

**MEMO****Case # ABDN24-002**

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Alexander Bosworth, Planner

Through: Rodolfo Lopez, Development Services Director

Meeting Date: April 16, 2024

**REQUEST**

A request by the City of Maricopa to abandon a portion of right-of-way on North Maricopa Road and West Mercado Street, which will subsequently be acquired by the adjacent property owners/parcels without compensation.

**APPLICANT/ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER**

Applicant: City of Maricopa  
Case Planner: Alexander Bosworth  
39700 W. Civic Center Plaza  
Maricopa, AZ 85138

Adjacent Property Owner:  
City of Maricopa  
39700 W. Civic Center Plaza  
Maricopa, AZ 85138

**FINDINGS**

These roadways, currently known as N. Maricopa Rd. and W. Mercado St., originally ran eastward from N. John Wayne Pkwy as a part of the W. Maricopa-Casa Grande Hwy. However, due to the construction of the N. John Wyane Pkwy. overpass over the railroad, this section of roadway no longer intersects with N. John Wyane Pkwy, and now connects to the W. Maricopa-Casa Grande Hwy. directly. It was determined by City staff that the portions of N. Maricopa Rd. and W. Mercado St. subject to this abandonment request are no longer needed as public right-of-way.

Staff supports the abandonment request as it satisfies the following findings:

- The portions of right-of-way that are a part of this request are not identified for any improved planned transportation facility, or any adopted plan, study, or capital improvement plan.
- The City does not have plans to improve or use the right-of-way in question in the future.
- The existing conditions are not serving any transportation purpose.

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION**

Prior to recommending approval of the abandonment request, the adjacent property owner conducted notification to utilities and the public as required per the City Code. A copy of the Notification Report is available to be reviewed upon request.

- Notices to Utilities mailed out on 04/01/2024
- Sign Posting on 04/01/2024
- Public Hearing scheduled for 04/16/2024

**CONCLUSION:**

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Staff recommends **approval** of **case ABDN24-002**, subject to the conditions of approval stated in this memo, and as amended by the Mayor and City Council.

1. The City and adjacent property owner shall ensure that all utilities located in the subject site have obtained their respective easements with Pinal County prior to final recordation of the right-of-way abandonment.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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Exhibit A: Legal Description

Exhibit B: Notification Report

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