

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-1997

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOODYEAR, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, ACCEPTING TWO GRANTS OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT OVER BLM LANDS FOR THE SONORAN VALLEY PARKWAY FROM THE INTERSECTION OF RIGGS ROAD AND RAINBOW VALLEY ROAD TO SR 238 IN THE MOBILE AREA OF GOODYEAR.

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2007, the City of Goodyear annexed 42,780 acres of land (known as the Sonoran Valley) generally located south of the Patterson Road alignment, east of the Sonoran Desert National Monument, west of the Maricopa-Pinal County line, and approximately four miles south of State Route 238 to facilitate the development of new community in Goodyear to be known as Amaranth; and

WHEREAS, there was no existing public roadway that connected the proposed Amaranth development with the balance of Goodyear located north of the Patterson Road alignment; and

WHEREAS, any new roadway proposed to connect that portion of Goodyear located north of the Patterson Road alignment to the Mobile area would cross lands owned by the U.S. Department of the Interior and administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM); and

WHEREAS, in May 2007 the city of Goodyear submitted an application to the BLM requesting a Grant of Right-of-Way (ROW) for a new 15.2-mile long, 250-foot wide permanent roadway to be known as the Sonoran Valley Parkway to provide a connection between that portion of Goodyear located north of the Patterson Road alignment and the Mobile area and initiated the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), as required under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA); and

WHEREAS, in July 2013 a Draft EIS was published and made available for public comment and, after reviewing the comments received and further direction from the BLM, the Draft EIS was revised, and a Final EIS was published and made available for public comment on March 22, 2019; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2019 the BLM Lower Sonoran Field Office issued the Record of Decision (ROD) which approved the BLM Selected Alternative and allows for the authorization of a 250-foot ROW to the City of Goodyear for the construction and operation of a two-lane Parkway subject to the terms, conditions, stipulations, and voluntary design features incorporated in the Record of Decision for the Sonoran Valley Parkway Project; and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2019 the BLM Lower Sonoran Field Office transmitted two Right-of-Way Grant offers for the Sonoran Valley Parkway Project's roadway and certain temporary construction easements for approval and acceptance by the City of Goodyear to be evidenced by the execution of the Right-of-Way Grants by the Mayor of the City of Goodyear; and

WHEREAS, the Goodyear City Council, having considered the Right-of-Way Grant offers provided by the BLM to the City of Goodyear and all of the terms, conditions, stipulations, and

voluntary design features incorporated in the Record of Decision for the Sonoran Valley Parkway Project, finds that it is in the public's best interest to approve and accept said Right-of-Way Grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOODYEAR, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Goodyear hereby approve and accept Right-of-Way Grant offer AZA-34177, attached hereto as Exhibit A and Right-of-Way Grant offer AZA-34177_02 attached hereto as Exhibit B and authorize the Mayor to execute said Right-of-Way Grants on behalf of the City of Goodyear.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the city of Goodyear, Maricopa County, Arizona, this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Georgia Lord, Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Darcie McCracken, City Clerk

Roric Massey, City Attorney

