



City Council Report

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To: City Council
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Subject: ADOT Disposal D-C-143 – U.S. Route 60, the Superstition Freeway
Waiver of A.R.S. § 28–7209
(Council District 5)

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request the approval of a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Waiver of A.R.S. § 28-7209 with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) allowing ADOT to proceed with abandonment of previously identified and improved roadways.

Refer to Exhibit “A” for the location map of these roadways.

Staff recommends that Council approve this Resolution.

Background

ADOT is to return portions of right of way along the Superstition Freeway (US 60) to the City. The City wishes to accept full jurisdiction and ownership responsibilities for these portions of right of way following completion of a mill and overlay project which improves such roadways in these portions of right of way.

Discussion

For ADOT to proceed, it must obtain from the City a waiver of the four-year advanced notice requirement in A.R.S. § 28–7209. A copy of the Waiver of the Four- Year Advance Notice of Abandonment and Pavement Quality Report is attached as Exhibit “B”.

This process has been coordinated and agreed upon between ADOT and City staff. ADOT will abandon these areas to the City and the City will accept jurisdiction and ownership responsibilities of these.

Alternatives

The City Council could choose not to execute the Waiver and not continue with this abandonment of ADOT of the previously agreed portions along US 60 from South Crismon Road to South Signal Butte Road Traffic Interchanges. If abandonment and transfer of these areas do not occur, then roadways may not be as properly and frequently maintained by ADOT as they would be if under City control.

Fiscal Impact

The City will be financially responsible for the ownership and maintenance of these areas, once abandoned by ADOT. The maintenance of these areas has been included in the FY26 Operating Budget.

Coordinated With

This waiver and the eventual transfer of the rights of way have been coordinated with Real Estate and Engineering.