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MEMORANDUM

Public Works – Transportation - Memo No. TR09-015

DATE: JANUARY 8, 2009

TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL

THRU: MARK PENTZ, CITY MANAGER
 PAT MCDERMOTT, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
 R. J. ZEDER, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

FROM: H. PAUL YOUNG, SENIOR ENGINEER

SUBJECT: ROADWAY ALIGNMENT: GILBERT ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, QUEEN CREEK ROAD TO HUNT HIGHWAY

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that Council approve the alignment for improvements to Gilbert Road from Queen Creek Road to Hunt Highway.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

The Gilbert Road Improvements project consists of widening the roadway to include three thru lanes in each direction from Queen Creek Road to Chandler Heights Road and two lanes each direction from Chandler Heights Road to Hunt Highway. Turn lanes, bike lanes, and a raised landscape median are included. Additionally, widening of the Eastern Canal bridge crossings south and east of the Gilbert Road/Ocotillo Road intersection is a part of the project. The improvements meet the requirements of the 2001 Chandler Transportation Plan. The improvements require the purchase of additional right-of-way, drainage easements, utility easements, and temporary construction easements.

The attached exhibit shows the recommended alignment and needed right-of-way for the improvements. Just south of the Eastern Canal, the roadway centerline is shifted approximately 32 feet east of monument line to avoid impacting properties on the west side. This roadway centerline alignment transitions back to monument line north of Brooks Farm Road. Alignment approval is requested to establish the right-of-way and easement needs for an estimated 30 parcels.

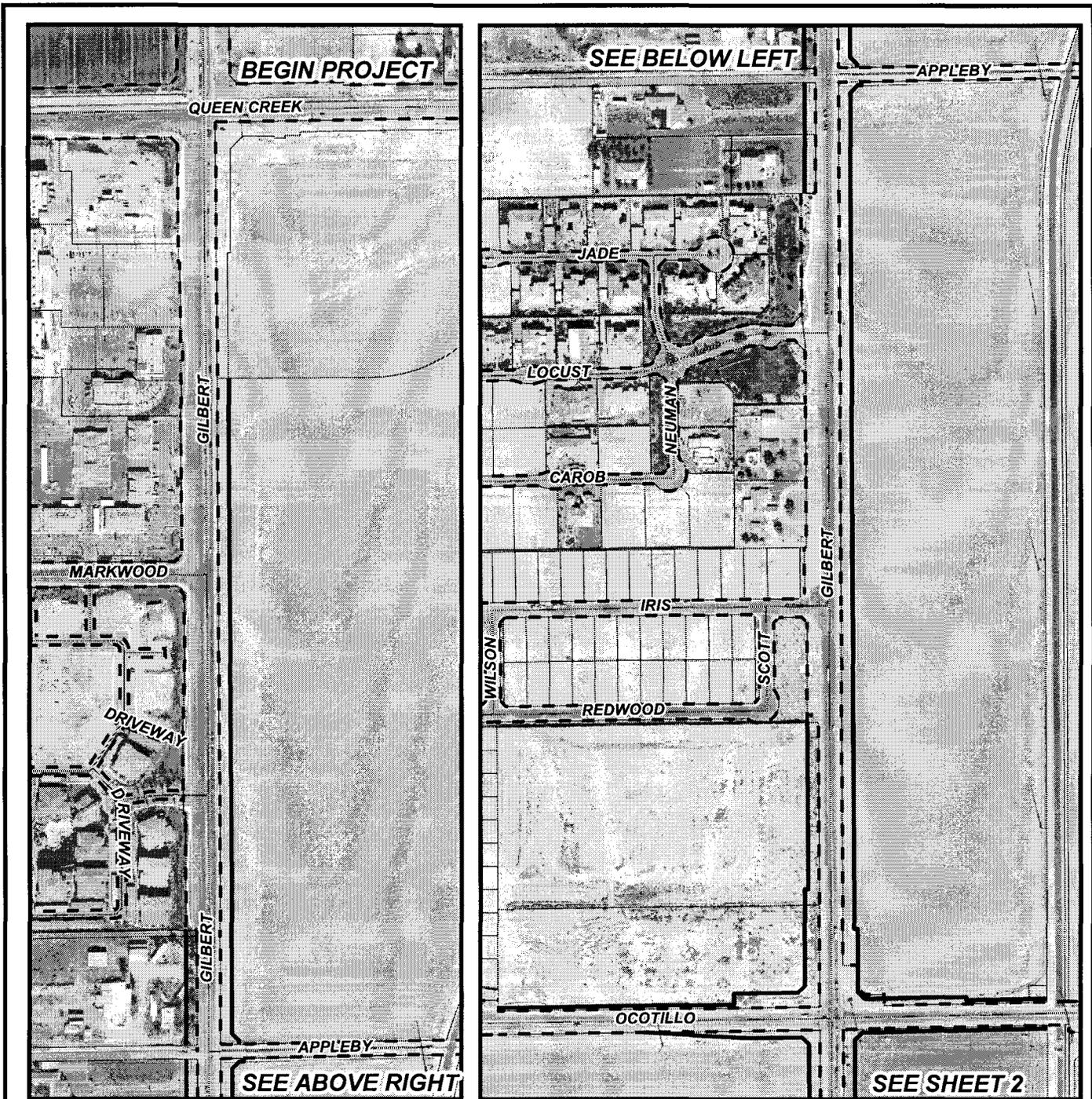
A public meeting was held on Tuesday, October 22, 2008 by City staff to present the proposed project to adjacent property owners. Staff presented project information, responded to questions and comments, and received additional input from business owners and residents. Construction is anticipated to begin Fall 2010.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: The Transportation Commission reviewed the proposed alignment on December 18, 2008 and recommended approval by a vote of 6 to 0.

