

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019, AT 4:30 P.M., IN THE FLORENCE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 775 N. MAIN STREET, FLORENCE, ARIZONA.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Walter called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Tara Walter, John Anderson, Bill Hawkins, Karen Wall, Kristen Larsen, Michelle Cordes, Judy Hughes

WORK SESSION ON THE 2019-2020 BUDGET

Ms. Becki Jimenez, Budget Analyst, provided an overview of the budget process. She stated that staff is cognizant of their respective budgets as well as the overall budget. They always consider the needs of the community and the departmental budgets. She stated that staff starts the budget process in October, which is well before the Budget Committee meets.

Ms. Jimenez explained what the expenditure limitation is and how the limit cannot be increased once it is set. She noted that the staff is presenting a balanced budget and any additions to this budget will result in deductions in other part(s) of the proposed budget.

Mr. Rey Sanchez, Finance Director; Becki Jimenez, Budget Analyst; and Brent Billingsley, Town Manager, presented the 2019/2020 Town Manager's Recommended Annual Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP), in which they outlined the following:

- Outline for Recommended Budget
 - Strategic Budget Goals for 2019/2020
 - Capital Improvement Program
 - 2019/2020 Recommended Operating Budget
- Strategic Budget Goals for 2019/2020
 - Maintain existing service levels.
 - Provide exceptional public safety and community services.
 - Expand the tax base through smart growth and targeted economic development outreach.
 - Secure the Town's long-term water program for future growth.
 - Revitalize the downtown corridor, through beautification and business investment.
 - Make strategic investments in planning for the continued growth of Florence.
- Providing exceptional public safety and community services
 - Police Department
 - Evaluate existing vacant positions and post for immediate hire, fill new position on budget schedule.
 - Partner with the community (e.g., "community policing").
 - Fire Department
 - Evaluate and establish standard operating procedures.

- Review and assess existing staffing to ensure adequate coverage for the Town – Reducing response times is key.
 - Implement strong training program and develop an effective chain of command structure.
- Evaluate fire protection services.
 - Increase public education and community involvement.
- Library
 - Continue to evaluate existing programs and services while increasing membership.
 - Continue to work closely with Florence Unified School District.
- Community Development
 - Evaluate existing properties in the Florence area that may be used for future development, beautification, or zoning modifications.
 - Continue to advocate for proper placement of the North-South Corridor, to facilitate economic development and growth.
 - Continue to make planning and engineering investments for Territory Square project.
 - Continue to provide needed services to developers within the Town limits.
 - Begin work on the General Plan to guide future development and ensure smart growth within the Town of Florence.
- General Government
 - Update Intergovernmental Agreements.
 - Coordinate agreements with Chamber, Arizona State Parks, and other entities to promote Florence and the amenities we enjoy.
- Community Services
 - Review existing services provided to citizens.
 - Work on beautifying the downtown corridor.
 - Retain the planters along Main Street
 - Evaluate existing Town events and build upon them to incorporate a broader involvement from the community.
 - Continue to promote and increase the use of the Community Center.
- Public Works
 - Evaluate and construct CIP projects approved by Council.
 - Continue to improve road and streets within the municipal boundaries.
 - Increase fire flows to meet building and life safety standards.
 - Expand and/or replace utility infrastructure as a means of preparing for and facilitating economic development.
- Expanding the tax base through smart growth and targeted economic development outreach
 - Use the General Plan as the vehicle of the Town’s smart growth.
 - Evaluate any potential annexations around major transportation corridors and planned future development.
 - Develop a clear and distinct message as to which areas are within the Town of Florence, and which are not.
 - Identify businesses that are needed and develop a strategy to approach those organizations.
 - Nurture existing business relationships, and encourage these businesses to grow by providing trainings, assistance, infrastructure, and opportunities for meaningful business connections.

