



MEMORANDUM

Date: September 12, 2019

To: The Honorable Steve Christy, Member
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "CHH", is written over the printed name "C.H. Huckelberry".

Re: **Houghton Road Improvements – Interstate 10 to Andrada Polytechnic High School**

This communication is to alert you to potential significant delay or cancellation of this road widening project. The project is substantially funded, but is dependent upon Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) designation and approval of a number of flood control detention basins that will improve the usability of State Trust Land as well as reduce the cost of roadway drainage crossings for the project.

We have been working with the ASLD for the last year and a half to identify and locate detention basins. Our Regional Flood Control District (RFCD) staff have been providing the technical data regarding this potential project. We have moved one of the detention basins nearest Houghton Road twice at the request of the ASLD. They have now indicated that they have hired an independent consultant to review our work. This will cause at least a 30-day delay.

If there are any significant revisions and/or other obstacles that arise due to this review, the project will be indefinitely delayed and likely cancelled since we have been unable to receive any firm commitments from the ASLD regarding future detention basin construction that the County would construct at no cost to their agency.

I will keep you apprised of any further developments as the ASLD proceeds with the review of the detention basin locations and hydrologic/hydraulic data provided by the RFCD for the present location. The development of these detention basins directly impact the design of Houghton Road; hence, the projects are connected.

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c: Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
Ana Olivares, Director, Transportation Department