



Public Works Department  
*City of Apache Junction*  
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Date: May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

Through: Bryant Powell, City Manager  
Michael Loggins, Public Works Director

From: Raquel Schatz, Project Engineer

Subject: Federal Patented Easements  
Proposed Resolution No. 26-10  
Solana 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 Solana Road (alignment) FPE from 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue 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 2777 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue filed an application for the extinguishment. They are seeking an extinguishment for future developments which they will obtain permits through the city.



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**PROCESS**

Once the easement has been extinguished, the property owner can obtain permits through the city for future developments once they complete the extinguishment process through each individual utility provider.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends extinguishment of the Solana Road (alignment).

**ACTION REQUIRED**

After tonight's presentation and discussion, this item will be placed on consent agenda scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.