress and suggestions for keeping us safe for those who are working in the area, and realize that this will take some time. Keep law enforcement in the loop to keep everyone safe. But, I approve this project.
Nita Ruth's, LLC (Nita Freeman)	5140 N. La Cholla Blvd. Tucson, AZ 85705	797-0603		I own or work in a business on this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	Widening.	The islands make it impossible to get into my property from the north. We need a center lane.	This also affects other property owners and businesses south of the bridge.	
Molis, Frank	2385 W. Wave Hill Ct. Tucson, AZ 85705	888-2000		I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	It is about time.	There needs to be two left turns off of Ruthrauff Road to go north on La Cholla Boulevard. There have been as many as 25 cars backed up trying to make that turn.		
Morse, Dwayne and Heather STL Manufacturing	5150 N. La Cholla Blvd. #2 Tucson, AZ 85705		dwayne@stlmfg.com	I own or work in a business on this section of La Cholla Boulevard. (We have owned our business in this location for 15 years.)	The road construction will beautify the area and hopefully move the traffic more efficiently down La Cholla Boulevard.	We have major concerns about the access in and out of the narrow drive off of La Cholla Boulevard. We have semi tractor trailers with steel loads in and out frequently. The inability to make a left-hand turn in and out of the property will cause time delays and safety concerns. There are four businesses that would be affected by this. Three of which utilize semi tractor trailers. We would like you to consider a southbound turn lane into the property for ease of access and also widening the driveway to facilitate ingress and egress with large/long loads.	We would like to see the improvement of the road and neighborhood, but not compromising our access for business.	We would also like to know about any plans for sewage service for any of the businesses. We (for the most part have septic systems) would like to know if a pump system will be put in place. We need to be able to maintain full-time access throughout the work week during construction. We have delivery trucks in and out, and also our own service trucks are in and out frequently.
Calhoon, Don	4770 W. Benjamen Rd. Tucson, AZ 85743	572-8455 906-2344		I own a rental property in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard. (4932 N. La Cholla Boulevard)		I am not interested in a high wall in front of property or selling property as I just finished building a duplex. I question property values and relocation expenses if it comes to that.		I am not happy with a ten-foot high wall on one-way access roads

La Cholla Boulevard: River Road to Ruthrauff Road
Public Opinion Survey
Sept. 11, 2008

Name	Address	Phone	E-mail	1. What is your primary interest in La Cholla Boulevard?	2. Please describe what you like about this project.	3. Please list any comments you have about design elements of the proposed roadway improvements, such as vehicle lanes, bike lanes, sidewalk, median, intersections, utilities, drainage, access, etc.	4. Please list any other comments you have about environmental elements of the proposed roadway improvements, such as landscape, noise, visual impacts, etc.	5. Please provide any other general comments you have about the project.
Shurtz, Bill	4944 N. Jay Ave. Tucson, AZ 85705			I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	I like the new look for this area.	Lighting.	I am looking forward to the new and improved look in this area.	I am hoping to get speed bumps on Jay Avenue from La Cholla Boulevard to Ruthrauff Road. This should not be a by-pass.
Van Echo, Jay	6750 W. El Camino del Cerro Tucson, AZ 85745	299-8700	jay.vanecho@dmjmharris.com	I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard. (Daily commute to/from work)	Intersection improvements to La Cholla Boulevard and Ruthrauff Road, the new bridge and the capacity improvements to River Road and Ruthrauff Road.	1) If only four lanes are needed, only build four lanes and save dollars. 2) Do not purchase right of way if not needed. 3) Do not build unnecessary walls if applicable. 4) Be frugal with RTA dollars and build what is required per traffic, drainage and structural standards.	I appreciate the landscape (native vegetation) and public art on RTA projects within budgetary constraints. Control access points close to the intersection.	Be aware of the east- to- north and south- to- west movements at the intersection and time the signal accordingly. Be aware of the right-in/right-out access to Wal-Mart and police accordingly - the public is not obeying signage.
Kunk, Clem and Donna	5120 N. La Cholla Blvd. #2 Tucson, AZ 85705	888-1923	cdgaragedoors@yahoo.com	I own or work in a business on this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	It will bring more traffic by our business and stop the bottle-necking at the bridge.	It is vital that there is a turn lane for southbound traffic into our parking lot that contains six businesses. We all have frequent deliveries including semi trucks at our business and the business located at 5050 N. La Cholla Blvd.	Those will not affect us.	If there is no turn lane incorporated in to the plan, many delivery trucks will not be able to turn around traveling southbound. This entrance is at the south end of other businesses.
Franzen, Norman and Charlene Accutax P.C	4911 N. La Cholla Blvd. Tucson, AZ 85705	744-0600	clfcpa@qwestoffice.com norman@acstone.com	I own or work in a business on this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	We like the improved traffic flow, safety features and aesthetic value to the area.	We do not like the proposed sound barrier. Our property is zoned MU. It was converted to business use many years ago. The value of the property is dependent on clear and convenient access from La Cholla Boulevard. Our ability to use the property for any type of business would be destroyed by the proposed wall. It would be difficult for drivers to find the entrance to the west side of the frontage road. The wall would make it difficult for northbound drivers to see the entrance and how to access it. They would have to watch for the entrance between the end of the wall and the bus stop, at the same time as trying to see through three lanes of oncoming traffic and searching for a place to turn around in order to get to the properties on the west side. The bus stop would obscure the entrance for southbound traffic. We do not like the proposed one-way access of the frontage roads. We would prefer two-way access.	We are not in favor of the proposed sound barriers (see response to question #3). Additionally, the block walls would be hideous without any paint or artwork. The aesthetic value of the project would be lost.	

