

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOLIDGE
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2011
OFFICE HOURS – 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 911 S. ARIZONA BOULEVARD
PINAL COUNTY, COOLIDGE, ARIZONA**

Members of the Coolidge City Council will attend either in person or by telephone conference call or video communication.

CALL TO ORDER:

1. Roll Call

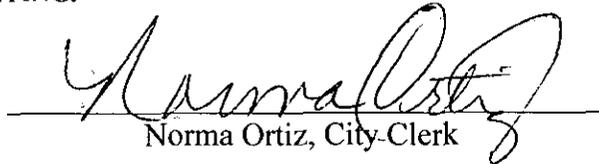
DISCUSSION ISSUES:

2. Discussion on the North-South Freeway Corridor Potential Alignments. **Discussion.**

ADJOURNMENT

THIS NOTICE IS POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY CODE 2-4-1 OF THE CITY OF COOLIDGE AND A.R.S. § 38-431, ET SEQ. ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.

DATED this 22nd day of June, 2011


Norma Ortiz, City-Clerk

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The Agenda and all supporting documents and materials pertaining to this Agenda together with Staff and Department Reports are available for viewing in the Library and City Hall during normal business hours.

POSTED: 6-22-11

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

**CITY OF COOLIDGE
CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

SUBJECT: Resolution in support of proposed alignment for the N/S Freeway

STAFF PRESENTER: C. Alton Bruce

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that we adopt this Resolution.

DISCUSSION:

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are in the middle of a study to determine a possible alignment for the proposed N/S Freeway. We are about 18 months into the study with an additional 18 months to go. The original Study Area has been reduced to potential corridors with proposed alignments to be brought to the public late this summer or early in the fall. The City adopted a proposed alignment in its 2007 General Plan Update. As might be expected, property owners in the proposed corridors have weighed into the discussion with their own opinions as to precisely where the alignment should fall.

In May, 2011, the City Council gave support for a potential alignment, Resolution No. 11-12, that was transmitted to ADOT and FHWA to help ensure an alignment that would serve the City's needs. This evening, the City of Mesa would like the City Council to consider a second potential alignment, Resolution No. 11-26, and transmit it to ADOT and FHWA as also meeting the City's needs. Both Resolutions encourage the use of Density Transfers, which the City Council has previously supported in Resolution No. 08-18, to encourage the donation of Rights-of-Way by owners for Freeway Construction.

FISCAL IMPACT:

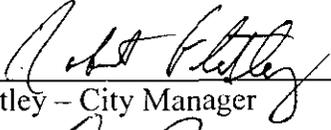
Eventual freeway construction will support economic development and increase land values.

Attachments

Copy of Resolution No. 11-26
Copy of Resolution No. 11-12
Copy of Resolution No. 08-18
Maps, showing potential corridors

REVIEWED BY:

PREPARED BY:



Robert Flatley – City Manager



C. Alton Bruce – Growth Mgmt. Director



Lisa Pannella – Finance Director

RESOLUTION No. 11-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COOLIDGE, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING ANOTHER POSSIBLE ALIGNMENT FOR THE PLANNED NORTH-SOUTH FREEWAY AND DISCOURAGING THE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN BY AUTHORIZING DENSITY TRANSFERS FOR AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS DEDICATING LAND FOR THE NECESSARY RIGHTS-OF-WAY.

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have already started a formal corridor study to evaluate potential routes for a proposed transportation facility connecting Interstate 10 to US Highway 60 through Pinal County (North-South Freeway); and

WHEREAS, ADOT and FHWA have conducted extensive public outreach, including a public meeting in Coolidge, to both provide information to and receive feedback from the City and its residents concerning the North-South Freeway; and

WHEREAS, the study corridor that has been identified for the alignment of the North-South Freeway runs through part of the City of Coolidge and its planning area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed North-South Freeway will provide significant opportunities for enhancement of the City's economy; and

WHEREAS, ADOT and FHWA are still considering a number of proposed alignments but have not yet approved a single alignment for the North-South Freeway nor have they completed a final Environmental Impact Statement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coolidge wishes to respect the desires of the residents and property owners who will be most directly affected by the location of this facility; and

WHEREAS, the North-South Freeway will affect traffic patterns in and around the City, and the City wants to have input into the alignment in the hope that ADOT and FHWA identify an alignment that best serves the needs of our residents and property owners; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed alignment advances the public health, safety and welfare in a number of ways including but not limited to: 1) enhancing the community's infrastructure and transportation; 2) providing opportunities for commercial and residential development, and 3) promoting the City's development goals; and

WHEREAS, it is preferable and more cost effective if private property owners voluntarily transfer property for the required Rights-of-Way rather than being compelled to do so through eminent domain; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously adopted **Resolution 08-18** which supports density transfers in cases where owners voluntarily dedicate property for required Rights-of-Way for such transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously adopted Resolution No. 11-12; which supports another possible alignment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOLIDGE, ARIZONA, A MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBERS CONCURRING THAT:

Section 1. The City supports alignments generally consistent with the ones shown in Resolution No. 11-12 and Resolution No. 11-26.

