



Appendix D

Cultural Resources

Cultural Resources Assessment of the La Cholla Boulevard – Ruthrauff Road to River Road Project, Pima County, Arizona

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ABSTRACT

DATE: 16 June 2008

AGENCY: Pima County

REPORT TITLE: Cultural Resources Assessment of the La Cholla Boulevard – Ruthrauff Road to River Road Project, Pima County, Arizona

CLIENT PROJECT NAME: La Cholla Boulevard – Ruthrauff Road to River Road project

FUNDING LEVEL: Pima County Regional Transportation Authority, Arizona Highways Users Revenue Fund (HURF), impact fees

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Assessment prior to road expansion

PERMIT NUMBERS: Arizona Antiquities Act Project Specific Permit No. 2008-069ps; Arizona State Museum Accession No. 2007-0670

LOCATION:

County: Pima

Description: Sections 15, 16, 21, and 22, Township 13 South, Range 13 East, on USGS 7.5-minute topographic quad Jaynes, Ariz., AZ AA:12 [SE]

Land Ownership: Pima County right-of-way

NUMBER OF SURVEYED ACRES: 1.5

NUMBER OF SITES: 2

LIST OF REGISTER-ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES: AZ AA:12:18 (ASM)

LIST OF OTHER PROPERTIES: AZ AA:12:29 (ASM) (Site not found within project area)

RECOMMENDATIONS: Two previously recorded archaeological sites, AZ AA:12:18 (ASM), Hodges Ruin, and AZ AA:12:29 (ASM), are intersected by the proposed project. Their boundaries were not well documented historically, and surface survey associated with this project indicates the sites currently have few visible surface components. Archaeological trenching in accessible portions of the right-of-way, including the area of the two sites, was undertaken to locate site boundaries and identify subsurface features that will be affected by the proposed road-widening project. Four features were identified at the Hodges Ruin and the boundary relocated with greater accuracy in the eastern part of the site. Subsurface features at AA:12:29 were not identified. Desert Archaeology recommends that the roadway improvement project proceed as planned, with archaeological monitoring of any work within 30 m of the Hodges Ruin boundary. A monitoring and discovery plan is included in this report. Should the proposed plans change, or previously undiscovered cultural materials be encountered during the undertaking, work should be halted immediately and a qualified archaeologist contacted to evaluate the materials.