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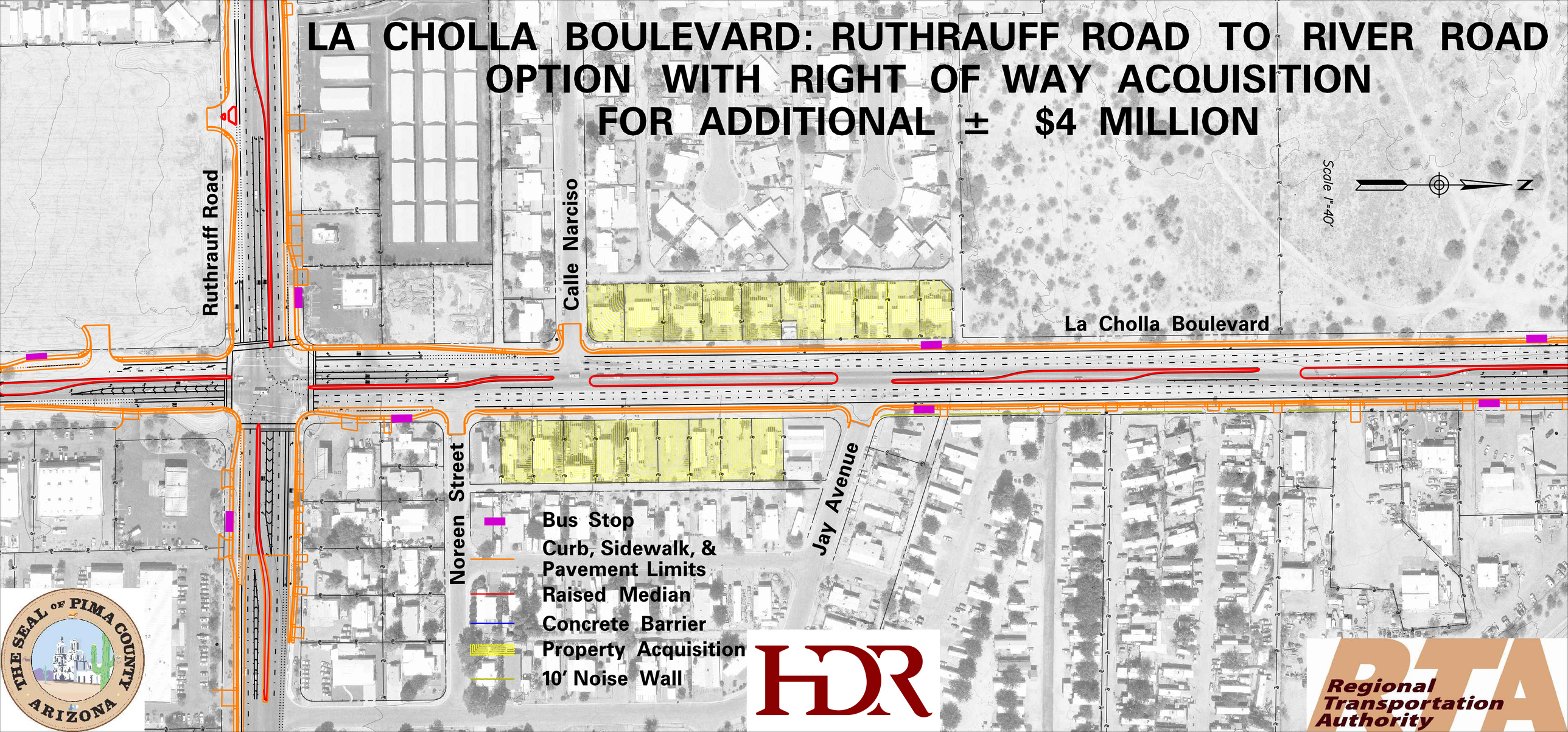
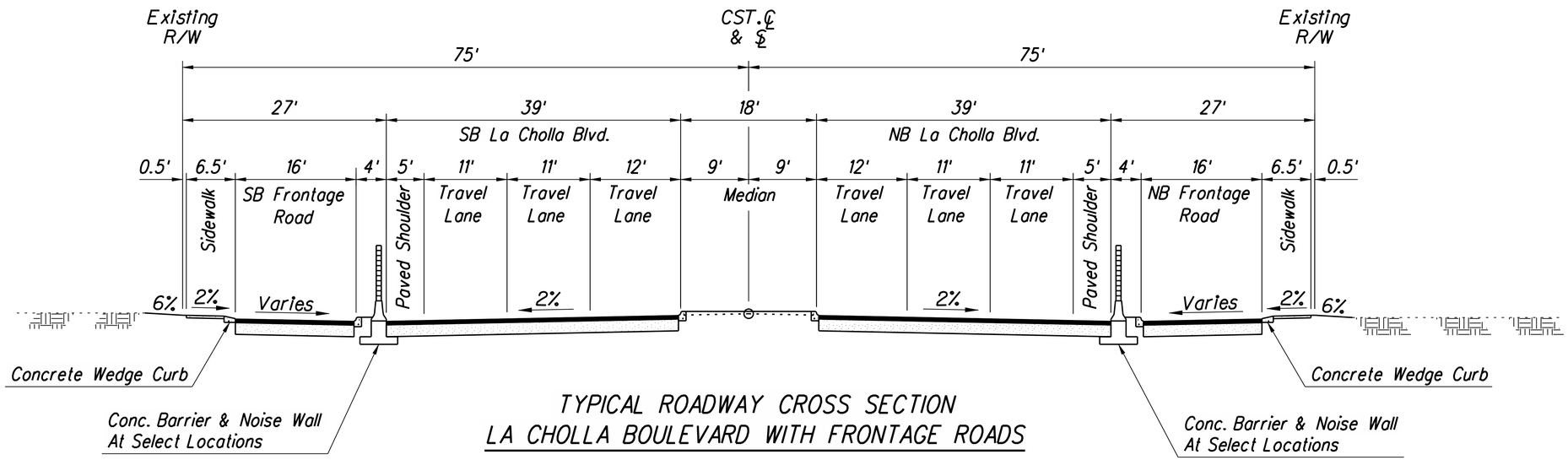
Stallings, Doug Backwoods RV	5150 N. La Cholla Blvd. Tucson, AZ 85705	293-4400	dougie4723@aol.com	I own or work in a business on this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	It will help east traffic back-ups and reduce car accidents. It will improve the look of the area.	I am concerned that there is no turn lane going south to turn left, as there are may businesses that have large trucks and other vehicles in and out all day. How will anyone going south be able to get to our business? Will I lose my parking?		See attached.
Lafferty, Oakley	5150 N. La Cholla Blvd., #2 Tucson, AZ 85705	408-7647	oakleylafferty@comcast.net	I own or work in a business on this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	Road improvements are sorely needed on this very busy section. Extra lanes and the bridge are a plus. The left-turn lane with arrow northbound onto Curtis Road is clearly needed.	The proposed bull nose at the entrance to 5150 N. La Cholla Boulevard is a restriction to our access. We have many vehicles, large trucks included, both from our business and our suppliers who will have difficulty with this plan.	Landscaping and other visual impacts, while important, should clearly be secondary to functionality.	We strongly request a southbound turn lane into our business from the southbound lane. A widened entrance would also be a great help with the traffic from the bar at the back of the complex. (See attached.)
Iannarino, Robert Diamond Ventures, Inc.	2200 E. River Road, Ste. 115 Tucson, AZ 85718	577-0200	biannarino@diamondven.com	I own the property in which I live in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I own rental property in the area adjacent to this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	Implementation of RTA Period I roadway improvements. It is expected the roadway will be completed by 2011 and will help traffic improvement.	1) The project needs to meet the voter mandated budget of 14 million dollars. 2) Based on number 1, the project should be designed for four lanes instead of six lanes. 3) The underground storm drainage should be value engineered to take care of the two-year storm event. 4) The bus stop on the northwest corner, adjacent to the Circle K, should accommodate AFNI employees, inclusive of their handicapped employees who have asked for special bus accommodations. Please contact SunTran. 5) It appears the access locations to serve the southeast corner of River Road and La Cholla Boulevard are adequate.	Visual impact should be conducive to the marketability of our property. Hardscaping and landscaping should be consistent with the architectural theme already established for the southeast corner.	Adhere to the RTA budget and schedule for Period I completion! This includes capping the number of Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings to assure the Period I schedule can be met.
Hendricks, Terry	2135 W. Calle Fortunado Tucson, AZ 85705	888-4789 243-1832		I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard. My home is 300 feet from La Cholla Boulevard.	The extra travel lanes and medians.	A noise wall is needed when you look at future traffic counts.		Bus shelters are needed.
Lee, Ken	5150 N. La Cholla Blvd. #2 Tucson, AZ 85705	292-1779		I own or work in a business on this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	It improves the neighborhood and traffic flow.	We need access through median for large semi truck deliveries to 5150 #2 N. La Cholla Boulevard.		
Montgomery Auto	5150 N. La Cholla Blvd. #A Tucson, AZ 85705	407-9456		I own or work in a business on this section of La Cholla Boulevard. I regularly drive through this section of La Cholla Boulevard.	The effort being made to keep businesses and residents along La Cholla Boulevard aware of what is being proposed and considering their input.	I am concerned about the lack of an entrance into the business center because of a raised median, no parking outside the fenced area or room to stop to open gate. I am fully aware you can not accommodate everyone, but these are our concerns.	I think walls and any landscape would be a huge improvement.	