- Develop relationships that could lead to the diversification of our local economy and utilization of our existing strengths.
- Securing the Town's long-term water program for future growth.
 - Complete capital projects approved by Council.
 - Complete evaluation and assessment of existing infrastructure on Town water and sanitation lines.
 - Work with our partners to improve and enhance water and wastewater service that are not Town-owned.
 - Continue acquiring physical water for long-term future growth of Florence.
- Revitalizing the downtown corridor, through beautification and business investment
 - Complete evaluation and assessment of properties in the downtown corridor, which includes:
 - Existing condition of property.
 - Location and use of property.
 - Property ownership.
 - Beautification and business investment
 - Lead by example by investing in the historic downtown.
 - Continue to promote the Façade Program, wireless fire alarms, and fire sprinkler grants, which enhance the safety of downtown and help to preserve its cherished heritage
- Make strategic investments in the planning for the continued growth of Florence
 - Work with major home builders (like Pulte and DR Horton) to encourage additional development.
 - Currently, new home permits in Florence are outpacing many communities in Pinal County.
 - Attract and work with developers that may provide unique home solutions, retail destinations, or restaurants. Encourage mixed-use development, where appropriate.
- 2019/2020 Recommended Budget
 - Staff Positions – Additional/Changes/Transfers
 - Public Safety
 - One new Fire Marshal Position - 75% of Year - Start in October 2019
 - One new Police Sergeant - 75% of Year - Start in October 2019
 - Position was eliminated two years ago and is now being filled
 - Public Works (includes facilities and fleet):
 - Remove Engineering Technician from budget
 - Very conservative approach, with an attempt to remain fiscally conservative by maximizing operations with the lowest practical staffing levels.
 - New projects, programs, and enhancements for 2019/2020
 - CIP
 - Network Server Infrastructure
 - Radio, tablet and taser replacement
 - Building assessment
 - Replacement of utility vehicle
 - Design of a new recreation center
 - Funding set aside for private public partnership
 - Requires additional analysis
 - Riding lawn mower for Parks Maintenance

- Main Street planters
 - Door to door survey completed; result is that they want planters to remain
- Fire Sprinkler System – Revolving Fund
 - Included in draft budget
- North-end Framework Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) Phase 1b
 - Taking property out of the floodplain
 - Move North End Framework Plan forward
- Major repair and maintenance Items
- Replacement of three patrol vehicles
- Replacement truck – Facilities Maintenance
- Streets Projects
 - Main Street Extension – Enhance roadway near State Route 79 and relocate irrigation for neighboring properties.
 - Hunt Highway – Reconstruction of two lanes.
 - Few years before Pinal County widens Hunt Highway
 - Design for four lanes, set center line, fix drainage for four lanes, and build two lanes
 - Adamsville Road – Plant Rd. to Town Limits (AC Pavement)
 - Adamsville Road – Main St. to Plant Rd. (AC Pavement)
 - Replacement of two trucks
 - Pavement preservation
- Water Projects
 - Electronic Water Meter Project
 - 18-24-month project
 - Utility barn/yard
 - River Rd. water line
 - Build water main to support economic development in north end of Florence (south of the river)
 - Water upgrade South of State Route 287
- Wastewater Projects
 - Jetter trailer
 - South Wastewater Treatment Plant odor control/dust abatement
 - North and South Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion
 - Sanitation
 - Recycling Station
- Employee Compensation
 - Medical/Dental/Vision
 - Overall increase about 4%.
 - 1% to medical and 10% to dental.
 - Minimized impact to employees and Town budgets.
- Merit Increases
 - 2019/2020 Town budgeting up to a 5% merit increases, based upon performance.
 - Estimated cost of merit increase Town-wide is \$187,000.
 - Split into General, Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF), Water, Wastewater and Sanitation Funds
 - As is tradition, any merit increase is awarded on the employee's anniversary date, and not with the start of the fiscal year.

- General Fund Analysis

- General Fund Balance

- Available fund balance, for our use, is the amount of cash available for expenditures.
- This comes from the accumulation of prior years' revenue exceeding expenses.

