



MEMORANDUM

Public Works Administration



DATE: January 28, 2010

TO: C. H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

FROM: Nanette M. Slusser
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Bikes 'R' Us

RE: Urban Loop Update

The following is a brief update on new activities along the Urban Loop since the August 5, 2009 report. The information is condensed into two categories: Activity by Reach (new bids or construction since last report) and Excess Bond Funds for Riverpark Expansion. A revised map of the Loop is attached with an associated spreadsheet outlining each reach, costs for completion and funding sources.

Activity by Reach

Santa Cruz River Park

Projects to Bid or Construction:

- Grant to Camino del Cerro
 - West reach to bid in March 2010
 - East reach to bid in June 2010
- Camino del Cerro to Ina Road (Interceptor Alignment) – Paving in 2nd quarter 2010

Rillito River Park

Projects to Bid or Construction:

- None

Pantano River Park/Houghton Greenway

Projects to Bid or Construction:

- Pantano River, Michael Perry Park to Kenyon Drive – under construction
- Pantano River Park, Speedway to Tanque Verde – under construction

Julian Wash/Arroyo Chico Linear Parks

Projects to Bid or Construction:

- PR4.34 – Julian Wash, Kolb Road to Rita Road – COT to re-bid 2nd quarter 2010
 - IGA to Pima County by February 1, 2010

Cañada del Oro Linear Park

Projects to Bid or Construction:

- FC5.10 – CDO, Thornydale to Magee – Bid opening March 12, 2010

Urban Loop – 55 miles

Miles completed To Date – 14.7 miles

Excess Bond Funds for River Park Expansion

Three bond projects recently received bids substantially below the engineer's estimate. These projects are listed below:

| <u>Project</u> | <u>Engineer's Estimate</u> | <u>Actual Bid</u> | <u>Savings</u> |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| PR4.25 – Mehl-Foothills Park | \$1.0 million | \$ 841,273 | \$ 158,000 |
| PR4.37 – Pantano River Park | \$2.9 million | \$1,931,500 | \$ 968,500 |
| PR4.30 – Udall Park Soccer Fields (COT) | \$2.1 million | \$1,325,135 | \$ 800,000 |
| Anticipated Savings | | | \$1,926,500 |

Projects will be allowed to retain ten percent (10%) for contingency purposes. All other funds will be recommended for reallocation per a future bond ordinance amendment. Since all projects with excess bond funds are park or river park projects, recommended criteria for reallocation includes:

- Must provide regional recreational benefit
- Must be applied to existing bond projects
- Must be shovel-ready (funds spent within 12-18 months from the time of reallocation)

In the coming months, several large parks or linear park projects will be bid by both the City of Tucson and Pima County. These projects include:

| <u>Project</u> | <u>Engineer's Estimate</u> | <u>Bond Funds For Construction*</u> |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| FC5.10 - Cañada del Oro Linear Park | \$ 2,700,000 | \$ 1,200,000** |
| PR4.34 - Julian Wash Linear Park (COT) | \$ 2,348,074 | \$ 2,833,200 |
| PR4.36 - Atturbury Wash (COT) | \$ 763,523 | \$ 615,000 |
| PR4.30 - Lincoln Park Sports Fields (COT) | \$ 3,671,092 | \$ 2,781,188 |

* Per Intergovernmental Agreement for City of Tucson projects.

** Remaining funds from Flood Control Tax Levy.

If the bid climate remains favorable, additional funds from the following projects will be reallocated to key bridge and underpass connections. Per your January 19, 2010 memorandum, Job-Order-Contracts will be utilized wherever possible.

Project

- FC5.6 - Santa Cruz River, Ajo Way to 29th Street
- FC5.7 - Santa Cruz River, Grant to Camino del Cerro
- FC5.8 - Rillito River Linear Park Completion

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Other Ongoing Activities

Staff is developing a working "binder" that separates each reach of the Urban Loop: the Pantano, Rillito, Santa Cruz and Julian Washes. The binder will include information on the remaining work to be done in each reach, proposed projects with associated cost estimates, funding sources (when available), and possible timeframes for each project. Also included is a list of proposed future safety enhancements by reach. The binder will incorporate a brief analysis of the challenges and opportunities related to completing each reach and jurisdictional authority or responsibility for future development.

Finally, a website is being developed to provide users with up-to-date information on the Urban Loop, mileage, amenities, and ongoing construction activities. The website is in the early development stages and is being coordinated by Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation with the Pima County Website Revitalization Leadership Team. Additional information will be provided as this effort progresses.

The above information, specifically the reallocation of project savings to key Loop connections, will be shared with the Bicycle Advisory Committee at their next meeting on February 10.

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Attachments (2)

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