LA CHOLLA BOULEVARD: RUTHRAUFF ROAD TO RIVER ROAD
PROPOSED LAYOUT

LA CHOLLA BOULEVARD: RUTHRAUFF ROAD TO RIVER ROAD OPTION WITH RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION FOR ADDITIONAL ± $4 MILLION





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LA CHOLLA BOULEVARD WITH FRONTAGE ROADS

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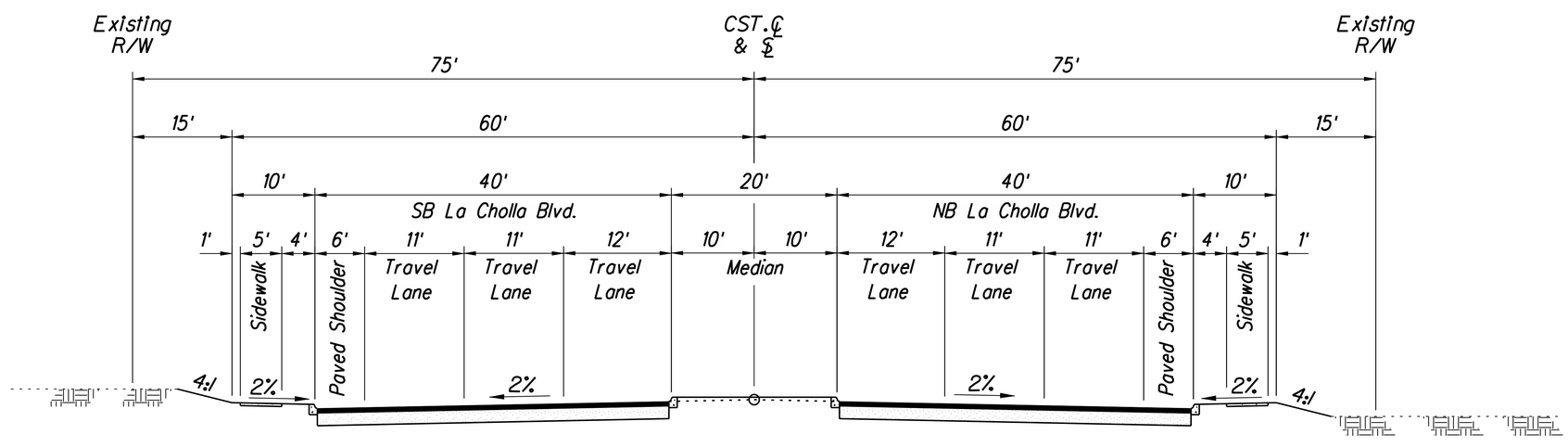

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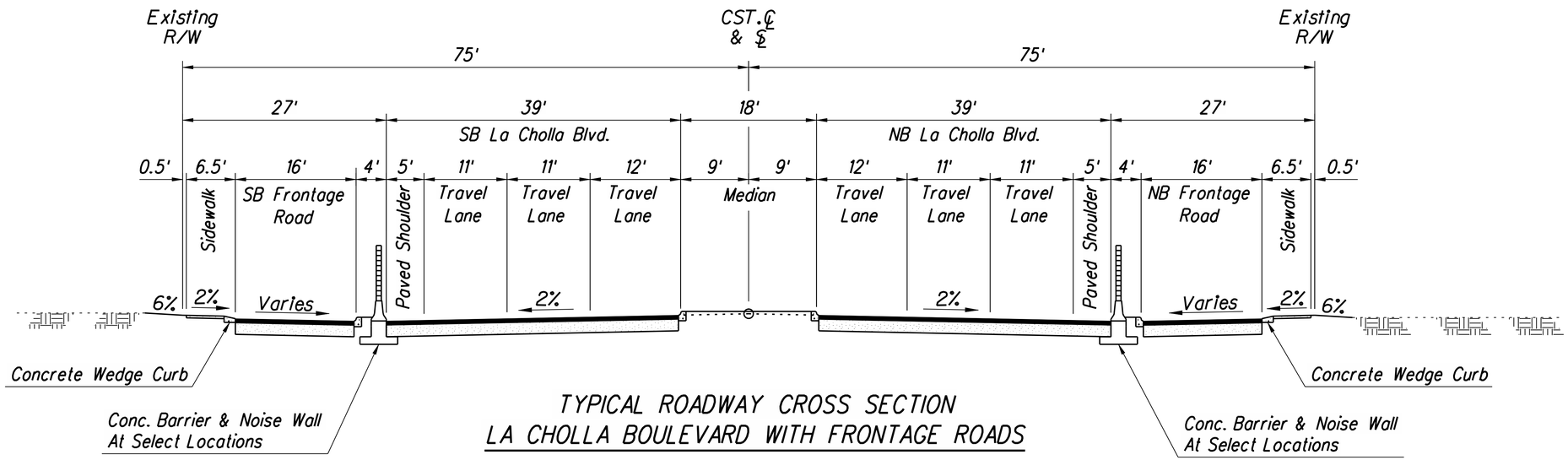

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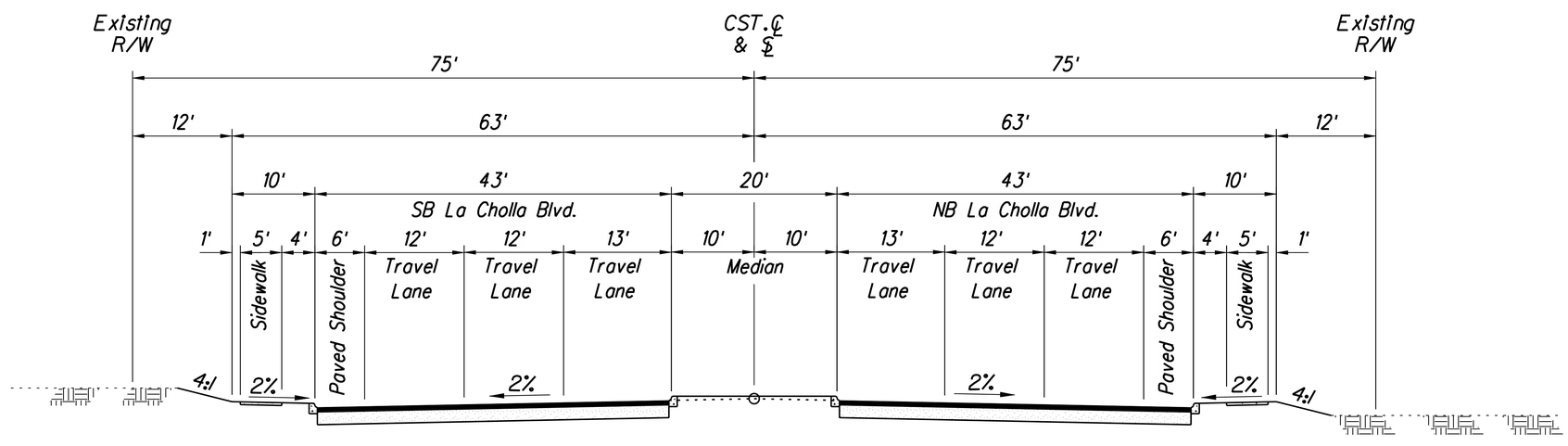

