



MEMORANDUM

Date: February 21, 2013

To: Chairman and Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Misunderstanding Regarding Economic Development Funding**

A myth continues to be promulgated that much of the economic development funding requests, particularly those related to transportation improvements, are for the benefit of Raytheon. This is incorrect.

As I have previously stated on a number of occasions, the Raytheon issues relate to buffering to prevent unwise urban encroachment and the relocation of Hughes Access Road.

Regarding the buffering, the County General Fund purchased the lands necessary for buffering. Negotiations are underway between the Tucson Airport Authority (TAA), Raytheon and the U.S. Air Force (USAF) to obtain the balance of buffer lands that may be on Tucson International Airport (TIA) property. This negotiation involves the exchange of land between the USAF and TAA necessary for the development of a second runway at TIA. Therefore, no bond funds will be used to acquire the buffer lands necessary for Raytheon.

With respect to the relocation of Hughes Access Road, the funding requests for roadway improvements are not related to the relocation of Hughes Access Road. The requests are for a new high-speed/high-capacity transportation facility presently termed the "Aerospace Parkway." The relocation of Hughes Access Road is already funded by the Pima Association of Governments/Regional Transportation Authority through the allocation of federal or state funds or funded by the application of the annexation agreement between the City of Tucson and Raytheon. Therefore, no bond funds are being requested to relocate Hughes Access Road.

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