Section 2. The City encourages private property owners to voluntarily transfer land to ADOT for the North-South Freeway thereby minimizing the need to apply eminent domain processes.

Section 3. The City authorizes the City Manager to negotiate appropriate density transfers consistent with the language and intent of **Resolution 08-18** with property owners who voluntarily make such land transfers.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective thirty (30) days following its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Coolidge, Arizona, this 27th day of June, 2011.

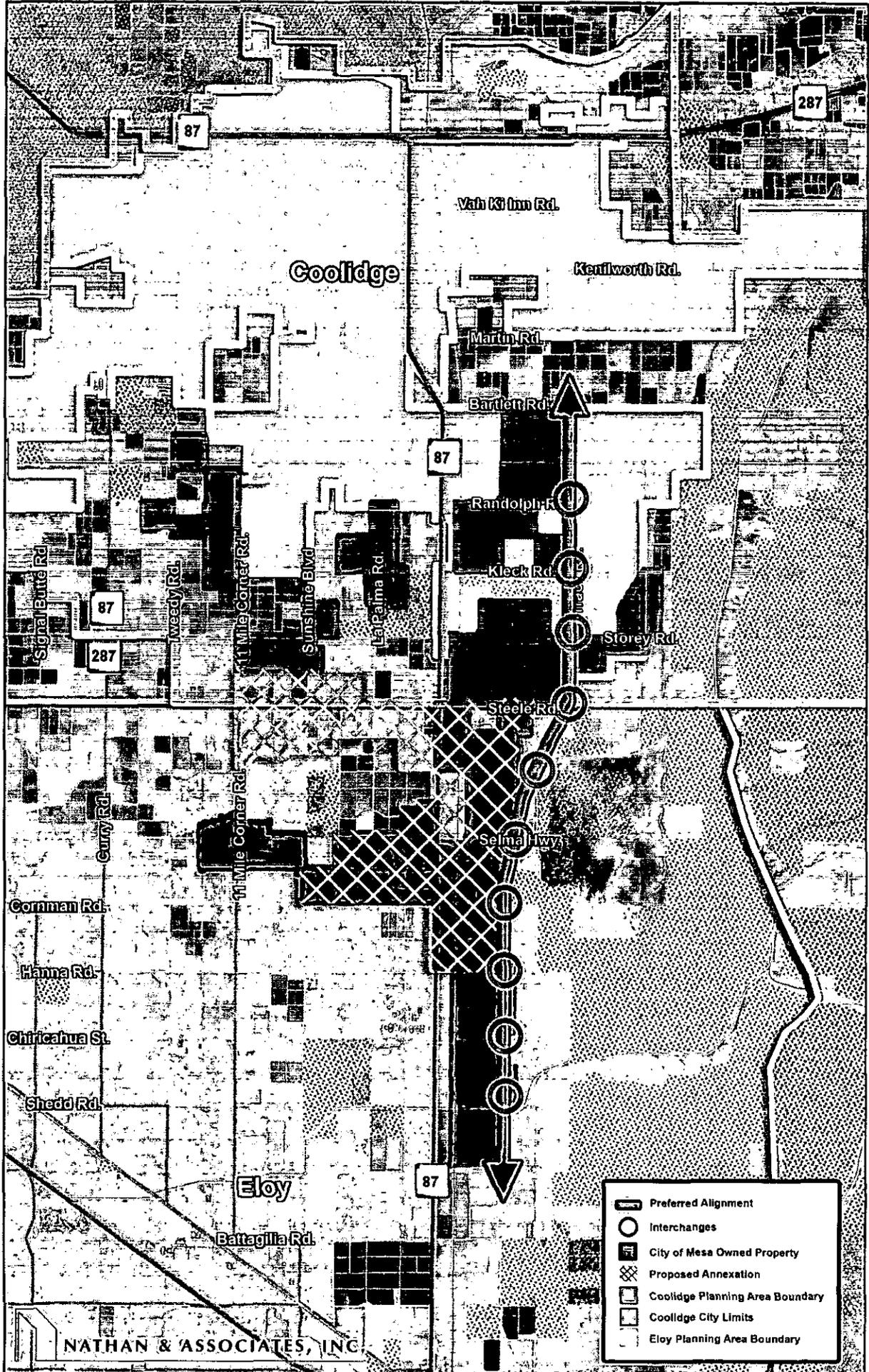
Thomas R. Shope, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Norma Ortiz, City Clerk