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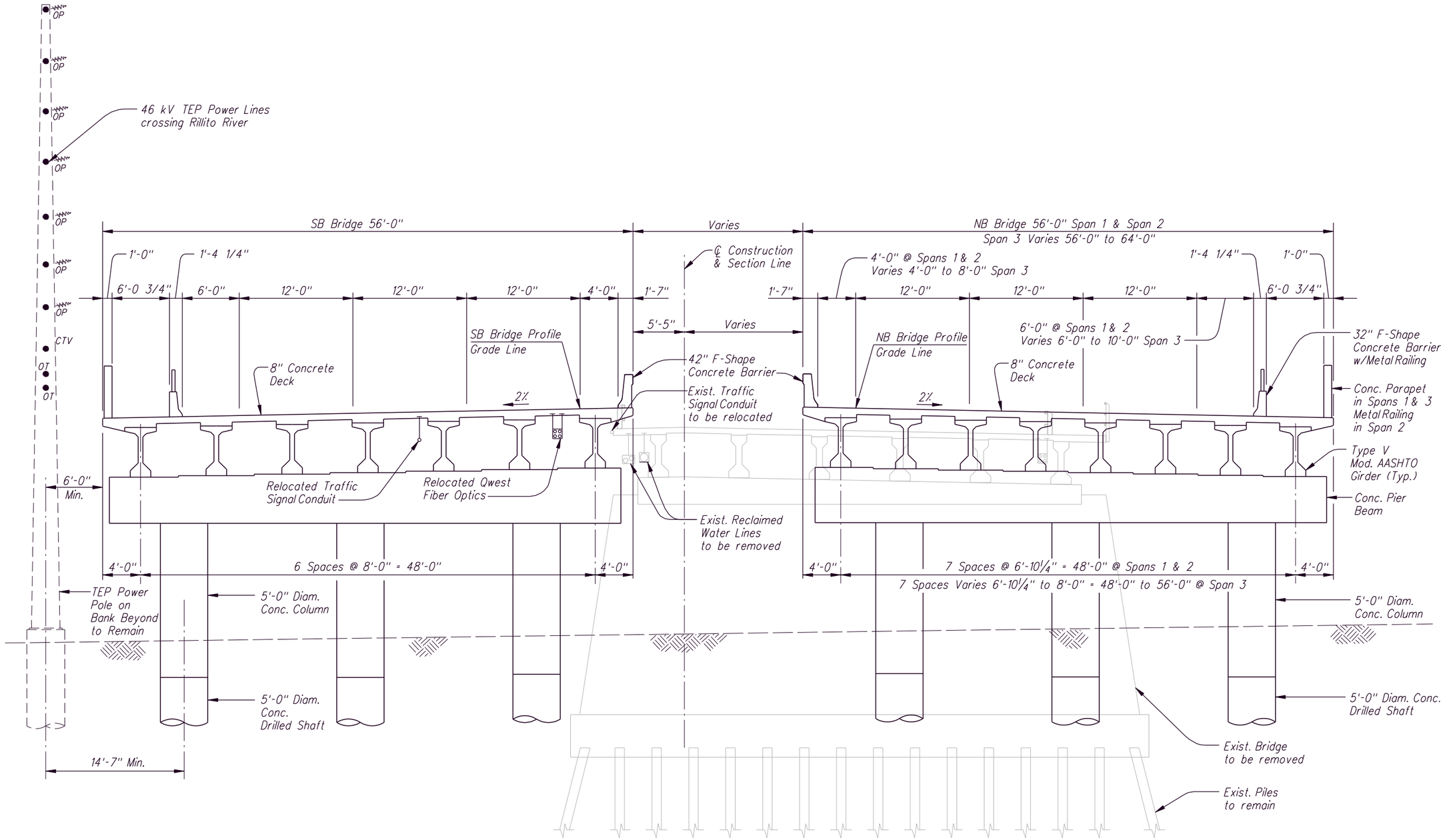
RTA Regional Transportation Authority



TYPICAL SECTION – NEW SB & NB BRIDGE (1)

Scale 3/16" = 1'-0"

