City of Benson
City Council Communication

Regular Meeting May 22, 2017

To: Mayor and Council Agenda Item # 10

From: Bradley J. Hamilton, P.E. Director of Public Works/City Engineer

Subject:

Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 12-2017 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, authorizing Staff to apply for a Planning Assistance for Rural Areas Grant, through the Arizona Department of Transportation, in Joint Partnership with Cochise County for a Roadway Alignment Study in the Benson Growth Area

Discussion:

The PARA program is sponsored by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Multimodal Planning Division, and provides federal funds to non-metropolitan communities for the purpose of conducting transportation planning studies. Eligible applicants include counties, cities and towns located outside the planning boundaries of Transportation Management Areas, as well as all tribes.

PARA funds are limited to planning applications, and may not be used for the design or construction of transportation facilities. PARA funds may be applied to address a broad range of planning issues related to roadway and non-motorized transportation modes. Funds may also be applied to studies dedicated solely to the planning of public transportation services.

This grant will look at potential Aliments two new roadways (Ocotillo and Post Ranch Road) to connect into and through the City of Benson future residential and commercial centers.

Attached: 3 maps

Staff Recommendation:

Approval of the Resolution 12-2017

RESOLUTION 12-2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING STAFF TO APPLY FOR A PLANNING ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL AREAS GRANT, THROUGH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IN JOINT PARTNERSHIP WITH COCHISE COUNTY FOR A ROADWAY ALIGNMENT STUDY IN THE BENSON GROWTH AREA

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors oversees the planning, construction and maintenance of County roadways; and

WHEREAS, successful rural transportation planning addresses system performance and preservation as well as considers mobility and access for people and goods; and

WHEREAS, coordination and connectivity between local jurisdictions is critically important to providing adequate, safe and effective transportation corridors for economic development; and

WHEREAS, improved connectivity between the incorporated City of Benson and adjacent areas of unincorporated Cochise County are needed to enhance rural economic connections to the Benson Municipal Airport as well as existing and future economic centers; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Assistance for Rural Area grant provides one hundred (100) percent funding to assist rural areas with meeting critical technical transportation planning needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Benson hereby supports the joint application to the Planning Assistance for Rural Areas through the Arizona Department of Transportation as described above.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, COUNTY OF COCHISE, STATE OF ARIZONA, this 22nd day of May, 2017.

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TONEY D. KING, SR., Mayor

ATTEST:

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VICKI L. VIVIAN, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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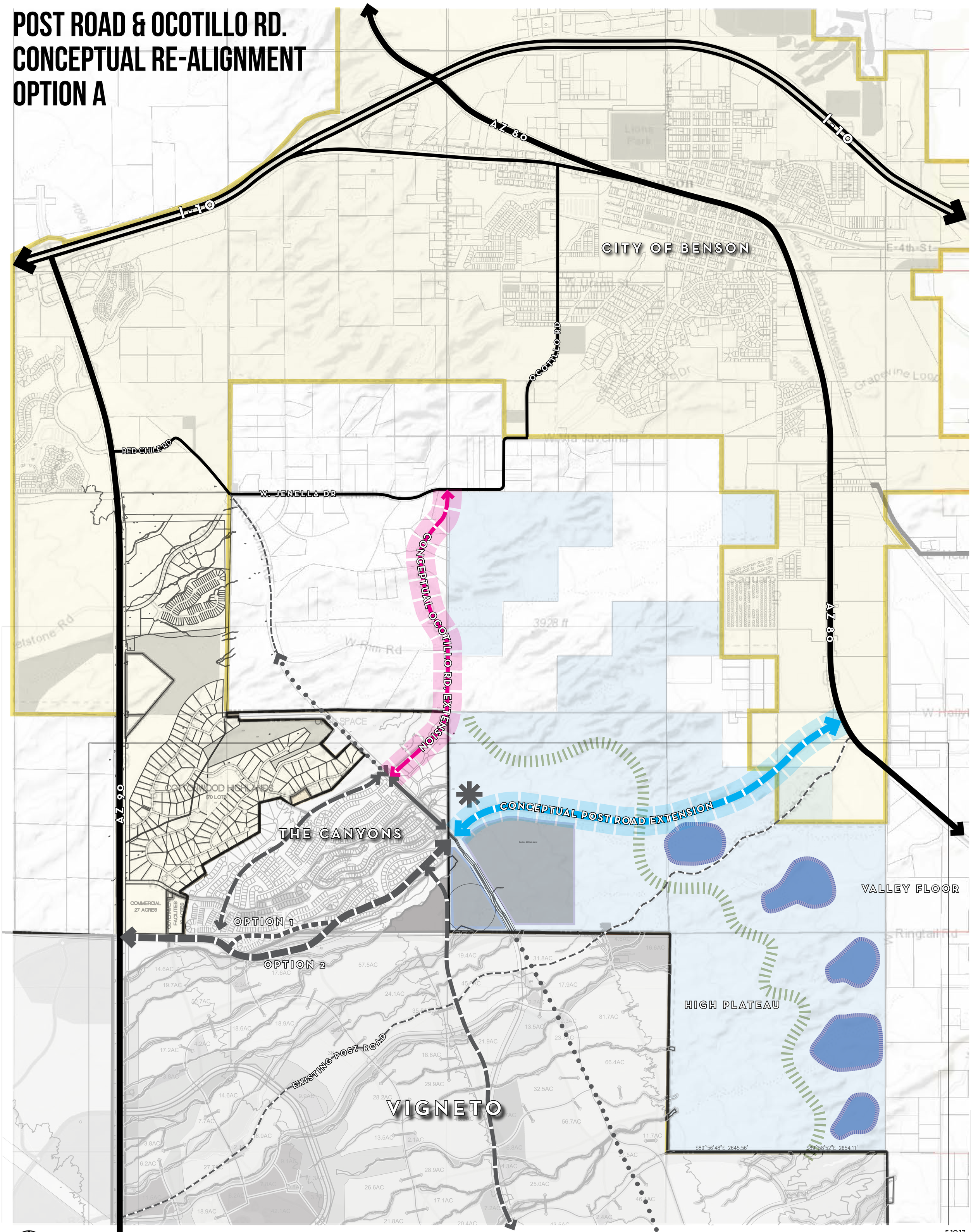
MESCH CLARK ROTHSCHILD
By Gary J. Cohen
City's Attorney