PROPOSED MOTION:

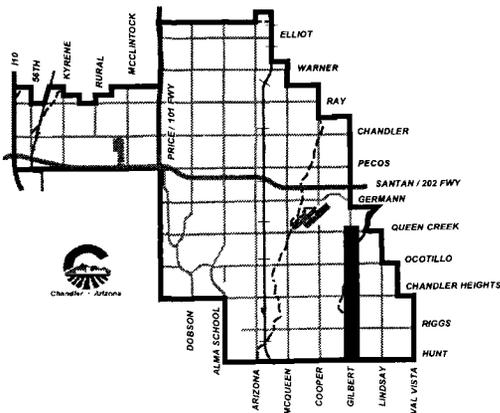
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Attachment: Gilbert Road Improvements, Queen Creek Road to Hunt Highway alignment exhibits



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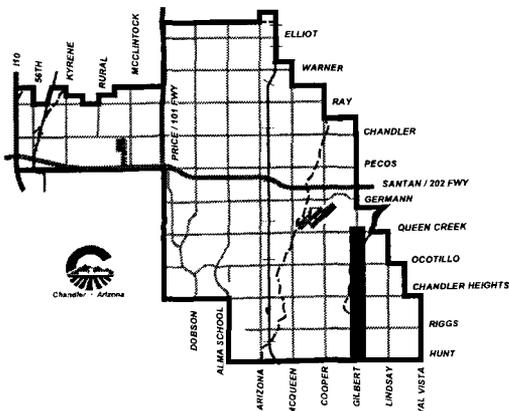