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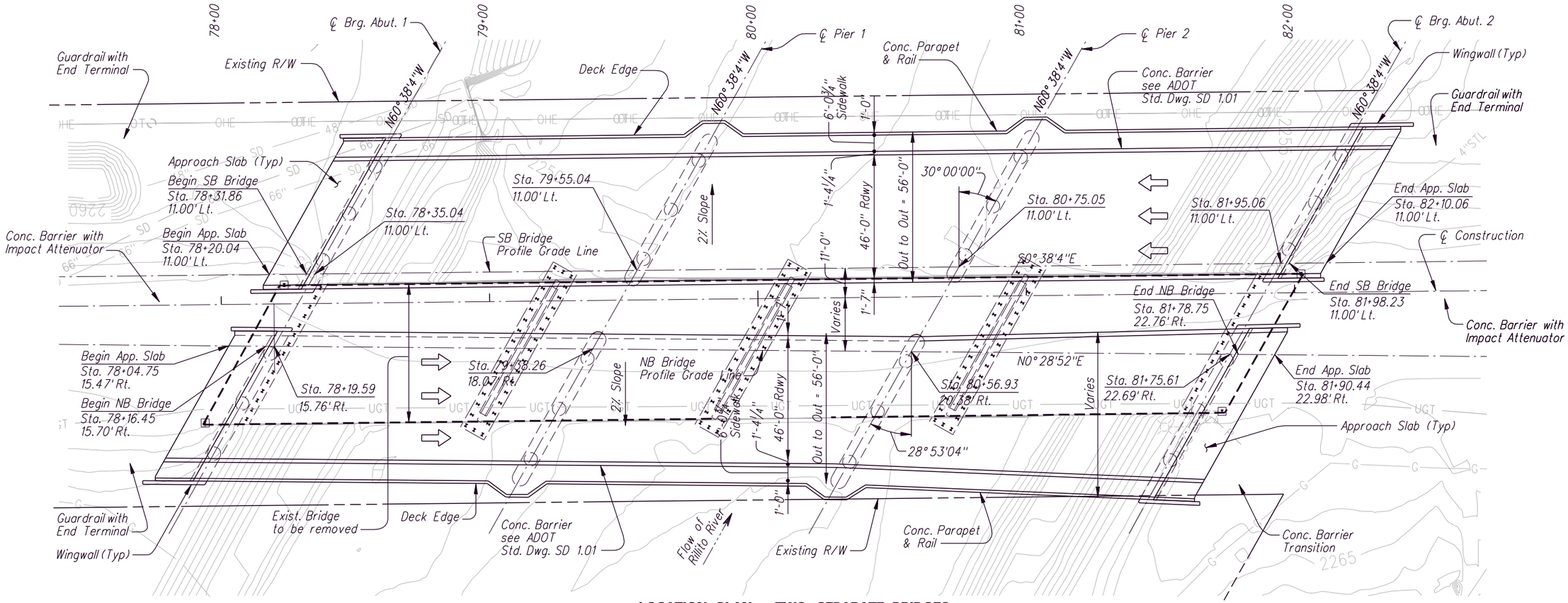
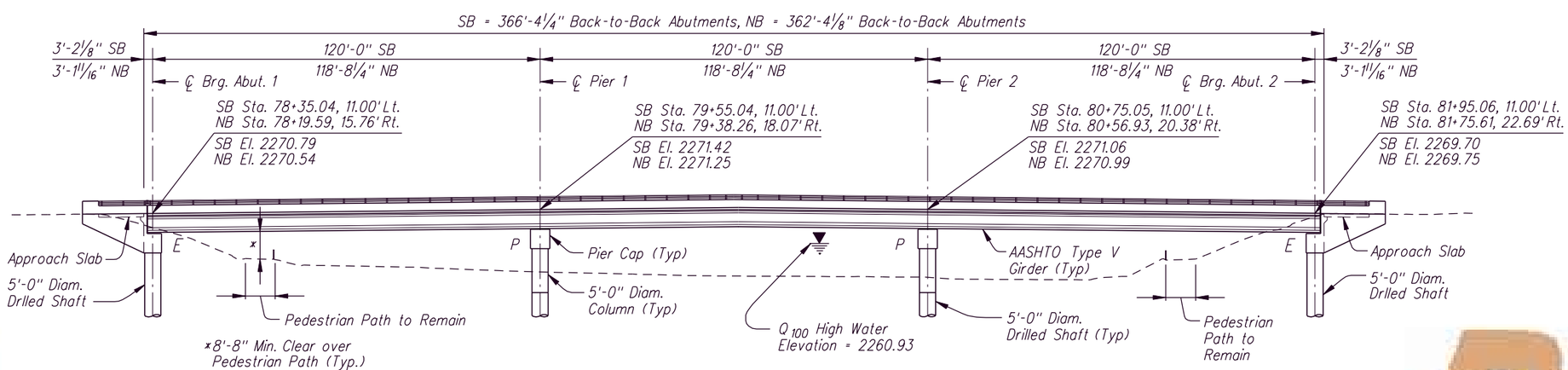


LOCATION PLAN – TWO SEPARATE BRIDGES

Scale 1" = 20'-0"
Two New Three Span Precast Prestressed AASHTO Type V Girder Bridges
SB Skew = 30° 00'00" w/ respect to SB BPGL
NB Skew = 28° 53'04" w/ respect to NB BPGL
Contour Interval = 1'-0"



BRIDGE ELEVATION (SB BRIDGE SHOWN, NB BRIDGE SIMILAR)

Scale 1" = 20'-0"
Stations are along the La Cholla Boulevard Construction Centerline.
Dimensions and Elevations are along the SB or NB Bridge Profile Grade Line at top of Deck unless noted otherwise.

LA CHOLLA BOULEVARD, RUTHRAUFF ROAD TO RIVER ROAD
EXISTING NOISE CONDITIONS

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0 125 250 500 750 1,000 Feet

Aerial Photography by Sun Mapping (July 2007 and October 2007)

Legend

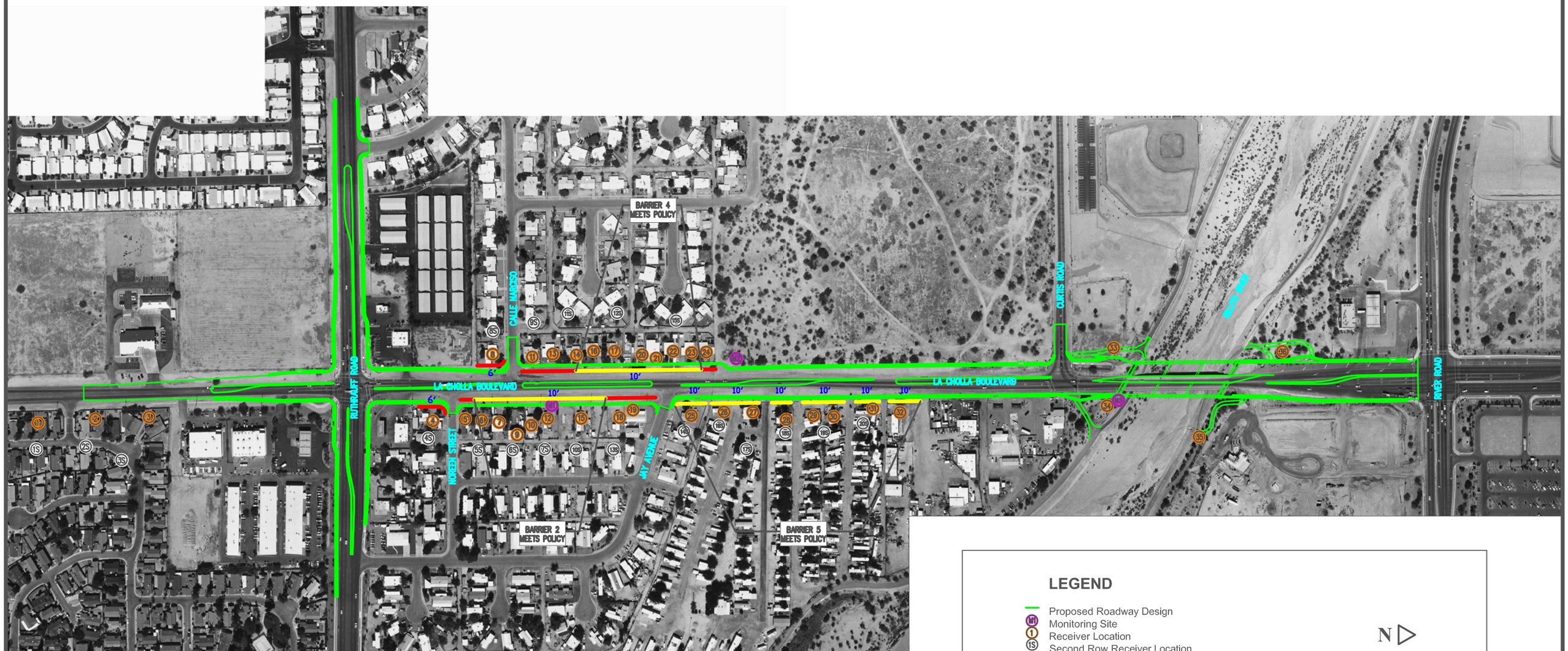
Noise monitoring site

Date of measurements and average AM and PM noise levels during peak traffic hour (measured in dBA*)

