

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

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Amend No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date prepared: October 13, 2009

Council Meeting Date: December 1, 2009

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**TO:** Carl Swenson, City Manager

**THROUGH:** Susan J. Daluddung, Deputy City Manager 

**FROM:** Andrew Granger, P. E., Engineering Director 

**PREPARED BY:** Dan Nissen, P.E., Assistant City Engineer 

**SUBJECT:** New Capital Improvement Program (CIP) project for the construction of a secondary access to Liberty High School.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Discussion and possible action to create a new capital project called Liberty High School Secondary Access Road (CIP Project Number EN00318). Also, authorize the use of reserves and the following actions to fund the total estimated project cost of \$631,000:

- Transfer \$226,000 from the General Fund Contingency Account 1000-0300-570000 to the General Fund Capital Projects Land Account 1000-0310-540000-CIPST-EN00318LA
- Transfer \$405,000 from the General Fund Contingency Account 1000-0300-570000 to the General Fund Capital Projects Street System Account 1000-0310-543001-CIPST-EN00318CO

**SUMMARY:**

Liberty High School is located at the northeast corner of 97<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Deer Valley Road. The high school opened in August 2006 with only one access road via 97<sup>th</sup> Avenue. As the high school has grown from only a freshman class in 2006 to now a full high school with driving seniors, the congestion at the peak hours of drop off and pick up has become a serious traffic concern. The Peoria Unified School District is now utilizing the emergency access road from Deer Valley Road as a bus access road to

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minimize the congestion at 97<sup>th</sup> Avenue, but an alternate access for parent and student vehicles is also necessary. The City has been asked by the school district and the citizens to resolve the traffic issue.

A permanent solution will be in place when the surrounding community, Camino A Lago North (The Meadows), is constructed. Based on the current economy the necessary roadway network will not be in place for approximately five to ten years.

Staff has determined the best solution is to build a temporary roadway along the future 95<sup>th</sup> Avenue roadway alignment (see attached) to provide a secondary access to Liberty High School. This new project will provide for in-house design (including consultant assistance with survey and geotechnical investigation), acquisition of right-of-way, construction of a 28-foot wide asphalt roadway with an adjacent pedestrian path from the cul-de-sac at Speckled Gecko to Pinnacle Peak Road. This roadway shall be constructed as a rural roadway without curb, gutter, streetlights, and landscaping. The roadway shall be maintained by the City until such time as the roadway is improved along the same alignment which we anticipate will be within the next five to ten years by Camino A Lago North.

Staff has commenced coordination with Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) and the developer of Camino A Lago North to acquire the necessary right-of-way for this project. Staff has also coordinated with the Peoria Unified School District on this solution.

The project estimate includes \$226,000 for right-of-way acquisition and \$405,000 for design and construction.

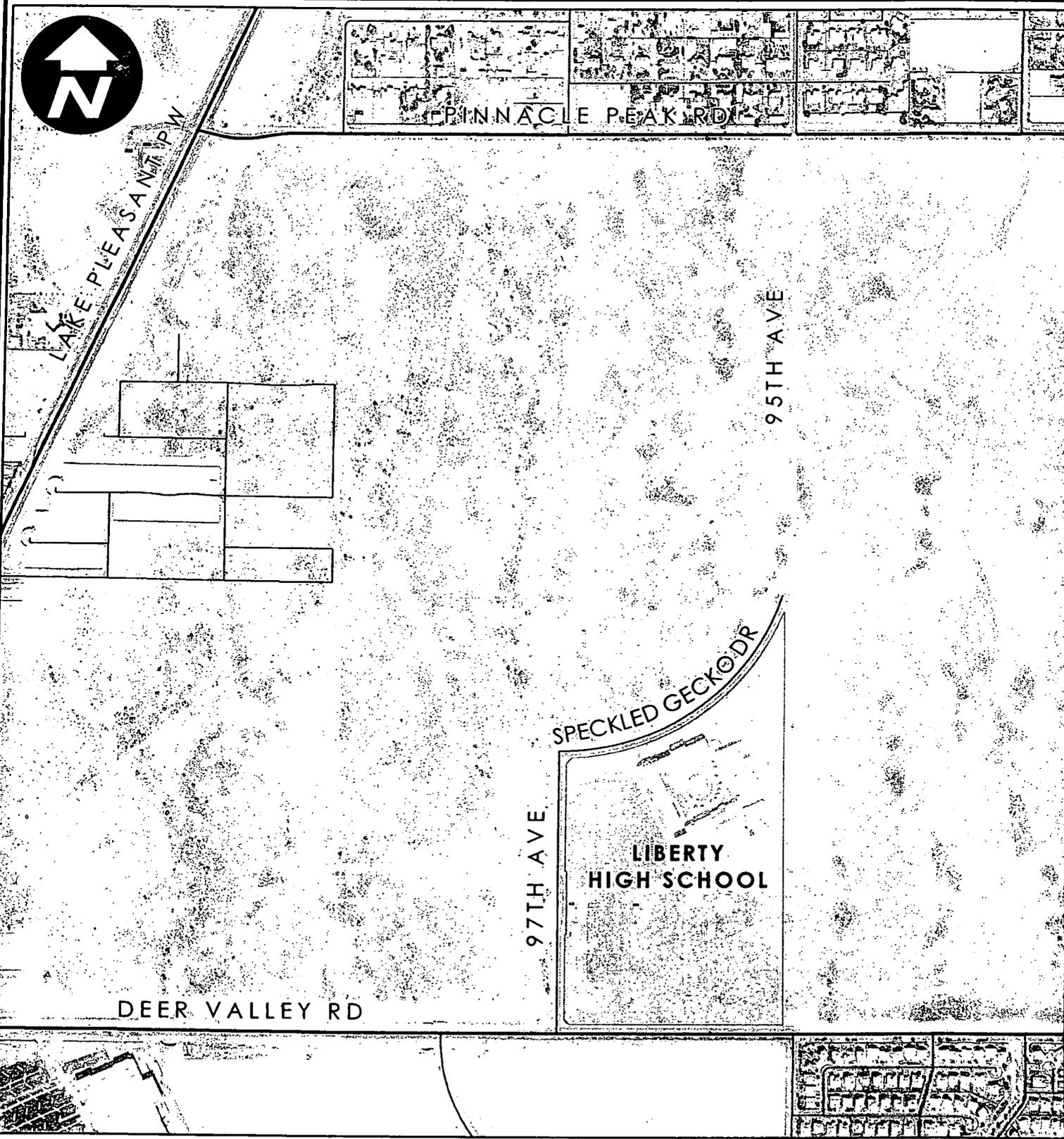
The schedule will be to acquire the right-of-way this winter, design the roadway in the spring, and construct the roadway at the end of the school year to be available for use in August 2010 for the first day of school next year.

**FISCAL NOTE:**

Upon authorization of the recommended transfers, payment will be from the General Fund Capital Projects Land Account 1000-0310-540000-CIPST-EN00318LA in the amount of \$226,000 and the General Fund Capital Projects Street System Account 1000-0310-543001-CIPST-EN00318CO in the amount of \$405,000.

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. Location Map



**LEGEND**

Road Extension

City of Peoria

95th Avenue Extension



**NOTE:**

This Map is based on imprecise source data, subject to change and FOR GENERAL REFERENCE ONLY.

Source Documents: City of Peoria GIS Database

Map by Wilson/VS&E, Education/VS&E, Education/VS&E

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