



## **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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**MEETING DATE:** September 17, 2021

**AGENDA ITEM 6.1**

From: Amy Cummings, AICP/LEED AP, Director of Planning and Deputy Executive Director

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approve the final report of the Lemmon Valley-Spanish Springs Connector Alignment Alternatives and Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The RTC has finalized a draft report of the Lemmon Valley-Spanish Springs Connector (formerly Eagle Canyon Extension) Alignment Alternatives and PEL Study. The purpose of this study is to identify potential alignments for, and evaluate the feasibility of, a potential new roadway, which would provide a connection between the Lemmon Valley and Spanish Springs communities. The location of a preferred alignment has not yet be determined. Additionally, the study evaluates existing traffic operations and safety issues on Eagle Canyon Drive and recommends potential improvements.

The final report will provide the necessary background information to advance a future project through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and design as well as to establish a foundation for the coordination of future planning efforts among stakeholders within the corridor. Should a feasible alignment be identified, potential funding resources will be evaluated at a later date.

This study was identified through the North Valleys Multimodal Transportation Study, completed by the RTC in February 2017. Through that process, North Valleys residents expressed a desire for a direct connection between the two areas as both have been experiencing, and are expected to continue to experience, significant growth in housing and employment. The proposed roadway would help to alleviate traffic currently utilizing US 395, the Spaghetti Bowl and Pyramid Highway, and improve regional traffic flow.

The draft report is currently available for review at <https://northvalleysimprovements.com/eagle-canyon-extension-study/>. There is also a short informational video and a form to provide comments on the report.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funding for the Lemmon Valley-Spanish Springs Connector Alignment Alternatives and PEL Study is included in the FY 2020 – FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

**PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION**

September 18, 2020	Received a report and provided direction on the Eagle Canyon Extension Alignment Alternatives and Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study
August 16, 2019	Approved the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) for the Eagle Canyon Extension Alignment Alternatives and PEL Study
May 20, 2019	Approved the FY 2020 – FY 2021 UPWP

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE(S) RECOMMENDATION**

The Citizens Multimodal Advisory Committee met on September 1, 2021, and the Technical Advisory Committee met on September 2, 2021, and both committees received a presentation on the Lemmon Valley-Spanish Springs Connector Alignment Alternatives and PEL Study.

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

A. Draft report