* dBA is a unit for measuring sound levels that is weighted to represent the range of human hearing

LA CHOLLA BOULEVARD RUTHRAUFF ROAD TO RIVER ROAD

MONITORING SITES, RECEIVER LOCATIONS, AND POTENTIAL BARRIER LOCATIONS



LEGEND

- Proposed Roadway Design
- M1 Monitoring Site
- 1 Receiver Location
- 1S Second Row Receiver Location
- Potential Barrier Meeting PCDOT Criteria
- Potential Barrier Not Meeting PCDOT Criteria
- 10' Barrier Height Necessary to Achieve Sound Reduction

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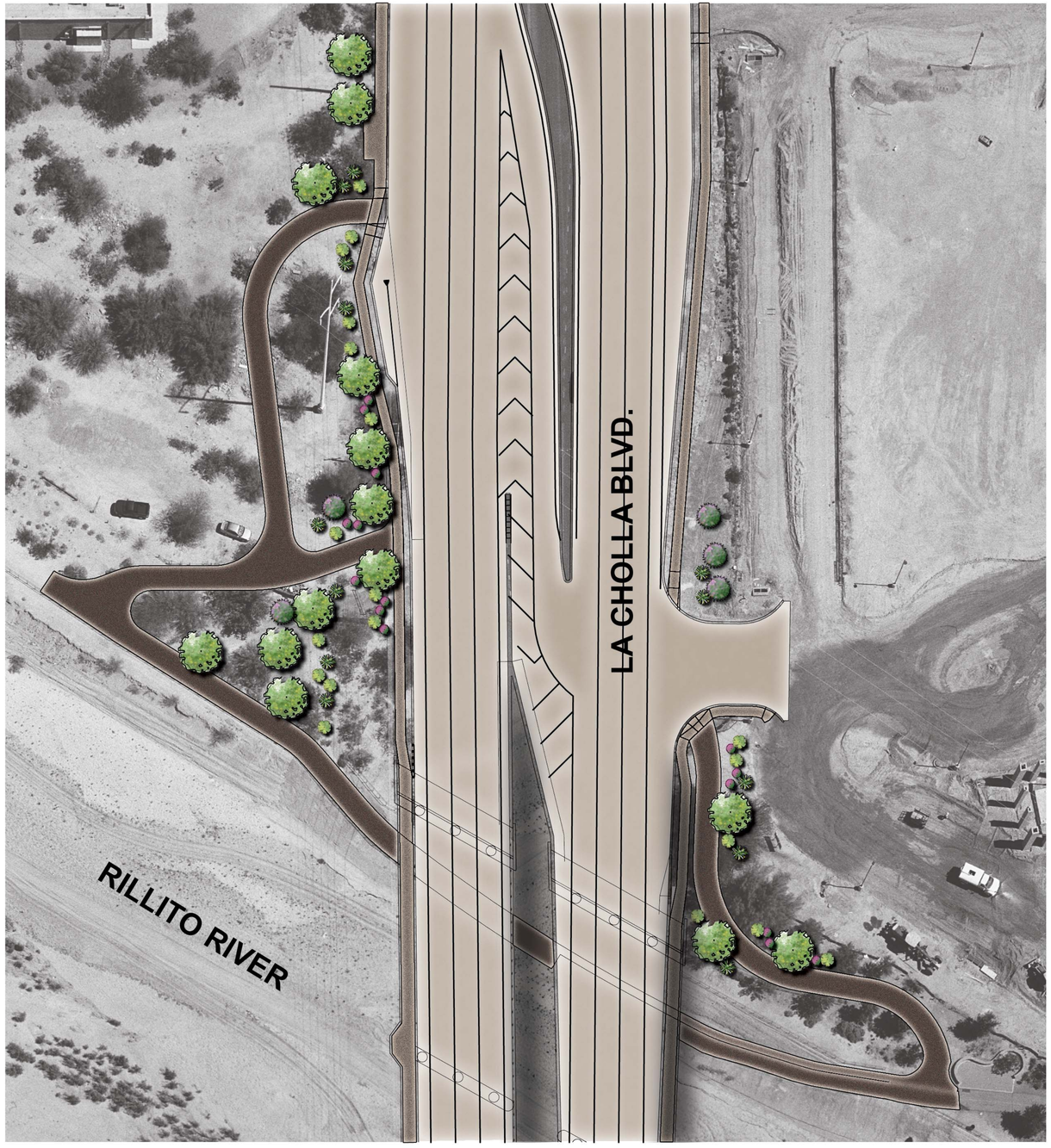

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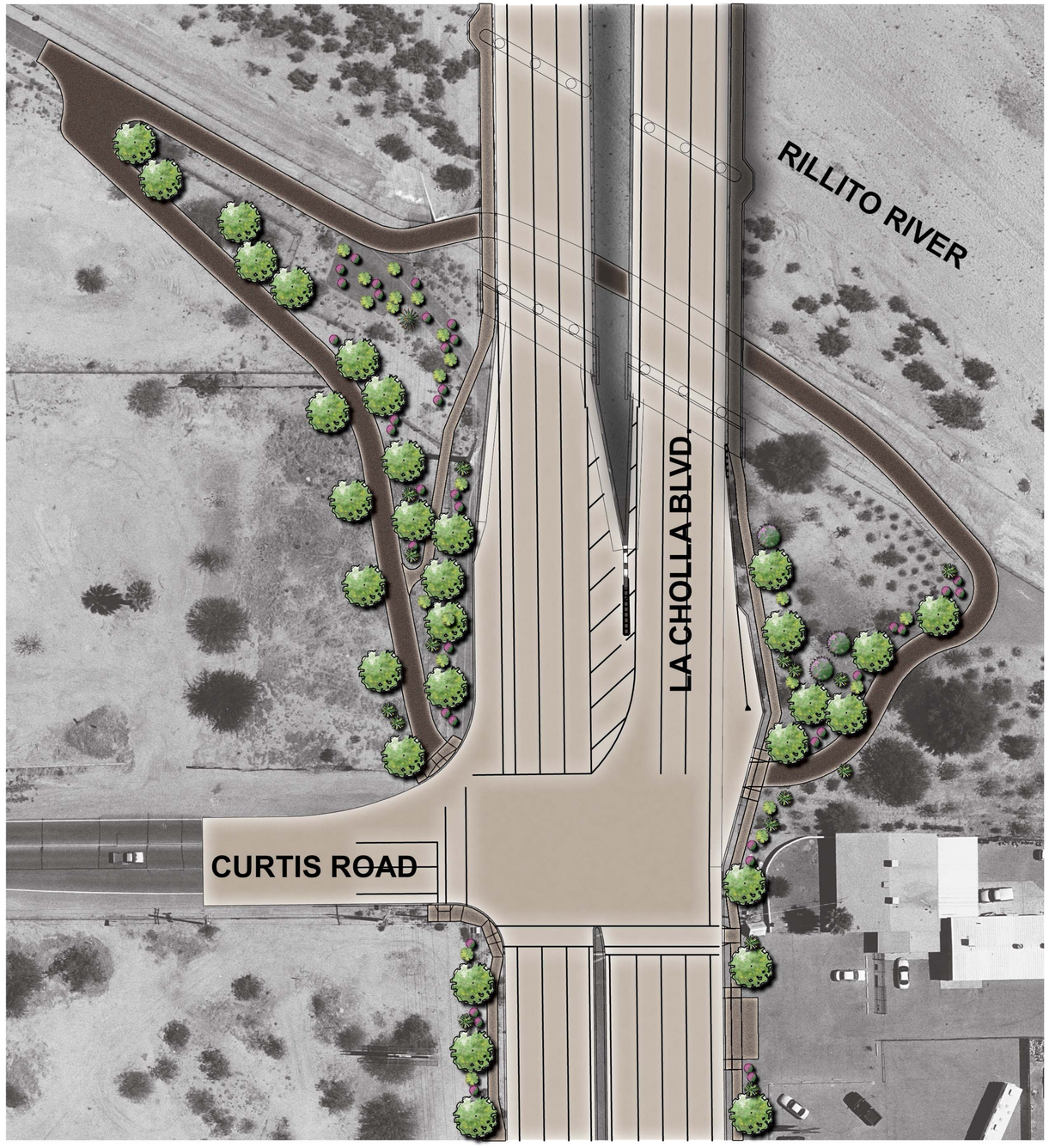