POST ROAD & OCOTILLO RD. CONCEPTUAL RE-ALIGNMENT OPTION A



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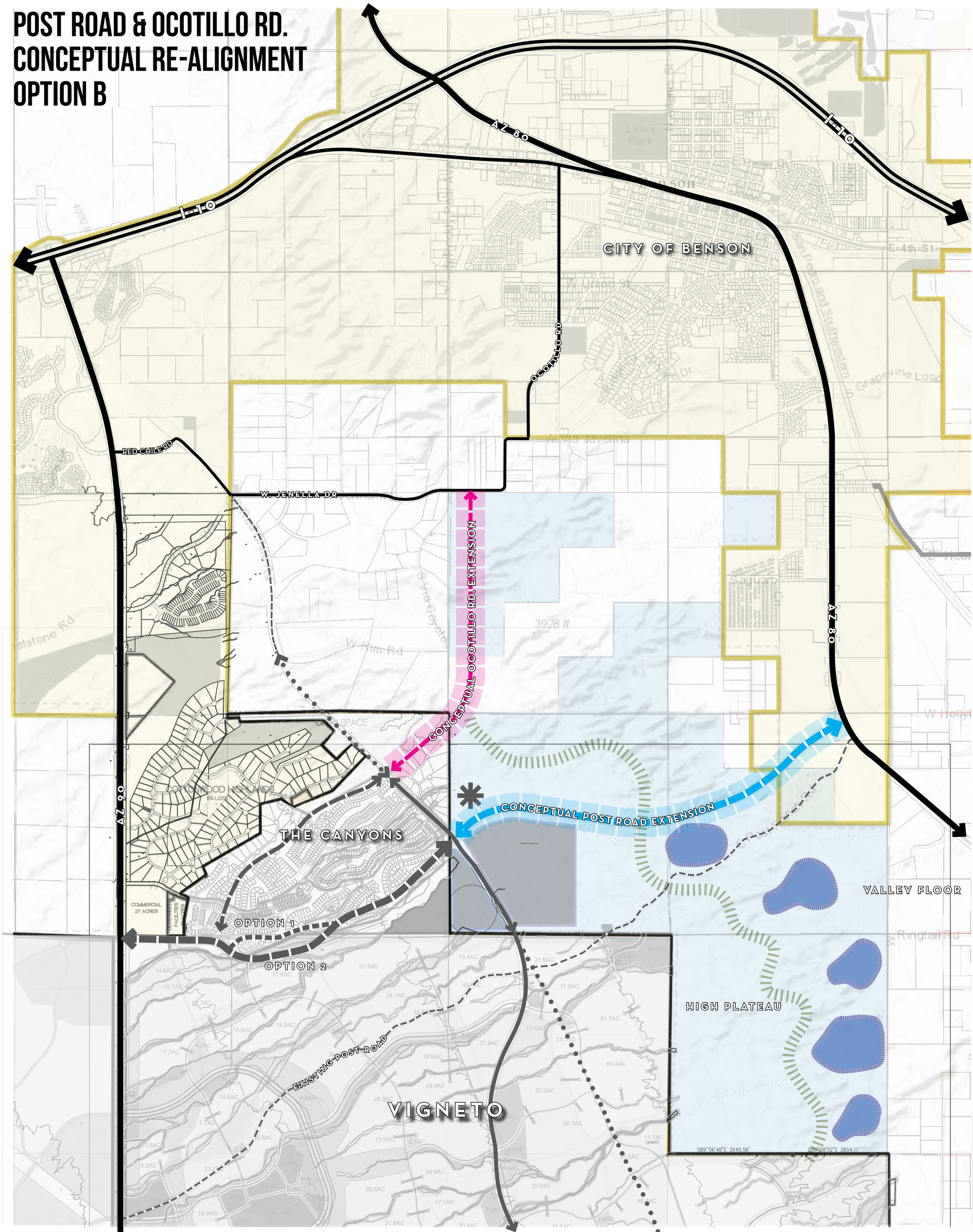
POST ROAD & OCOTILLO RD. CONCEPTUAL RE-ALIGNMENT OPTION B



