Date: April 11, 2022

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
    Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Jan Lesher
    County Administrator

Re: Northwest Service Center Update

On May 13, 2020 a Memorandum to the Board of Supervisors provided a series of maps identifying certain applicable socio-economic factors based on census tract information that clearly indicated the importance of the site in providing a centralized location for public services related to disadvantaged populations. The Memorandum also noted that the County was in the process of architectural programming for the facility and that more detailed planning and even construction was scheduled for late 2021.

On December 21, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved the revised American Rescue Plan Act Spending Plan, which included an allocation of $34,900,000 to the Northwest Service Center. As noted in that Plan:

The Northwest Services Center is a planned capital project housing public health services, community and workforce development services, and adult probation services. This planned facility is located in a medically underserved area and will bring together a nexus of community services to promote public health; housing, workforce, and community services support; and criminal justice. The facility will house a number of County services, with a large allocation devoted to public health – in particular – clinical services, Consumer Health and Food Safety (CHFS), public health data infrastructure, and behavioral health, with the ability to expand to other public health divisions. These divisions have all supported pandemic mitigation efforts and will continue to augment services to respond to effects of the pandemic through direct service delivery, vaccine distribution, data infrastructure and planning, wrap-around support services for mental health, and other necessary supports.

As construction related costs have risen significantly in recent months, a phased construction program has been adopted, which will focus first on community workforce development and public health services. The new, approximately 38,000 square foot building will include a public health clinic relocating immunization, sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment, and contraceptive services currently provided at 3550 N. First Avenue. Consumer Health and Food Safety mobile food truck inspection areas and vital records services, as well as adult and veteran employment services, housing and education. In addition, the project will include a large meeting room available to the public, but which could serve as a mass vaccination site and multi-use training rooms, and pad available for future expansion and parking.
While the former Golden Pin Bowling Lanes has been demolished, the historic stone wall and marquee sign have been preserved as have portions of the floor.

The project is currently scheduled to open to the public in December 2024.

A Project Update provided by Facilities Director Lisa Josker is attached. We will continue to update the Board on the progress of this critical community project over the months to come.

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Attachment

c:  Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
    Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer, Health and Community Services
    Mark Napier, Assistant County Administrator
    Terry Cullen, MD, MS, Public Health Director, Pima County Health Department
    Lisa Josker, Director, Facilities Management
    Daniel Sullivan, Director, Community and Workforce Development
MEMORANDUM

Date: April 7, 2022

To: Jan Lesher
   County Administrator

From: Lisa Josker
   Director

Re: Northwest Service Center Project Update

In follow up to your March 28, 2022 email request, below is a brief overview on the status of the Northwest Service Center Project.

Progress

- Programming meetings with the Health Department and Community and Workforce Development were completed in March 2022.

- The project’s Design Team is moving forward with updating the master plan to reflect recent changes to the reduced project scope.

- Demolition of the existing building is ongoing with stabilization of the existing stone wall required to protect the historic wall before the demolition is complete.

Project Scope

- The new, approximately 38,000 sf building will support services provided by the Health Department and Community and Workforce Development.

- The Health Department area will include a public health clinic relocating services currently provided at 3550 N. First Avenue, a Vital Registrar, a Consumer and Food Safety mobile food truck inspection area and testing.

- The Community and Workforce Development areas will include the Adult Education and Youth Employment Center services currently provided at 320 and 340 N. Commerce Loop. Community and Workforce Development is exploring the option to relocate the Veterans’ Workforce Center services to the Northwest Service Center location and move the Youth Employment Center services to the facility at 2801 E. Ajo Way. These relocations will have minimal impact on the project as the Youth and Veterans’ programmatic needs are similar in nature.

- The project will include a large meeting room for use by both departments and the community to provide a needed resource in this area.
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- The historic stone wall and marquee sign will be preserved and rehabilitated as necessary to remain as part of the project and communicate the history of the site and its role in the Miracle Mile Historic District. Additionally, a piece of the original terrazzo entry floor with bowling ball and pin caricatures was discovered during the demolition. Salvaged portions of the wood lanes will be incorporated into the design to pay homage to the original Golden Pin Lanes building at the site.

Project Schedule

- Design phases overlap construction phases to reduce the overall schedule
- Building Demolition and Stone Wall Stabilization Complete—June 2022
- Miracle Mile dedicated left-turn lane, right-turn lane and bus stop construction start—February 2023
- Site Utility Construction Start—May 2023
- Building Construction Start—August 2023
- Construction Complete—September 2024
- Open to the Public—December 2024

Project Budget—$39 million

- Property Acquisition, Environmental, Demolition—$3.0 million
- ARPA Grant Funding—$34.9 million
- Expended to Date—$4.7 million

I am available for additional information or details regarding this information.

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c:  Mark Napier, Assistant County Administrator
   Francisco Garcia, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer, Health and Community Services
   Monica Perez, County Administrator’s Chief of Staff