

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Ann English, Chairman; Peggy Judd, Vice-Chairman, telephonic; Tom Crosby, Supervisor

Staff Present: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator
Sharon Gilman, Deputy County Administrator
Christine Roberts, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Tim Mattix, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Jackie Watkins, Engineering & Natural Resources Director
Bradley Simmons, Engineering Manager

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 11:24 a.m.

ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Board of Supervisors

1. Discussion and possible direction regarding the Engineering & Natural Resource Department (ENR) Transportation Projects including the Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization (SVMPO) regional transportation County roads Theater Drive and Moson Road Scoping Studies.

Ms. Watkins introduced Karen Lamberton of Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization (SVMPO) who presented an overview of SVMPO. Ms. Lamberton stated the primary activity of the SVMPO is long-range transportation planning, which projects needs 20 to 30 years out. She distributed a packet of information. She discussed transportation goals and priorities. SVMPO's top 3 projects are Theater Drive, Moson Road, and Skyline Drive. SVMPO began working on these projects in the Transportation Improvement Program with their Board and is looking for funding from a state earmark.

Mr. Simmons presented information on the Theater Drive inventory and roadway assessment which was a joint project with the city and funded by SVMPO for \$120,000. Mr. Simmons stated that their consultant, Wilson & Co. looked at creating a more cohesive corridor by improving road uniform sidewalks, gutters and curbs. The main goal is improving pedestrian bicycle movements, overall safety and drainage. Mr. Simmons presented multiple slides depicting visuals of road improvements, including sidewalks, landscaping and shared vehicle/bicycle lanes.

Ms. Watkins presented information on the Moson Rd project. The pre-scoping feasibility study will identify infrastructure needs between Hereford Rd. and State Highway 90 to prepare planning-level cost estimates for future funding from Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). The County is completing right-of-way acquisitions of approximately \$500,000. In 2023, an IGA initiated by ADOT will be entered into to obtain funds to design the project. Construction will be approximately \$10 million to complete and may have to be phased in depending on the funding received. Design will take an estimated 9 months to 1 year.

Ms. Watkins provided statistics on right-of-way activity and permitting. Ms. Watkins stated that Engineering and Natural Resources will be coming to the Board next year to increase the special event fee due to increased staff hours for events that include multiple cities and agencies. She discussed Davis Rd as it is a high traffic road for oversized and overweight loads. With the Port-of-Entry (POE) going in they need to keep the right-of-way clear. Anchors and posts will be updated to square tubing in various areas of the county, which will make it easier to replace when damaged and nighttime inspections for reflectivity will be completed. Ms. Watkins stated that 60 bridge structures in the County are inspected by ADOT and of those, 2 are rated obsolete and 5 are functionally deficient. A consultant will rate the bridges and box culverts and design a 20 year replacement plan. Ms. Watkins gave an update of the status of box culvert construction on Leslie Canyon & Geronimo Trail. The intersection at Shelton Rd and Kansas Settlement was widened in cooperation with the dairy farm that paid for the cost of the power pole relocation.

Ms. Watkins gave an update on the roadway design and right-of-way acquisition for Davis Rd. With the new POE going in, they are anticipating a 50% increase in truck traffic. Traffic from El Paso and Nogales is anticipated to come through the Douglas POE. Ms. Watkins outlined the three projects on Davis Rd, Central Rd to US 191, culverts on mile post 5 and 13 and SR80 to Central Rd (22 miles). There is \$3 million in the budget and grants will be obtained to complete the projects. In response to the Board, Ms. Watkins stated that these culverts will be similar to the existing culvert. Right-of-way will be obtained for a future four-lane road, however only a two-lane road with an 8-foot shoulder will be built at this time.

In response to the Board, Mr. Mattix stated that this PowerPoint is posted on the County's website.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tim Mattix, Clerk of the Board