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MEMORANDUM

Public Works Department - Memo No. PWA10-020

DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2009

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: R.J. ZEDER, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR 

SUBJECT: COUNCIL ITEM 33 – OCTOBER 22, 2009 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – ALIGNMENT FOR THE WASHINGTON STREET IMPROVEMENTS FROM FAIRVIEW STREET TO PECOS ROAD.

Staff requests that this item be continued to the November 19, 2009 City Council meeting.

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Public Works Department - Memo No. CA10-083

DATE: October 22, 2009

TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL

THRU: MARK PENTZ, CITY MANAGER
R. J. ZEDER, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
TERI KILLGORE, DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT MANAGER

FROM: JOSHUA PLUMB, ENGINEERING PROJECT MANAGER

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON STREET ROADWAY ALIGNMENT APPROVAL

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that Council approve the alignment for the Washington Street improvements from Fairview Street to Pecos Road.

BACKGROUND:

The South Arizona Avenue Corridor Improvements consist of a variety of new transportation, aesthetic and infrastructure improvements within the Downtown Chandler area. Some of the major project elements include the construction of a new Washington Street connection to Pecos Road, improving some existing local streets, adding landscaped pedestrian corridors along Arizona Avenue, traffic signals, street lighting and various other infrastructure improvements. These improvements are part of the overall South Arizona Corridor Improvement Plan approved by the voters in 2007.

The attached exhibits are for the new Washington Street connection from Fairview Street to Pecos Road. This project will construct a new roadway from the existing Washington Street / Fairview Street intersection to Pecos Road. A new traffic signal is planned at the new full access movement intersection on Pecos Road. The proposed 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. Alignment approval is requested to establish the right-of-way and easement needs for an estimated 31 parcels.

City staff held public meetings in February, May and August of this year to present the proposed project and solicit public input. In addition, City staff held public meetings last year prior to the adoption of the South Arizona Corridor Plan and during the General Plan update process. Staff presented project information, responded to questions, and received additional input from business owners and residents. Meeting attendees showed overall support for the project. Attendees were invited to attend future stakeholder meetings for additional project information and input.

At the Transportation Commission meeting of October 15, 2009 Commission members suggested that a new park be constructed on the east side of the new roadway at the same time that this construction occurs.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

The Transportation Commission approved the proposed alignment on October 15, 2009 by a vote of 4 to 1.

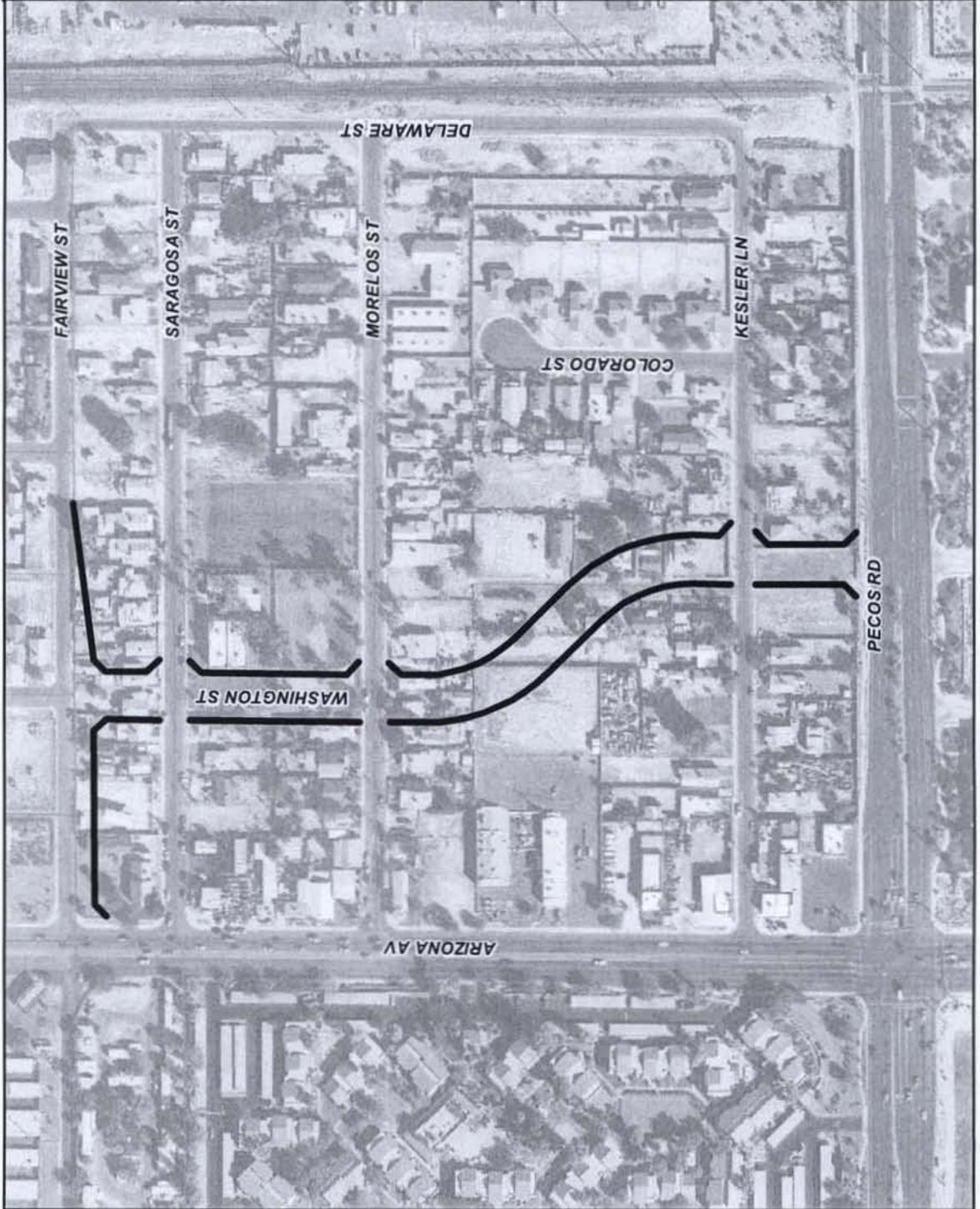
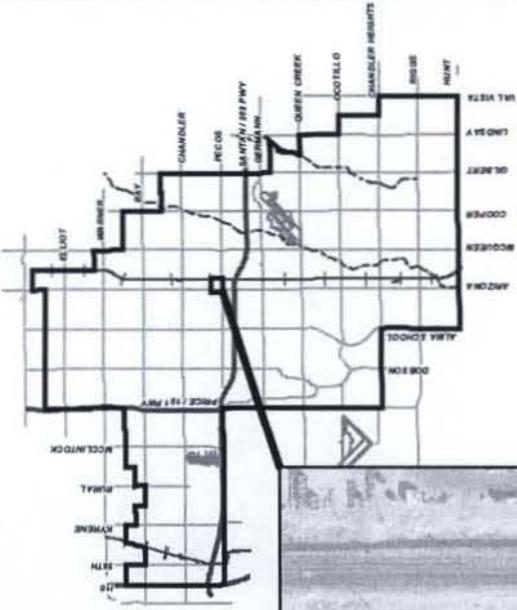
PROPOSED MOTION:

Move that the City Council approve the alignment for the Washington Street improvements from Fairview Street to Pecos Road.

Attachment: Washington Street Improvements, Fairview Street to Pecos Road



WASHINGTON STREET ALIGNMENT



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— PROPOSED ALIGNMENT

