MEMORANDUM

Date: May 8, 2014

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

Re: **Broadway Corridor**

At their Study Session May 6, 2014, the Tucson Mayor and Council discussed the Broadway Corridor, or the transportation widening improvements on Broadway Boulevard. There was no real conclusion, other than concern regarding funding losses that would occur if only the four-lane Broadway improvements were selected. The limited four-lane improvements seem to be favored by the citizen committee formed by the Mayor and Council to study the issue of increasing transportation capacity along Broadway Boulevard.

The Mayor and Council indicated that those who were potentially concerned about the loss of funds should contact the Board of Supervisors and express their concerns. The purpose of this memorandum is to alert the Board that you may receive calls regarding the County's position on the allocation of the County's Highway User Revenue (HURF) bond funds for Broadway Boulevard improvements.

The Bond Implementation Plan for Broadway Boulevard calls for a minimum six-lane divided facility with appropriate ancillary bicycle facilities and pedestrian improvements. Anything less would not conform to the adopted Bond Implementation Plan Ordinance. There are mechanisms to amend the ordinance, which are described in the County Code.

I would not recommend any ordinance amendment that would not increase the capacity to a six-lane divided facility; however, the Board is free to direct a bond amendment that would do otherwise.

It also should be remembered that the availability of HURF bond proceeds is subject to the cash flow available from annual HURF distributions, which have been previously significantly reduced due to decreased fuel consumption and State funding diversions.

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c: John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
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