



# Cochise County

## Community Development

### Highway and Floodplain Division

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DATE: December 20, 2016

TO: Board of Supervisors

THRU: Karen Riggs, P.E., County Engineer/ Highway & Floodplain Director

FROM: Karen Lamberton, AICP, County Transportation Planner

SUBJECT: SR92 & Foothills Dr.: IGA/JPA 16-0006158-I

Recommendation: This department recommends approving the IGA/JPA 16-0006158-I with the Arizona Department of Transportation for conveying both temporary and permanent Rights-of-Way for the purposes of constructing and maintaining improvements on Foothills Dr.

#### Background (Brief):

In 2014, Cochise County, the City of Sierra Vista and ADOT met to discuss traffic circulation and crash rates at the SR92 and Foothills Dr. intersection. Among the issues were circulation issues caused by traffic using the southwest corner development to bypass the signal; long queue lengths traveling eastbound (especially on Sunday afternoon as churches in the area completed services); inadequate merging lanes for vehicles turning west or eastbound from SR92. ADOT sought, and obtained, federal safety funds to make intersection improvements at this location.

Cochise County worked with ADOT in the early design stages and they agreed to also implement needed improvements on the west leg of Foothills Dr. as part of this project. This IGA is to allow ADOT to take full control and responsibility of the Foothills Dr. project area during construction. This IGA also agrees to convey on a permanent basis a portion of the County's existing Right-of-Way immediately adjacent to SR92, to ADOT so that they might take over future maintenance of the new drainage and intersection improvements that will be constructed.

The project construction cost is estimated at \$1.021 million dollars.

Fiscal Impact & Funding Sources: There is no direct fiscal impact to Cochise County. The state is paying the required match amounts for this federally funded safety improvement. Ongoing maintenance costs will decrease slightly for Foothills Dr. as the State will be taking over the responsibility for ongoing drainage and intersection improvements after project completion. In-kind staff support to this project is part of the routine Highway Dept. liaison work with ADOT and FHWA.

Next Steps/Action Items/Follow-up: Once this IGA/JPA has been approved, ADOT will begin finalizing right-of-way acquisition and design plans. Advertisement of this project is tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2017, with construction to be completed by early 2018.

Impact of NOT approving: ADOT would not be able to complete planned safety improvements within the County's Rights-of-Way at the SR92 and Foothills Dr. intersection.

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