Fund Balance at	Year End 2016	\$ 8,215,376
	Year End 2017	\$10,451,920
	Year End 2018	\$11,226,195
<i>Projected</i>	Year End 2019	\$11,440,372

- These balances do not include the deduction for reserve which currently is \$1,885,132. The reserve is for financial security within the fund and is changed annually based upon a percentage of revenue set aside. This formula is \$500,000 plus 10% of operating revenues.
- Indicates strong financial health

	Budgeted FY2018/2019	Projected FY2018-2019	Budgeted FY2019/2020
Revenues	\$15,159,070	\$15,769,396	\$16,472,510
Expenses	\$15,229,790	\$15,512,581	\$16,971,110
Total	(\$70,720)	\$256,815	(\$489,600)

*The (\$489,600) is for legal fees. Council changed where the legal fees would be expensed from, which is why it shows as a deficit; however, the funding was budgeted for in the enterprise fund and has been expended from the General Fund. Staff will come before Council later in tonight's meeting requesting to transfer the money from the Enterprise Fund to the General Fund to offset the expense accordingly.

*Revenues do not include any planned transfers to the General Fund from fund balances.

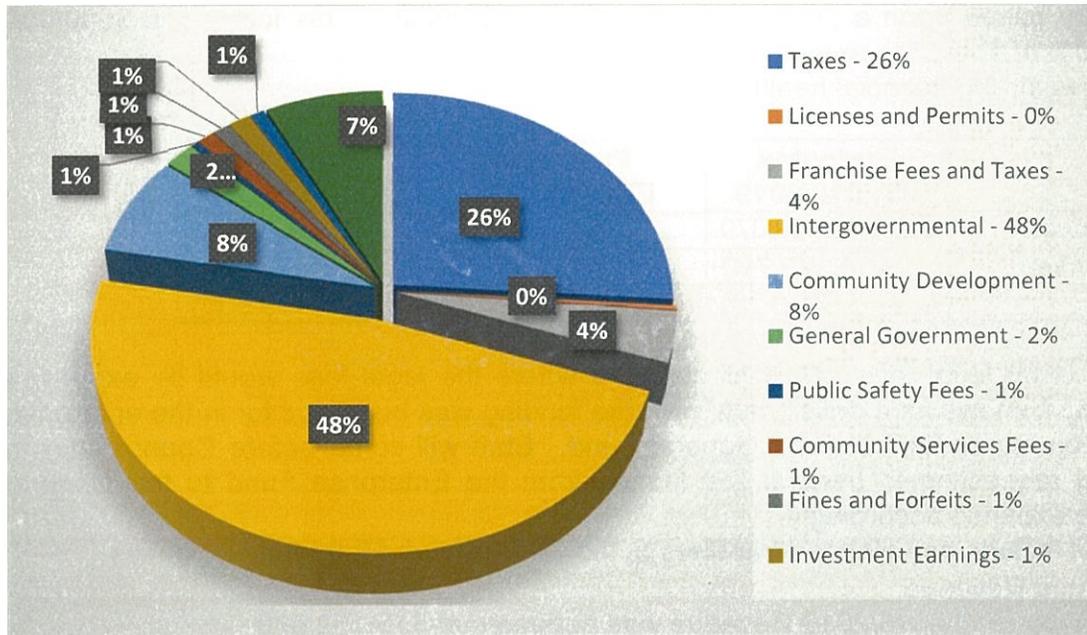
- General Fund Revenue

- Fiscal Year (FY) 2018/2019 Revenue was budgeted at \$15,159,070
- FY 2018/2019 Revenue is projected at \$15,769,396, meaning the Town expects to receive nearly \$600,000 more than it originally forecasted as part of the budget process last May.
 - The increase in Revenue for FY 2018/2019 is due to increases in taxes, franchise fees and taxes, State Shared Revenues, Community Development (due to construction of new homes), General Government charges, and investment earnings.
- FY 2019/2020 revenue is anticipated to be \$16,472,510, or an additional \$700,000 more than what is projected for the current fiscal year.
 - Increase in Revenue for FY 2019/2020 is due to an increase in taxes, State Shared Revenue projections, and Community Development.
- Estimates for revenues are based upon estimates from the State of Arizona as well as an analysis and projection of trends in revenue increases.
- Various comparisons were completed, and the average of all comparisons was used for budget purposes.