RIVER PARK ACCESS - SOUTH BANK

LA CHOLLA BOULEVARD - RIVER ROAD TO RUTHRAUFF ROAD

PRELIMINARY CONCEPT - RIVER PARK ACCESS

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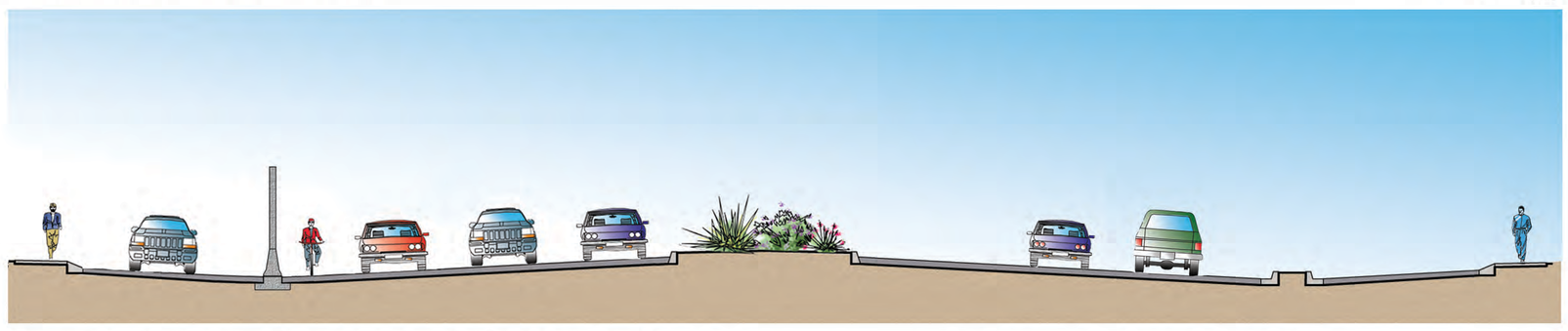

LANDSCAPE CONCEPT - TYPICAL SECTION AT FRONTAGE ROADS

LA CHOLLA BOULEVARD - RIVER ROAD TO RUTHRAUFF ROAD

TYPICAL LANDSCAPE PLAN AND SECTION

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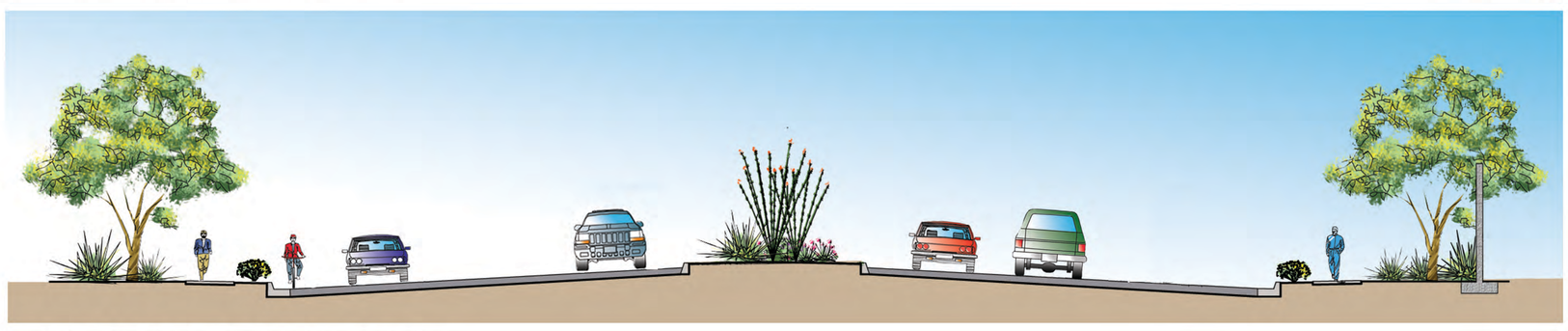

LANDSCAPE CONCEPT - TYPICAL SECTION

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TYPICAL LANDSCAPE PLAN AND SECTION

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La Cholla Boulevard: Ruthrauff Road to River Road (4LCITR)

Summary of Public Opinion Questionnaire of September 2008

La Cholla Boulevard is a capital improvement project that impacts many residents of Pima County. Currently 23,000-28,000 vehicles per day drive this segment of La Cholla Boulevard. By 2030 it is anticipated that 41,000-44,000 vehicles per day will drive this segment. This use comes from the local community as well as those coming to or driving through the area. According to the Public Participation and Mitigation Ordinance, section 10.56.130, a public opinion questionnaire was circulated to all property owners within a half mile of the project. Of the approximately 900 people contacted, 37 returned the questionnaire. County residents approved this project with the 2006 RTA vote. The RTA vote along with this low response rate suggests that the project is perceived as needed. The most common comment in the questionnaire responses, mentioned 22 times, was that additional lanes and congestion relief that the proposed plans provides is much needed. Eight responses indicated that the project would bring overall improvement to the area. Example responses to "please describe what you like about the project" include: "All proposed improvements." and "Everything!!! Much needed project!" However, not everyone is pleased as reflected in this comment, "Everything about this project will in some way affect us negatively, by increasing traffic, smog, and decreasing property values."

Depending on an individual's situation they may perceive the La Cholla Boulevard improvements as a negative or a positive change. Traffic was one area mentioned by a number of people. Three different people commented, "Making the road six lanes is great." and "I like the three-lane each way design." and "It will bring more traffic by our business." Two other people countered, "Why six lanes? I believe that is too many lanes." and "The project should be designed for four lanes instead of six lanes."