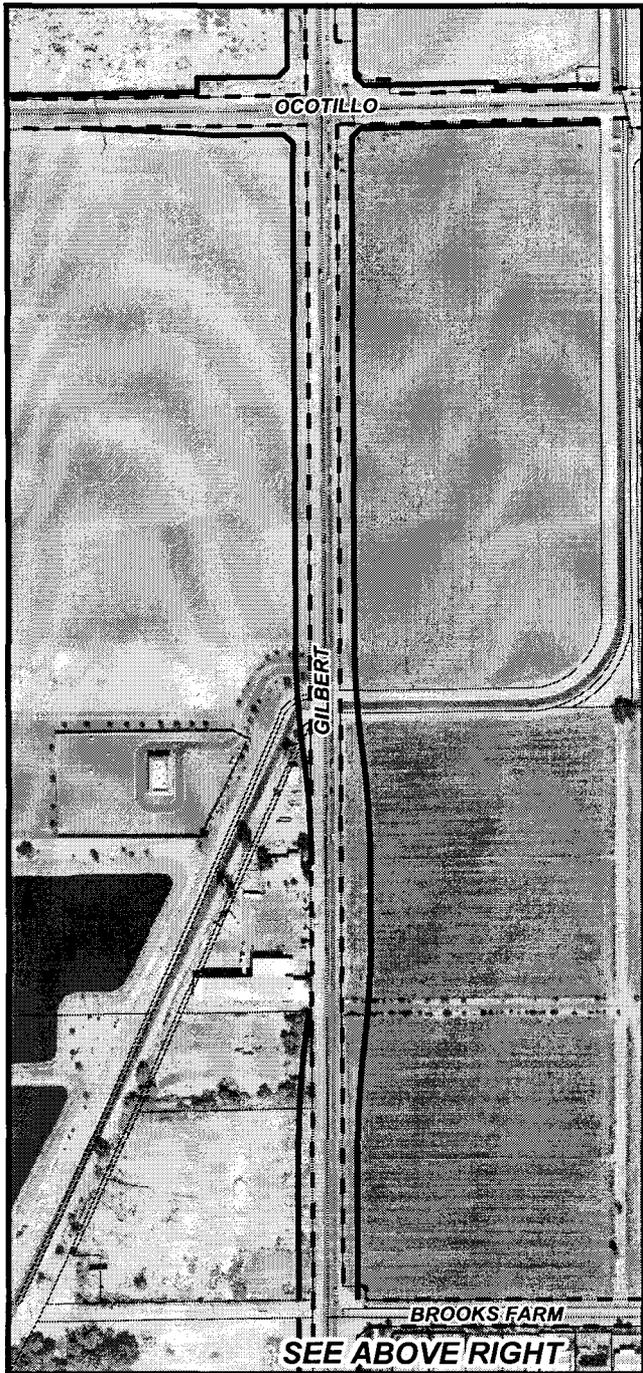
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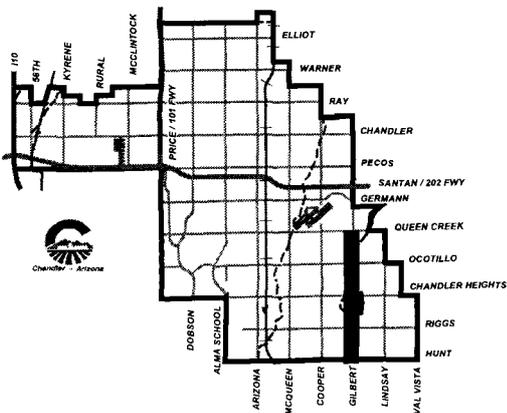
