MEMORANDUM

Date: August 4, 2017

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

Re: Economic Development Effort near the Pima County Fairgrounds and Southeast Regional Park

In our continuing discussions with a number of site selectors and companies desiring to expand or relocate to Pima County, it has become abundantly clear the inventory of large parcels for significant manufacturing expansion are few within the urban region. In our adopted Economic Development Plan, we highlighted the Southeast Employment Logistics Center as a prime job center development location. In fact, Action Item 1.9 identifies the need to begin the master planning process to provide largescale (100 acres or larger) sites for manufacturing job centers.

The first phase of this master planning is complete, and attached are maps of the properties that could be added to the inventory of available properties for primary job center growth and development.

I have also provided a graphic showing some of the critical infrastructure concepts that also make this general area the region’s largest and fastest growing job center. This graphic shows the County preliminary location of the Sonoran Corridor, the new interstate connecting Interstates 10 and 19; and the relocated, new Nogales rail connection to the Union Pacific Sunset Line integrated into the Port of Tucson.

These concepts are in the very preliminary planning stages, but they demonstrate progress in achieving the action plan items in our Economic Development Plan.

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Attachments

c: Jan Lesher, Chief Deputy County Administrator
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Nanette Slusser, Assistant County Administrator for Public Works
Dr. John Moffatt, Director, Economic Development Office