



MEMORANDUM

Date: April 3, 2018

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Sahuarita Regional Library Site Selection and Design of a New Library for Sahuarita**

Presently, the Sahuarita Library operates out of a facility leased from Rancho Sahuarita. The present lease expires June 3, 2019 and Rancho Sahuarita has indicated they will not extend our lease past this date. Therefore, I have directed our Facilities Management and Library District staff to prepare for a new regional library to be located on property currently owned by the Sahuarita Unified School District (SUSD).

We considered multiple sites in the general Sahuarita area, including Rancho Sahuarita, Town of Sahuarita and the SUSD. The site selected is on West Sahuarita Road and part of the SUSD property. The County has appraised the property and will be purchasing the Library site from the SUSD.

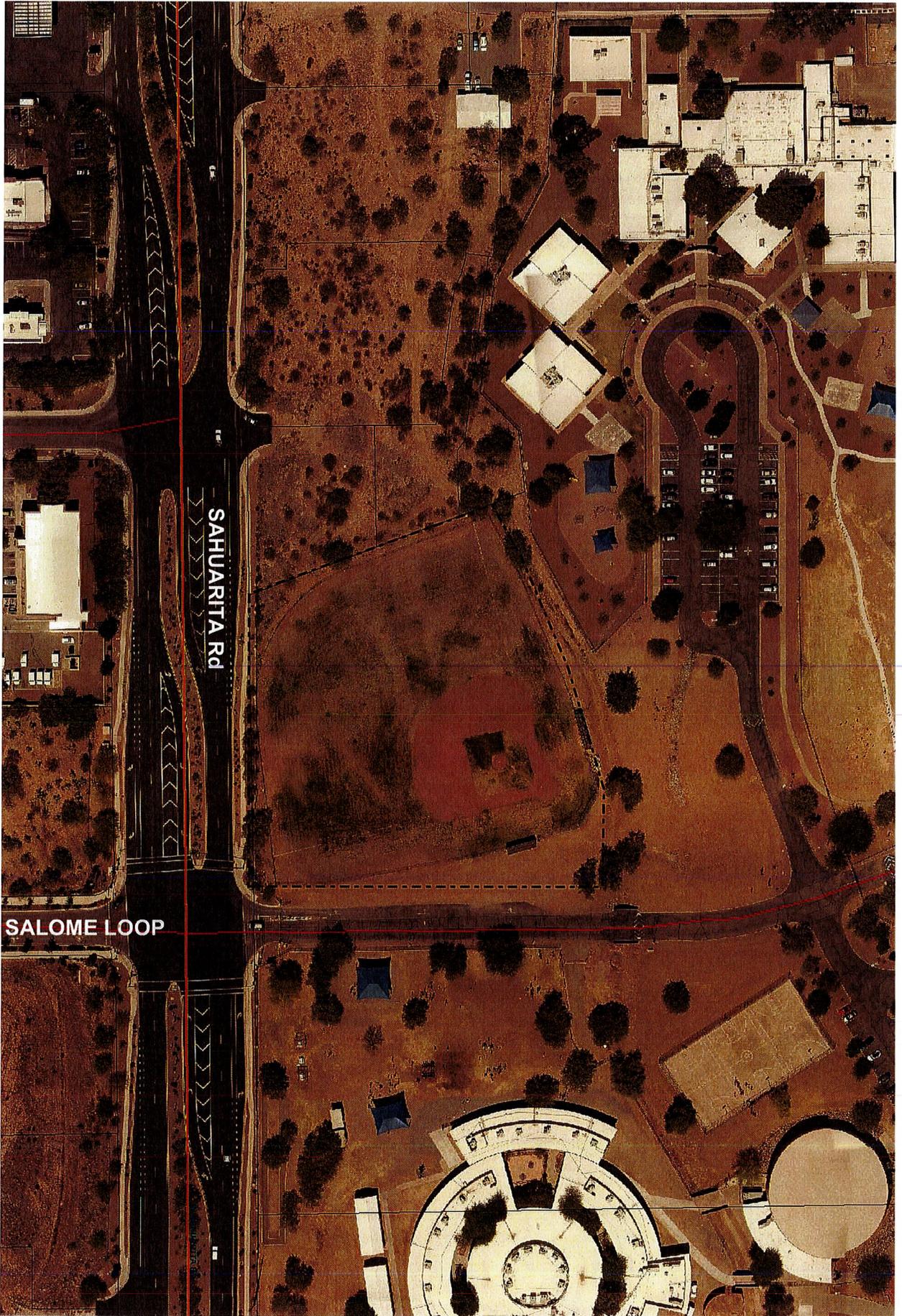
Design of a 15,000 to 20,000 square foot regional library is expected to begin in the next 90 days. The present goal is to construct and open a new library during the summer of 2019 before the current lease expires. I have directed staff to not only proceed with site selection, which will be placed on the Board's Agenda in the near term, but also appropriate selection of an Architect to design the library. Once designed, construction will commence immediately.

The development and construction of this new library will be funded through the Library District Tax Levy as a pay-as-you-go project, similar to the Flowing Wells library expansion now under construction, as well as the construction of a new much smaller initial library in the Vail area at South Houghton Road and East Mary Ann Cleveland Way.

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Attachment

c: Jan Leshar, Chief Deputy County Administrator
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Amber Mathewson, Director, Library District
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