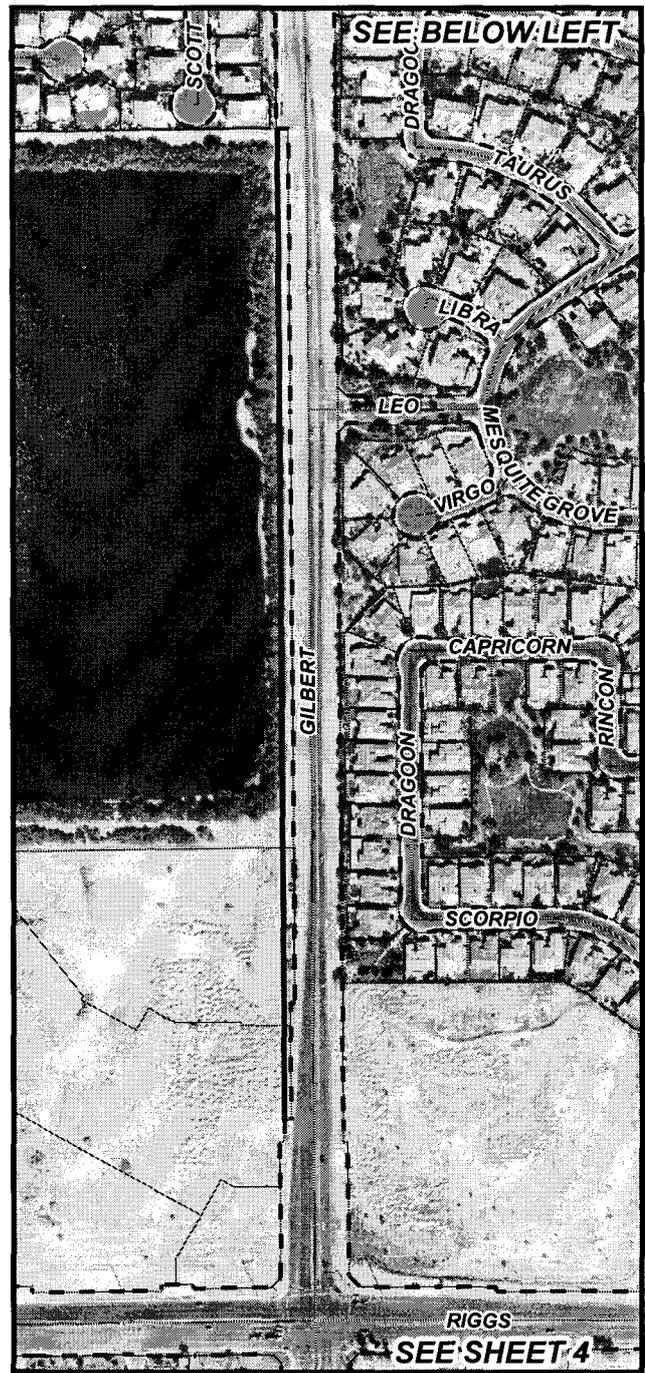
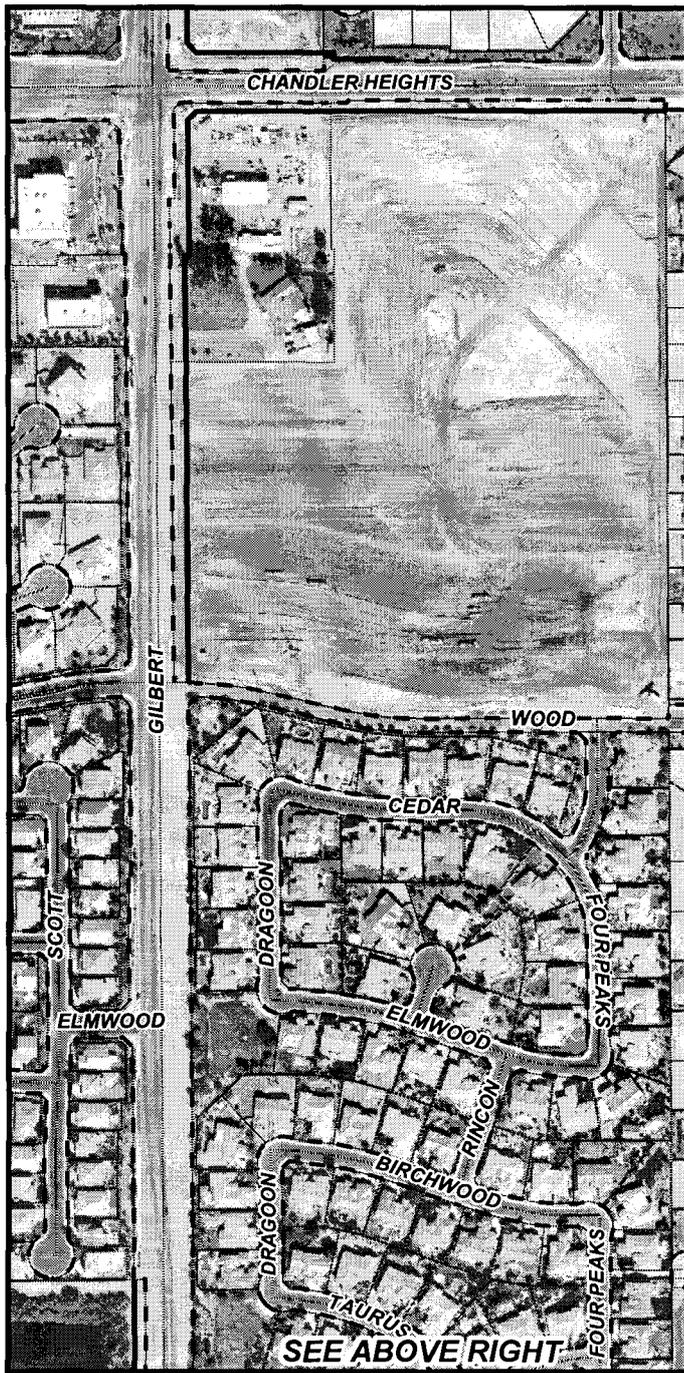
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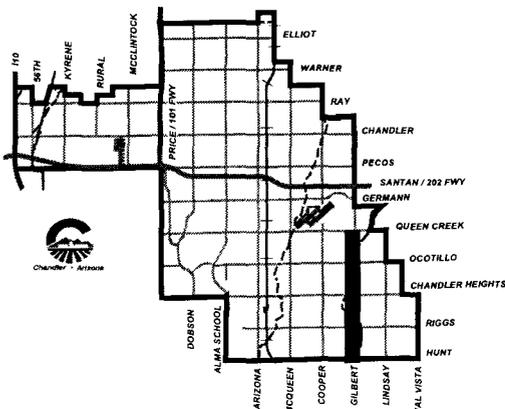
