



City of Apache Junction

Development Services Department



CITY COUNCIL STAFF MEMO

Date: 1/20/2026

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

Through: Bryant Powell, City Manager
Rudy Esquivias, Development Services Director
Sidney Urias, Development Services Deputy Director

From: Nicholas Leftwich, Principal Planner

Subject: **Case P-25-104-AN**
Annexation of Maricopa County's Meridian Drive Right-of-Way between Elliot Avenue and Ray Avenue

Background

According to A.R.S. 9-471(O): "a county right-of-way or roadway may be transferred to an adjacent city or town by mutual consent of the governing bodies of the county and city or town if the property transferred is adjacent to the receiving city or town and if the city or town and county each approve the proposed transfer as a published agenda item at a regular public meeting of their governing bodies. A transfer of property made pursuant to this subsection shall be treated by the receiving city or town as if the transferred property was newly annexed territory."

On November 18, 2025, the mayor and city council of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, passed Resolution No. 25-32, a resolution approving and authorizing the "Intergovernmental Agreement between Maricopa County and the City of Apache Junction for Annexation and Permitting of Meridian Road", in which the city partnered with Maricopa County to facilitate the conveyance and city annexation of Maricopa County's Meridian Drive right-of-way between Elliot Avenue and Ray Avenue on the west side of the street.

Subsequently, on December 10, 2025, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors approved and authorized their execution of the same Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), fulfilling the A.R.S. requirements noted above necessary for the right-of-way transfer from the county to the city.



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To complete this process and the IGA, staff have prepared **Ordinance No. 1570** as the formal annexation ordinance expanding the city's boundaries to include the identified right-of-way.

Due to the length of the legal descriptions and map exhibits of the annexed area, the corresponding portion of the ordinance has been made a separate document, titled "**Legal Descriptions and Map Exhibits of the P-25-104-AM Meridian Drive Annexation**". Staff have prepared **Resolution No. 26-03** in order to declare this document a public record so that it may be referenced within Ordinance No. 1570, per the provisions of A.R.S § 9-802. This reduces the length of the ordinance and reduces the significant publishing costs that would apply if otherwise left in the ordinance.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Leftwich".

Prepared by Nicholas Leftwich
Principal Planner

Attachments:

- Ordinance No. 1570
- Resolution No. 26-03
- Legal Descriptions and Map Exhibits of the P-25-104-AM Meridian Drive Annexation