Denis Fitzgibbons, City Attorney



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RESOLUTION No. 11-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COOLIDGE, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING POSSIBLE ALIGNMENTS FOR THE PLANNED NORTH-SOUTH FREEWAY AND DISCOURAGING THE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN BY AUTHORIZING DENSITY TRANSFERS FOR AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS DEDICATING LAND FOR THE NECESSARY RIGHTS-OF-WAY.

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WHEREAS, the North-South Freeway will affect traffic patterns in and around the City, and the City wants to have input into the alignment in the hope that ADOT and FHWA indentify an alignment that best serves the needs of our residents and property owners; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed alignments advance the public health, safety and welfare in a number of ways including but not limited to: 1) enhancing the community's infrastructure and transportation; 2) providing opportunities for commercial and residential development, and 3) promoting the City's development goals; and

WHEREAS, it is preferable and more cost effective if private property owners voluntarily transfer property for the required Rights-of-Way rather than being compelled to do so through eminent domain; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously adopted **Resolution 08-18** which supports density transfers in cases where owners voluntarily dedicate property for required Rights-of-Way for such transportation improvements/

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOLIDGE, ARIZONA, A MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBERS CONCURRING THAT:

Section 1. The City supports an alignment generally consistent with those shown in Exhibit 1.

Section 2. The City encourages private property owners to voluntarily transfer land to ADOT for the North-South Freeway thereby minimizing the need to apply eminent domain processes.

Section 3. The City authorizes the City Manager to negotiate appropriate density transfers consistent with the language and intent of **Resolution 08-18** with property owners who voluntarily make such land transfers.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective thirty (30) days following its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Coolidge, Arizona, this 9th day of May, 2011.


Thomas R. Shope, Mayor

ATTEST:


Norma Ortiz, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

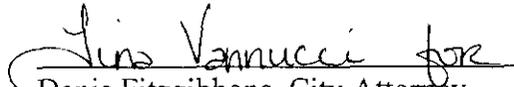
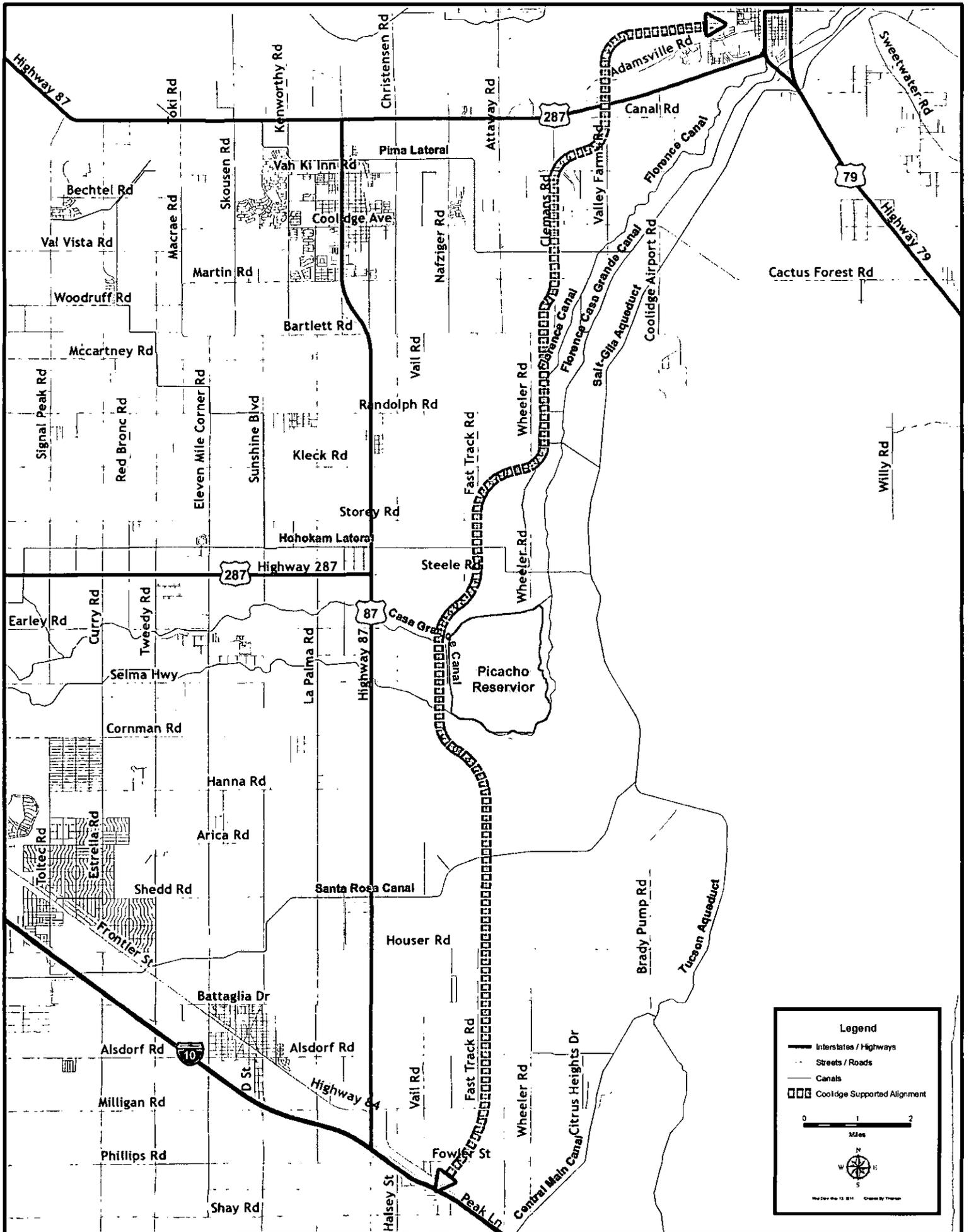