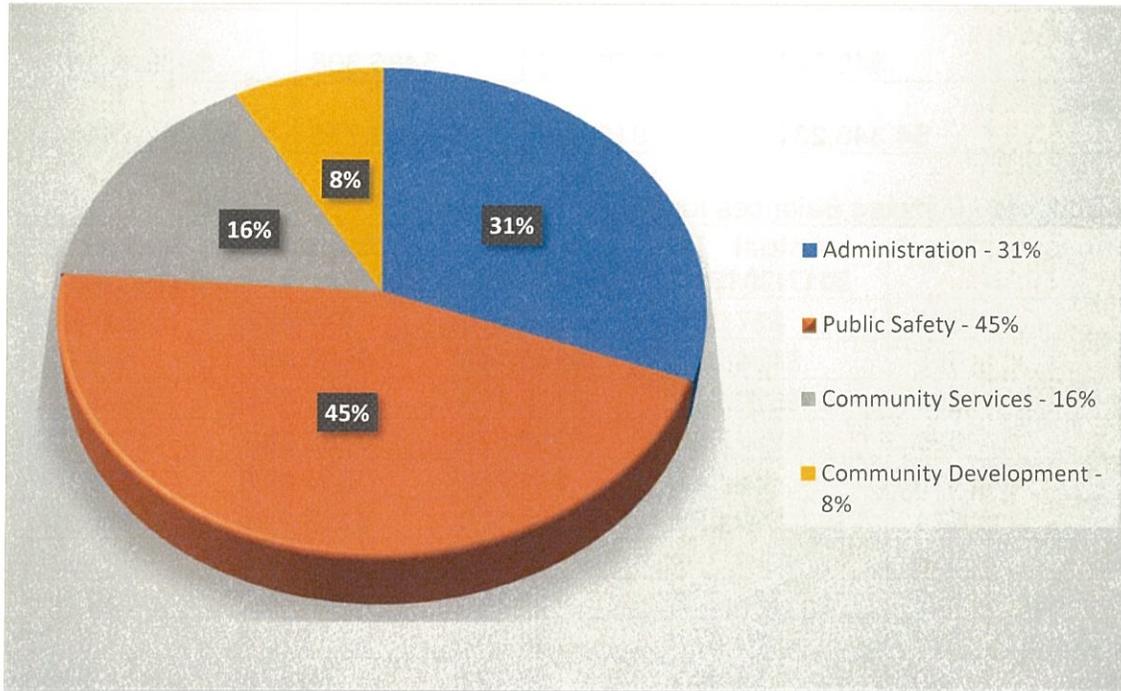
- General Fund Expenditures

- FY 2018/2019 Expenditure was budgeted at \$15,229,790.
- FY 2018/2019 Expenditure is projected to be \$15,512,581.

- Increase in Expense for FY 2018/2019 is largely due to legal fees. Even with this increase in expenses, we still anticipate revenues to exceed expenses for the FY.
 - FY 2019/2020 Expenditure is budgeted at \$16,971,735.
 - Increase in budgeted Expense for FY 2019/2020 is due to an increase in General Government, Public Safety, and Community Services.
 - The increase in both revenues and associated expenditures from FY 2018/2019 to FY 2019/2020 is indicative of a growing community and a healthy economy.
- 2019/2020 Recommended Budget
- General Fund Revenue



- Property tax is a minimal amount of overall budget
- General Fund Expenditures



- Highway User Revenue Fund

STREET FUND BUDGET SUMMARY				
	2017/2018 Actual	2018/2019 Budget	2018/2019 Projected	2019/2020 Budget
Starting Cash Balance	\$11,586,070	\$11,868,949	\$9,740,578	\$7,181,382
Operational Balance	\$6,540,884	\$6,823,763	\$6,192,858	\$5,148,662
Bond Proceeds	\$ 5,045,186	\$5,045,186	\$3,547,720	\$2,032,720
REVENUE				
Governmental Revenue	\$3,166,088	\$3,163,530	\$3,249,000	\$3,329,471
Other Revenue	\$46,103	\$74,000	\$98,800	\$104,000
Operating Transfers In	\$9,900	\$780	\$780	\$780
Total Revenue	\$3,222,091	\$3,238,310	\$3,348,580	\$3,434,251
EXPENDITURES				
Highway User Operations	\$2,280,143	\$1,461,360	\$1,439,654	\$1,591,095
Engineering	-	\$1,000,000	\$1,770,000	\$1,850,000
Fleet Services	-	\$121,420	\$102,504	\$113,950
Capital Projects	\$1,754,502	\$4,563,000	\$1,768,000	\$1,855,000
Operating Transfers Out	\$261,996	\$283,310	\$283,310	\$396,238