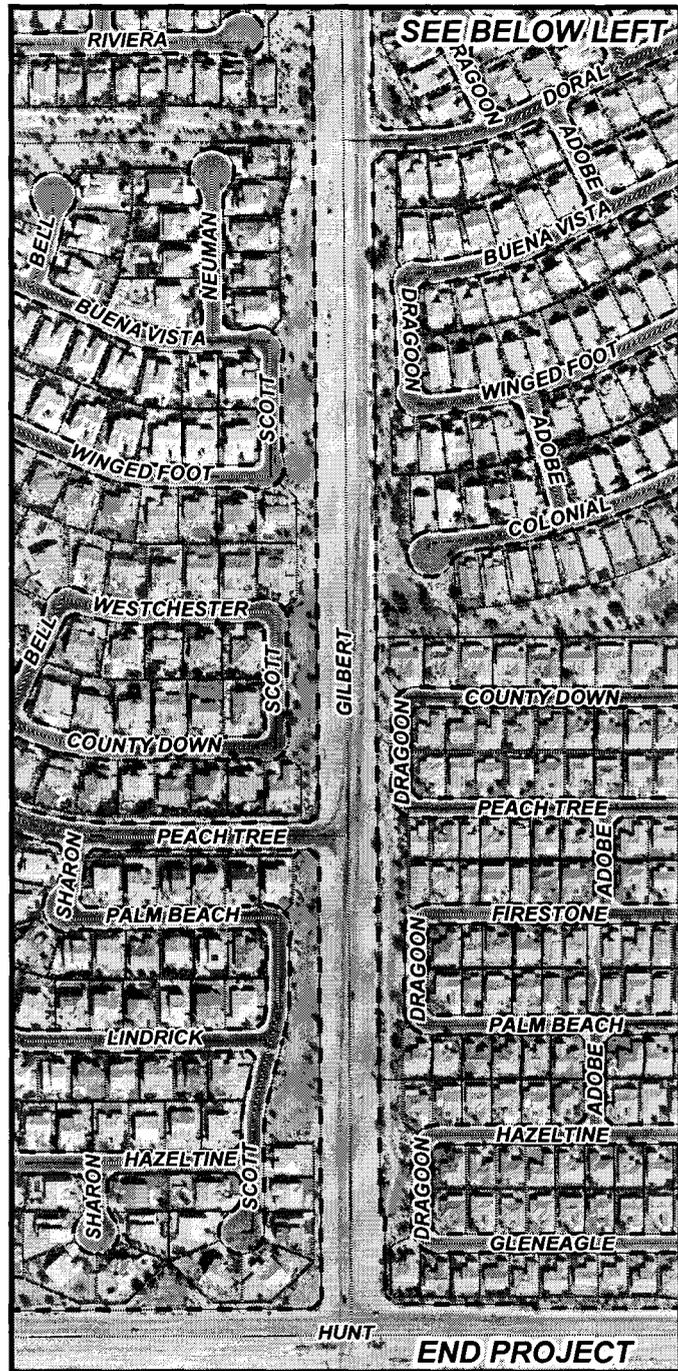
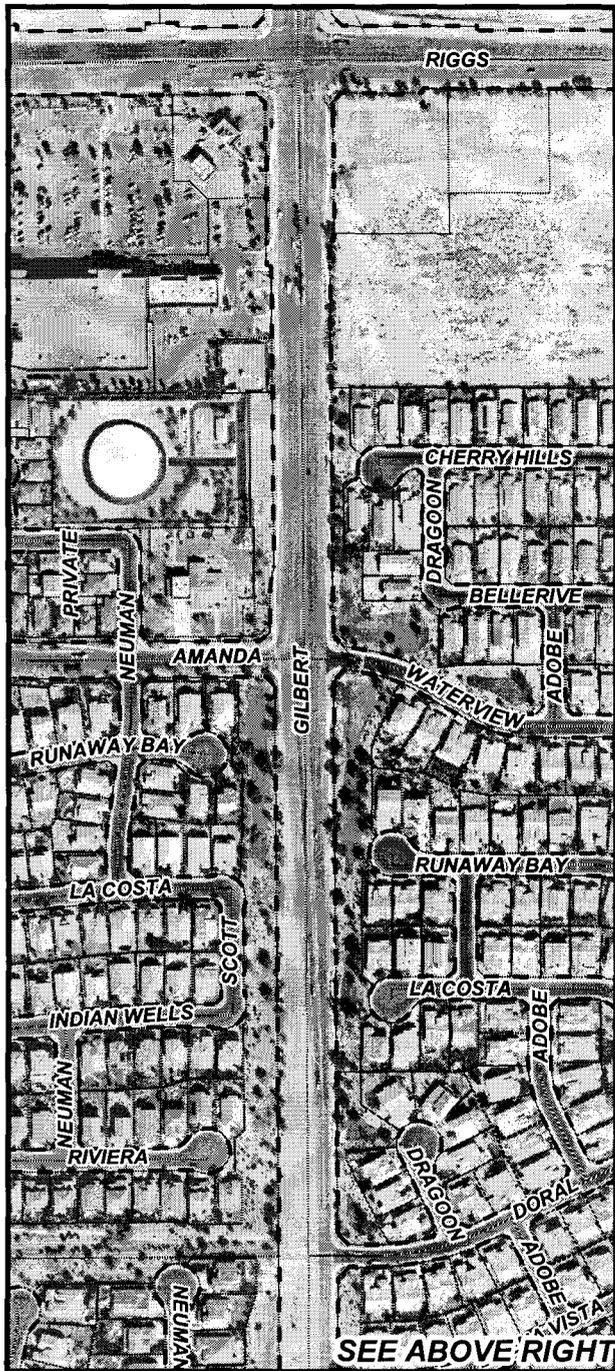
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