



# City Council Report

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**To:** City Council

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**Subject:** Introduction of an Ordinance for annexation case ANX25-00449 for 0.17± acres of County right-of-way for a portion of the intersection of East Elliot Road and South Sossaman Road, which transfers this right-of-way to the City. (District 6) **(District 6)**

## **Purpose and Recommendation**

The purpose of this agenda item for the City Council to consider an ordinance transferring 0.168± 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 June 19, 2023, City Council approved a rezoning and Site Plan Review request for “The Block” Development (Case No. ZON22-00921), which is a 269.8± acre industrial development located on the west side of South Sossaman Road, on the south side of East Elliot Road.

The proposed transfer is for a portion of the intersection of South Sossaman Road and East Elliot Road right-of-way that is required to be constructed as part of a proposed Capital Improvement Project CP0982 for Elliot Road.

### **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 .....	0.168± Acres
Population .....	0 People
Dwelling Units .....	0 Homes
Existing Businesses.....	0 Businesses
Arterial Streets.....	264 Feet
Total Owners .....	0 Owners
Total Assessed Valuation of private land.....	\$0