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County Administrator

October 1, 2021

Mr. Farhad Moghimi, Executive Director
Pima Association of Governments
1 East Broadway Boulevard, Suite 401
Tucson, AZ 85701

Re: **Request by RTA Technical Management Committee for Input on the Remaining RTA Projects**

Dear Mr. Moghimi:

In response to the September 10, 2021 request for ideas on how RTA projects may be delivered within budget, we offer the following for the two remaining RTA projects for Pima County.

First Avenue, Ina Road to Orange Grove Road:

The RTA Ballot called for a four-lane arterial, bike lanes and sidewalks, with a budget of \$7,256,000 (\$6,556,000 RTA funding, \$700,000 Other).

- The current roadway section is three lanes, with paved shoulders and signalized intersections with dedicated turn lanes.
- The PAG 2045 Traffic Volume Forecast is 10,000 to 11,000 and the current roadway section is adequate for the forecasted volume.

RTA savings from this project could be shifted to Silverbell Road, Ina Road to Grant Road project, Ina Road to Camino del Cerro segment. This is another project where traffic patterns and growth have changed since the voters approved the RTA plan 15 years ago and additional capacity is needed.

Silverbell Road, Ina Road to Grant Road:

RTA Ballot called for a three and four lane desert parkway, drainage improvements and bike lanes, with a budget of \$57,053,000 (\$42,653,000 RTA funding, \$14,400,000 Other).

Camino del Cerro to Grant Road Phase:

- The City of Tucson is responsible for this phase. The segment from Camino del Cerro to Goret Road is designed and the City will construct the project under a Construction Manager at Risk contract.

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- The segment from Goret Road to Grant Road is complete. Both these segments provide a four lane roadway.

Ina Road to Camino del Cerro Phase:

- Pima County and Town of Marana are responsible for this segment and we recommend Pima County be the Lead Agency.
- The current roadway section for this segment is two lanes with intermittent shoulders of varying widths.
- The PAG 2045 Traffic Volume Forecast varies from 14,000 to 19,000 between Ina Road and Camino del Cerro and the current roadway section is not adequate for the forecasted volume.
- Capacity improvements are needed for this four-mile segment of Silverbell Road and a four-lane segment as identified in the Regional Mobility and Accessibility Plan (RMAP) is appropriate. The estimated cost is \$67.9M. (The estimated cost for a three-lane segment is approximately \$50M)
- The City of Tucson segment from Camino del Cerro to Goret Road will utilize the remaining RTA funding; therefore, additional RTA funding, as well as PAG regional funding, will be needed for the segment from Ina Road to Camino del Cerro.

We request consideration by the RTA Board to reprogram the \$7,256,000 in RTA funds for First Avenue, Orange Grove to Ina Project to the County Silverbell Road segment and approve a four lane divided cross section.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,



C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

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