



MEMORANDUM

Date: February 1, 2021

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry *CHH*
County Administrator

Re: **Expansion of the Pima Air and Space Museum with the Tucson Military Vehicle Museum**

Please see the attached memorandum describing the expansion of one of Pima County's successful attractions, the Pima Air and Space Museum.

The Pima Air and Space Museum is operated by the Arizona Aerospace Foundation, with Executive Director Scott Marchand and Chair of the Board of Trustees, Count Ferdinand von Galen.

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Attachment

c: Jan Leshner, Chief Deputy County Administrator
Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer,
Health and Community Services



Date: January 26, 2021

To: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

From: Diane Frisch 
Director

Via: Jan Leshner 
Chief Deputy County Administrator

Re: **Expansion of Pima Air and Space Museum with the Tucson Military Vehicle Museum**

As one of the world's largest and most diverse aerospace museums, Pima Air and Space Museum continues to draw visitors and residents to the museum and is currently open and safely operating with reduced capacity during Covid 19. The museum operates under a long-term lease with Pima County and has notified us of a planned expansion.

The museum has recently completed the acquisition of 77 acres of land immediately to the east of their existing parcel to develop an exciting experience not readily available west of the Mississippi River – The Tucson Military Vehicle Museum and driving experience. The addition will showcase land-based military vehicles and give the public the opportunity to drive and ride in a variety of military and related land equipment vehicles.

A genuinely compatible audience overlap between Pima Air and Space Museum patrons and those interested in exotic military vehicles will benefit attendance at both attractions. Funding comes from a \$2 Million dollar matching donor gift and will include a 32,000 square foot gallery and donations of vehicles already secured. The ability to display, restore and preserve these historic armored fighting vehicles will provide a dynamic and comfortable venue that will only add to the appeal of the Pima Air and Space Museum.

Vehicles on hand at Pima Air and Space Museum already include: GMC 1941 Fire Truck, UH-1D, Lynx AH.7 50 items already onsite from the USMC. The Imperial War Museum has also offered 50 unique vehicles for direct transfer to the museum for this project.

Expected opening is late 2021 pending any delays due to COVID-19.

Additional information and/or donation information are available from Executive Director, Scott Marchand or Chair, Board of Trustees- Count Ferdinand von Galen.