



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

Date: March 6, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

Through: Bryant Powell, City Manager
Ted Wolff, Public Works Director

From: Raquel Schatz, Project Engineer

Subject: Federal Patented Easements
Proposed Resolution No. 23-04
Raundance Road (alignment) from 1st Avenue to 2nd Avenue

BACKGROUND

Federal 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 Raundance Road (alignment) FPE from 1st Avenue to 2nd 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

Noe Lopez, owner of the underlying property, filed an application for the extinguishment on January 19th, 2032. Owner has been working with Development Services and was advised to extinguish the utility easements. The roadway extinguishment would provide a reduction of setbacks for future development.



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PROCESS

Once the easement has been extinguished, the property owner can apply for a building permit using the property line as opposed to the existing FPE as the setback boundary.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends extinguishment of the Raindance Road (alignment) from 1st Avenue to 2nd Avenue.

ACTION REQUIRED

After tonight's presentation and discussion, this item will be placed on consent agenda scheduled for March 21st, 2023.