Safety is another issue drawing differing opinions. Five people specifically mentioned the safety benefits of the project. For example, one person stated, "This should improve traffic flow and hopefully reduce accidents due to impatience in long lines at the light." On the other hand, one person mentioned reduced safety and two mentioned the nearness of traffic to homes as a safety concern. One person commented on the proximity of the road to his home, noting, "This also subjects me to increased safety risk due to increased lanes…"

Sound barrier walls received varying comments as well, with six people commenting on them favorably and two commenting against them. Those in favor of walls explained, "I think walls and any landscape would be a huge improvement." and "Don't forget roadside visual barriers where needed." Those against walls for this project stated, "I am not interested in a high wall in front of property." and "We do not like the proposed sound barrier. Our property is zoned M.U. … Our ability to use the property for any type of business would be

destroyed by the proposed walls." The property north of Jay Avenue on the east and north of Calle Narciso on the west is zoned MU. These properties vary from primary residences, to residential rentals, to commercial properties. Therefore, it is understandable that this mixed use bring mixed ideas on what the area should look like. While a number of people have asked the County to buy adjacent properties, a number of property owners do not want to sell their property, stating, "I am not interested in …selling property as I just finished building a duplex." One resident felt like the County should not go over budget by acquiring property, stating, "Do not purchase right of way if not needed." How properties are used also relates to property value. This issue of value drew differing views as well. Some saw the project as enhancing value, stating, "I like the new look for this area." Another person believes, "…our overall property value will go down."

The issue of access is important to a number of people as well. Some see the medians as a means of increasing safety. One person in favor of medians stated, "Control access points close to the intersection." On the other hand, some people saw the medians as detrimental to their businesses. One person stated, "The islands make it impossible to get into my property from the north. We need a center lane." and another person said, "It is vital that there is a turn lane for southbound traffic into our parking lot…"

The comments received from the 37 respondents mentioned a variety of topics. In general, the respondents like the increased roadway capacity, turn lanes, bridge, sidewalk, bike lanes, transit access, park access, landscape, and public art. Opinions varied on issues such as number of lanes needed, level of safety, use of walls, type of landscape and art, impact to property values, whether property should be acquired, and whether medians should control access. This diversity of opinion is normal for a Capital Improvement Project since County residents have differing perspectives depending whether they own property adjacent to the right of way, or within a nearby neighborhood, or if they commute to or through the area.

CITY OF TUCSON
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

September 18th, 2008

Mr. Dean Papajohn, Civil Engineering Manager
Pima County Department of Transportation
201 N. Stone, 3rd Floor
Tucson, Arizona 85701

Subject: Bus Stops on La Cholla Blvd. Widening Project

Dear Mr. Papajohn:

Per your request, I would like to confirm the City of Tucson's and Sun Tran's review of the La Cholla roadway widening project between Ruthrauff and River roads. Bea Paulus of Sun Tran as well as myself have reviewed the plans carefully to ensure bus stops meet spacing, safety, and ADA accessibility requirements. We also want to ensure that each stop is a pleasant and comfortable environment for transit riders in the area.

We are asking that bus pullouts be provided at all four legs of the La Cholla/Ruthrauff intersection and at the southbound La Cholla/River stop. Pullouts are necessary where there are a significant number of passenger boardings (usually at major intersections) that cause a substantial dwell time for the bus. Stops with minimal passenger boardings do not need bus pullouts. More pullouts can make it difficult for the bus driver to pull back into traffic, thus putting the bus behind schedule. We are confident that the five pullouts above are sufficient for this segment of La Cholla Blvd.

We are also asking that each bus stop be made accessible per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines. Each stop should have a concrete pad for the installation of bus shelters coordinated by PCDOT and TDOT transit staff and provided by the contractor, Attention Transit Advertising. As we have discussed, shelter pad and/or shelter design specifications should be implemented to insure ADA compliance and compatibility with the anticipated bus shelters.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the La Cholla roadway plans. We look forward to the future improvements

Sincerely,

Thomas Fisher, TDOT Project Manager

Cc: Bea Paulus, Sun Tran
Pat McGowan, Pima County Department of Transportation

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assisting small business

MainStreet

Business Assistance Program Contacts
- RTA La Cholla Boulevard Project -

MainStreet is a regional small business assistance program focused on minimizing the construction impact on businesses located along Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) roadway projects. Our free services are available to any business that is located within the transportation projects construction outreach area and who wishes to participate. Our #1 goal is to reduce, or in some cases offset, the economic impact of the transportation improvement project on your business.

- Business Assistance Program Manager: Britton Dornquast - 838-4352 (MainStreet Hotline)

MainStreet is proud to have Steve Taylor from SAT Business Consulting as one of our business assistance consulting partners.

- Business Assistance Consulting Partner: Steve Taylor - 270-6309

For more general La Cholla Boulevard project information:

- La Cholla Boulevard information - Carol Brichta - Pima County Community Relations: 740-6410
- La Cholla Boulevard project website: http://www.roadprojects.pima.gov/lachollariver/

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MainStreet Business Assistance Program
- La Cholla Blvd Widening Project -

MainStreet Business Assistance Program
MainStreet's is a FREE regional small business assistance program focused on minimizing the construction impact on the business community along all Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) roadway projects. This program is provided as part of the Environmental and Economic Vitality Element within the 20 year regional transportation plan as approved by Pima County voters in May 2006.

Business Needs
Transportation construction projects have many significant effects on businesses, most notably the potential loss of revenue. Nationally average business losses due to transportation construction projects run 30%. Businesses have many unique needs and issues depending on the project. Some of these needs may include the following and often require some form of business assistance action.

- Information and Communication
- Questions and Concerns
- Empathy and Understanding
- Accommodations and Timing
- Signage and Access
- Maintaining Revenues and Cash Flow
- Sustainability and Future Opportunities

MainStreet Mission Statement
To help main street businesses struggle less and prosper more during transportation projects by providing information, facilitating communication and offering individual and group business consulting services.

MainStreet Primary Program Services

- Outreach of project information to area businesses
- Point-of-contact for area businesses
- An ombudsman approach to business concerns and solutions
- Referrals to appropriate organizations and agencies
- Continuous feedback loops for addressing issues, questions, suggestions, etc.
- Free individual one-on-one consulting services
- Free group or business association consulting services.

MainStreet Program Manager
Britton Dornquast (520) 838-4352

Primary La Cholla Business Outreach Consultant
Steve Taylor, MBA, SAT Business Consulting (520) 270-6309

Primary Business Outreach Consultant Roles and Responsibilities
The following business assistance program services began during the design and planning phase of the La Cholla project. Some of consultant's roles and responsibilities include:

- Offer MainStreet program services to all businesses in the outreach area (several years in advance of the project construction) to better prepare businesses to endure the length and scope of this project
- Identify key businesses within the project that may be more susceptible and vulnerable to project impacts. Implement a plan to continually check on the vulnerable businesses, leading up to and through construction
- Offer MainStreet's FREE individualized consulting services as identified through our proprietary Business Assessment program.