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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: December 2, 2014

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator 

Re: **Pima County's Economic Development Plan and Hughes Access Road Relocation Update**

As part of our 2012 to 2014 Economic Development Plan, the County committed to take actions necessary to protect the region's largest private employer, Raytheon Missile Systems. Those actions included purchasing 382 acres of property at a cost of approximately \$6 million to buffer Raytheon from residential urban encroachment and the relocation of Hughes Access Road. We have now successfully completed the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Hughes Access Road relocation. The EA has been approved by the Federal Aviation Administration and is out for a standard 30-day public comment.

We have also successfully negotiated land acquisition from the Tucson Airport Authority (TAA) for the right of way necessary to construct the new road to be named the Aerospace Parkway. Bids will be called for in the first few months of 2015, and the roadway will be constructed and opened to traffic by December 31, 2015.

The County has asked that an EA be initiated by TAA for the acquisition of an expanded buffer for Raytheon, allowing Raytheon to expand manufacturing and production operations at their Tucson facility. We are hopeful Raytheon's business climate would afford them such an expansion opportunity.

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c: John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator for Public Works  
Dr. John Moffatt, Director, Strategic Planning  
Priscilla Cornelio, Director, Department of Transportation