



City Council Report

Date: July 1, 2025

To: City Council

Through: Marc Heirshberg, Assistant City Manager

From: Nana Appiah, Development Services Director
Mary Kopaskie-Brown, Planning Director
Joshua Grandlienard, Senior Planner

Subject: Introduction of an Ordinance for annexation case ANX25-00293 for 1.4± acres of County right-of-way along South Signal Butte and extending approximately 1,246 feet west along the future alignment of East Auto Drive, which transfers this right-of-way to the City. (District 6)

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this agenda item for the City Council to consider an ordinance transferring 1.4± acres of Maricopa County right-of-way into the corporate limits of the City of Mesa (See Exhibit A) (the “Right-of-Way”).

Staff recommends approval of the transfer of the Right-of-Way.

Background

A transfer, like an annexation, brings new land into the City and extends and increases the corporate limits. A transfer can only be used in limited circumstances, such as a county right-of-way or roadway that is adjacent to the City.

Unlike annexations, a transfer does not include a petition for signatures or public hearings to release a petition. The transfer is accomplished if the city and county each approve the proposed transfer as a published agenda item at a regular public meeting of their governing bodies. After both governing bodies approve the transfer, the right-of-way or roadway is treated the same as any other newly annexed land. Transfer of the Right-of-Way is allowed pursuant to A.R.S. § 9-471(O) and is subject to approval by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors.

On October 21, 2024, City Council approved a Rezone Review request for the “Gateway Auto Mall” Development (Case No. ZON22-00435), which is a 61.8± acre commercial development located on both sides of South Signal Butte Road, on the north side of East Pecos Road.

The proposed transfer is for a portion of South Signal Butte Road and a portion of the future alignment of East Auto Drive right-of-way that is required to be constructed as part of the infrastructure improvements for the development.

Discussion

Per A.R.S. § 9-471(O), a county right-of-way may be transferred to an adjacent city or town by mutual consent of the governing bodies of the county and city or town. The property transferred has to be adjacent to the receiving city or town and the city or town and county each have to approve the proposed transfer as a published agenda item at a regular public meeting of their governing bodies.

The Right-of-Way is adjacent to the City of Mesa.

Upon approval of the transfer (by both the City and the County according to the procedures in A.R.S. § 9-471(O), the City of Mesa will be responsible for the maintenance of the Right-of-Way.

Planning

As this transfer consists only of right-of-way, no zoning designation will be assigned.

Fiscal Impact

There are no fiscal impacts associated with the transfer.

General Information

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Area | 1.43± Acres |
| Population | 0 People |
| Dwelling Units | 0 Homes |
| Existing Businesses..... | 0 Businesses |
| Arterial Streets..... | 0.18± miles |
| Total Owners | 0 Owners |
| Total Assessed Valuation of private land..... | \$0 |