



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 16, 2019

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Wilmot Gate Priority Implementation**

The County has worked closely with Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (DMAFB) to develop a new, major entrance on the south side of DMAFB at the Wilmot Road alignment. We have been successful in obtaining funding for Wilmot Road improvements from Valencia Road to the new gate as well as intersection improvements that will be necessary to accommodate the traffic diverted to the new Wilmot Gate.

This new gate is extremely important for DMAFB security and allows continuous public use of the major highway, Golf Links Road, along the northern perimeter of DMAFB. The present gate at Swan and Golf Links Roads is now populated with not only DMAFB facilities, but also US Customs and Border Protection and other military facilities. It is through this gate that almost all commercial trucks enter DMAFB. These trucks undergo security screens before being allowed to enter DMAFB. Any security alert or response at the Swan Gate will effectively close Golf Links Road, which now carries nearly 97,000 vehicles per day.

Actual construction cost of the new Wilmot Gate will be borne by the Military Construction Budget.

As you know, building and funding for this new facility is among the highest priorities for the County and region, which has demonstrated its support by already appropriating \$1.4 million for new highway construction leading to the Wilmot Gate. At our request, Congresswoman Kirkpatrick has been able to position this \$15 million project for advanced federal funding. I am pleased to report that she has successfully added language to the Fiscal Year 2020 Military Construction Appropriations Subcommittee Report that puts the project in a position to be funded on an accelerated basis. There is no guarantee that this bill or the key report language will become law, or if it does, that the project will be funded, but this effort has put the project in the best position possible to begin the work as soon as possible.

I would like to thank Congresswoman Kirkpatrick for advancing this critical project for both DMAFB and this community.

c: Michael Racy, Racy Associates, Inc.
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