Denis Fitzgibbons, City Attorney

Exhibit 1



RESOLUTION NO. 08-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOLIDGE, ARIZONA, IN SUPPORT OF DENSITY TRANSFERS FOR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE DEDICATIONS MADE TO THE STATE OF ARIZONA, PINAL COUNTY, CITY OF COOLIDGE, OR OTHER AUTHORIZED POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR ENTITY BY A PROPERTY OWNER LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF COOLIDGE FOR THE PROPOSED NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR.

WHEREAS: The population of Pinal County and the Coolidge area is growing rapidly and is projected to exceed one million people in total within the next twenty years; and

WHEREAS: Developing transportation infrastructure to handle the traffic demands of this growing population in Coolidge and the surrounding County is necessary to assure a continued high quality of life and growth of this region; and

WHEREAS: Developing this transportation infrastructure will require various property owners in Pinal County and City of Coolidge to donate and dedicate land; and

WHEREAS: The Arizona Department of Transportation ("ADOT") has defined, through a corridor study, a transportation corridor extending from US Route 60 to Interstate 10 in eastern Pinal County ("North-South Corridor"); and

WHEREAS: The North-South Corridor is projected to extend through the incorporated boundaries of City of Coolidge.

WHEREAS: The proposed North-South Corridor is one such transportation infrastructure project which will require property owners to donate or dedicate land to State of Arizona, Pinal County, City of Coolidge, or other authorized political subdivision or entity for the development of the roadway; and

WHEREAS: The City of Coolidge desires to compensate the property owners for land donated or dedicated to the North-South Corridor project by permitting density transfers based upon the amount of land dedicated or donated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOLIDGE, A MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBERS CONCUR THAT:

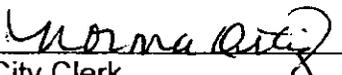
Section 1: As negotiated on a case by case basis, when a property owner, who owns land within City of Coolidge, dedicates land to the State of Arizona, Pinal County, the City of Coolidge, or other authorized political subdivision or entity for development of the proposed North-South Corridor, excluding all right-of-way already dedicated to the City or any other political subdivision, such property owner shall be entitled to transfer the number of units which would have been allocated to such dedicated land to the remainder of property owner's contiguous property, provided that, the density transfer does not increase the total number of units permitted by the zoning.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Coolidge this 12th day of May, 2008.



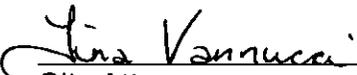
Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney