



Public Works Department
City of Apache Junction
Home of the Superstition Mountains

Date: August 4, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

Through: Bryant Powell, City Manager
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From: Raquel Schatz, Project Engineer

Subject: Federal Patented Easements
Proposed Resolution No. 25-09
Stagecoach Road Extinguishment

BACKGROUND

Federally Patented Easements (“FPEs”) were created by federal law and inherited by the city from Pinal County upon city formation and subsequent annexations. They are the means whereby properties are accessed by citizens in portions of Apache Junction to mitigate the need of acquisition to serve access to otherwise landlocked parcels. FPEs are typically a total of 66 feet in width with 33 feet on each side of common parcel lines.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The Stagecoach Road (alignment) FPE from Junction Street to Tamarisk Street (Alignment) has never been maintained by the city and is not classified as a local roadway. In addition, the FPE does not provide access to any parcels which would be landlocked in the event of extinguishment. Area transportation would not be adversely affected by an extinguishment.

PURPOSE

The owner of both properties filed an application for the extinguishment. They are seeking an extinguishment for general landscaping to enhance both their properties and possible future development.



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PROCESS

Once the easement has been extinguished, the property owner can landscape between the their two (2) properties meanwhile closing it to the public for safety concerns.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends extinguishment of the Stagecoach Road (alignment).

ACTION REQUIRED

After tonight's presentation and discussion, this item will be placed on consent agenda scheduled for August 5, 2025.