



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

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Date: October 30, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

Through: Bryant Powell, Assistant City Manager  
Mike Wever P.E., Public Works Director

From: Raquel Schatz, Project Engineer

Subject: Extinguishment of Federal Patent Easements  
Solana Road from 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Proposed Resolution No. 19-26

Federal Patent Easements (FPEs) are one means whereby property is accessed by our citizens in portions of Apache Junction. FPEs were established as a means to provide public roadway access to Federal Patent parcels, and to mitigate the need of local government to acquire right-of-way to provide 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.

Solana Road from 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue has never been opened for public use or maintained by the City. These roads are classified as local roadways. In addition, the FPEs do 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 of these portions of roadway easements.

David and Sabine Johnson filed an application for the extinguishment of the above mentioned portions of roadway easements on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The application included a support petition signed by the adjacent property owners, who support the extinguishment petition. The property owners desire the use of the 33 feet for reduction of setbacks and to allow site improvements to proceed.