



# PROPOSED JOINT PARA GRANT APPLICATION FEASIBILITY COORIDOR STUDY: BENSON GROWTH AREA

A **Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA)** grant is administered by the Arizona Department of Transportation. This grant provides 100% funding for rural areas to obtain technical assistance for short and long range planning activities. The proposed project area for this proposed feasibility corridor study will include the urbanizing southwest area of the City of Benson. This area includes land under the jurisdiction of unincorporated Cochise County and the Arizona State Lands Dept. Two transportation corridors have been identified by the City of Benson’s Short Range Transportation Plan and Cochise County’s 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan for future extensions and/or improvements.

The scope of work for this proposed feasibility corridor study includes:

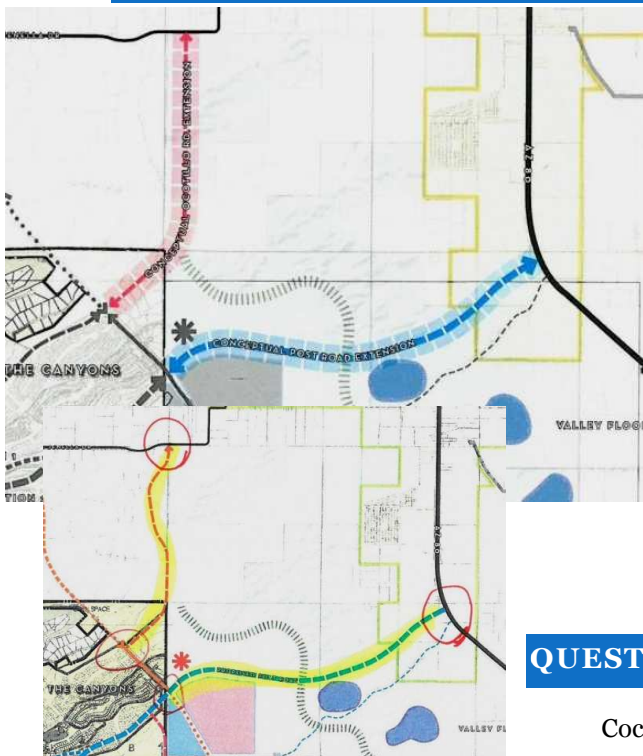
- ❖ Conduct a Fatal Flaw Analysis (drainage, environmental, topographic constraints).
- ❖ Estimate Right-of-Way Acquisition Costs.
- ❖ Identify Az. State Land Lease Considerations and Costs.
- ❖ Identify Intersection Connections.
- ❖ Identify recommended alignment for the proposed Ocotillo Rd. extension.
- ❖ Identify recommended re-alignment for the proposed Post Ranch Rd. extension.



Existing Post Ranch Rd. Intersection with SR92.

Letters of support are anticipated from ADOT’s SouthCentral District Engineer, SEAGO’s Executive Director and the City of Benson’s Chamber of Commerce.

## CONCEPTUAL ROAD EXTENSIONS & RE-ALIGNMENTS



This project would consider potential extensions to two roadways that serve the urbanizing Benson growth area. These are the Ocotillo Rd. extension that intersections with the county-maintained Jennella Dr. and a re-alignment of Post Ranch Rd. that intersects with both Highway 92 and Highway 80.

## FY 18 PARA GRANT TIMELINE

- ❖ May 22, 2017: City of Benson Resolution Considered
- ❖ **May 23, 2017: Cochise County BOS Resolution Considered**
- ❖ If Resolutions Approved: PARA Grant Application  
Deadline May 31, 2017
- ❖ If Awarded: PARA Grant IGA’s and Consultant Selection in  
Winter 2017
- ❖ January 2018: Scope of Work Finalized/Kick-Off-Meeting
- ❖ April and September 2018: Public Open House/Outreach
- ❖ October 2018: Present Recommendations to City Council and BOS

## QUESTIONS?

Cochise County Transportation Planner: Karen L. Lamberton, AICP

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS PROPOSED JOINT PARA GRANT APPLICATION FOR A FEASIBILITY COORIDOR STUDY IN THE BENSON AREA**

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