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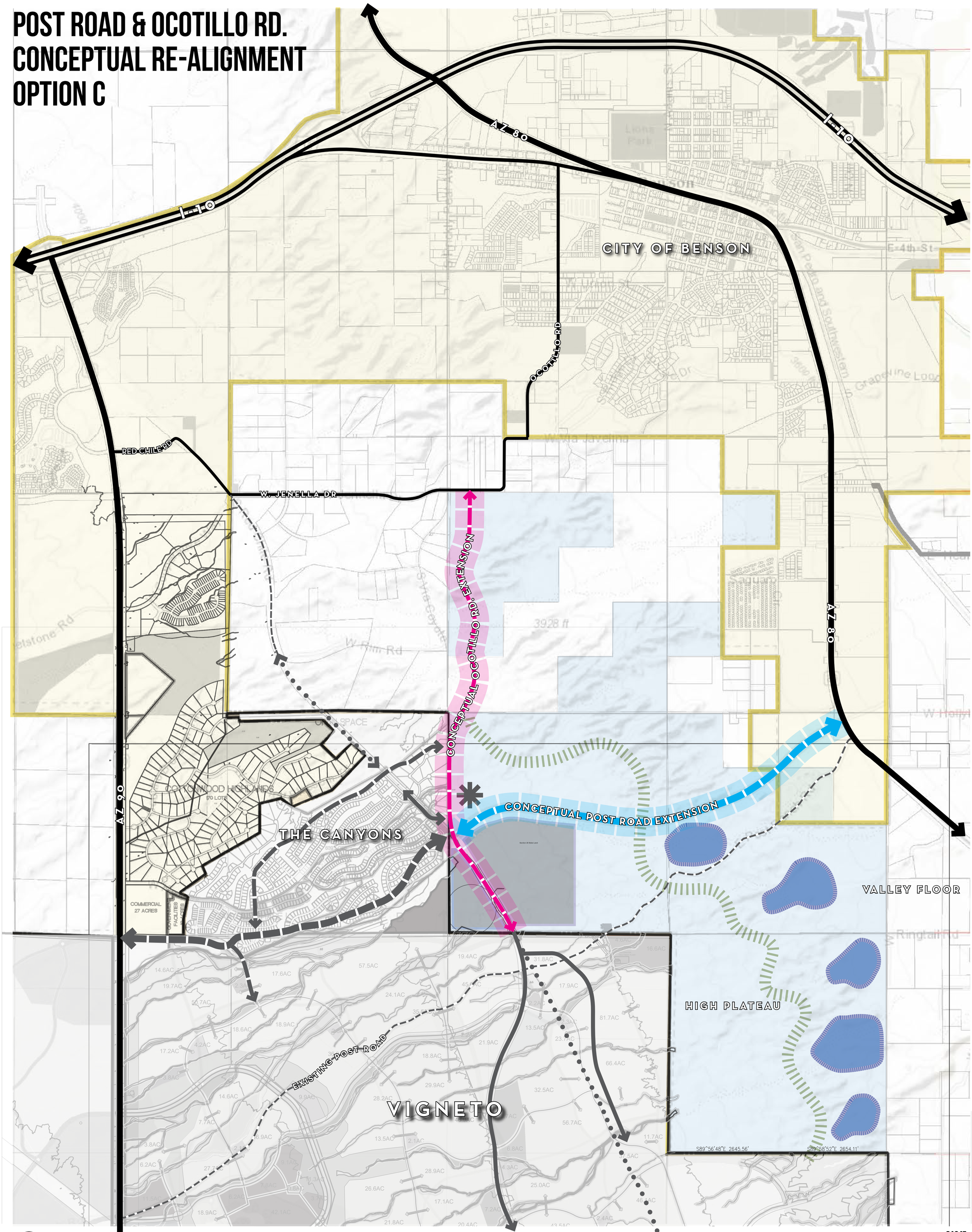

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