Debt Service	\$49,591	\$486,310	\$486,308	\$486,461
Total Expenditures	\$4,346,231	\$7,915,400	\$5,849,776	\$6,292,744

- Impact Fee Budgets - Growing Balances for Large Projects

Cash Balances	Fund	Actual 2017/2018	Budget 2018/2019	Projected 2018/2019	Budget 2019/2020
Sanitation	501	\$17,302	\$41,670	\$17,402	\$17,452
Transportation	505	\$824,631	\$245,143	\$983,431	\$14,631
Police	508	\$679,715	\$776,106	\$817,515	\$963,515
Fire/EMS	509	\$257,880	\$336,679	\$393,280	\$536,280
Parks	510	\$6,547	\$11,792	\$11,947	\$23,997
Library	511	\$78,058	\$108,320	\$119,158	\$178,158
Florence Water	596	-	-	-	-
Florence Wastewater	597	\$71,222	\$1,296	\$69,892	\$1,146
North Florence Water	598	\$2,677	\$4,209	\$727	\$777
North Wastewater	599	\$5,480	\$6,721	\$530	\$580

- Enterprise Funds

Estimated Starting Cash Balances	Actual 2017/2018	Budget 2018/2019	Projected 2018/2019	Budget 2019/2020
Water	\$7,424,209	\$6,179,736	\$8,087,321	\$7,090,497
Wastewater	\$5,454,712	\$6,414,941	\$5,714,874	\$5,559,852
Sanitation	\$1,162,967	\$1,054,542	\$1,164,736	\$1,163,539
Total Estimated Cash Balance	\$14,041,888	\$13,649,198	\$14,966,931	\$13,813,888
REVENUE				
Water	\$3,155,396	\$3,045,080	\$3,879,219	\$4,326,237
Wastewater	\$3,723,027	\$3,861,650	\$4,318,500	\$4,530,200
Sanitation	\$880,617	\$864,700	\$913,000	\$921,300
Total Revenues	\$7,759,037	\$7,771,430	\$9,110,719	\$9,777,737
EXPENDITURES				
Water	\$2,492,281	\$4,276,360	\$4,876,043	\$7,560,536
Wastewater	\$3,462,865	\$7,823,320	\$4,473,521	\$5,472,821
Sanitation	\$878,847	\$841,290	\$914,197	\$1,279,252
Total Expenditures	\$6,833,993	\$12,940,970	\$10,263,761	\$14,312,609
Estimated Revenue over Expenditures	\$925,044	(\$5,169,540)	(\$1,153,042)	(\$4,534,872)
Estimated Cash Balance Year End				
Water	\$8,087,321	\$4,948,456	\$7,090,497	\$3,856,198

Wastewater	\$5,714,874	\$2,453,271	\$5,559,853	\$4,617,231
Sanitation	\$1,164,737	\$1,077,931	\$1,163,539	\$805,587
Total Estimated Cash Balances	\$14,966,932	\$8,479,658	\$13,813,889	\$9,279,016

(=Estimated starting cash balance + estimated revenue over expenditures)

Vice-Mayor Anderson stated that he requested that the Pinal County Historical Museum (Museum) receive special funding to assist with their expansion and roof project. They provided a very detailed description of what they provide such as offering educational programs, are the historical repository for the Town and promote tourism.

Vice-Mayor Anderson stated that the Museum has received funding in the past. He also requested that they budget for an Economic Developer because the Town is behind other communities with regards to economic development. He does not agree with the budget for the recreation center. He stated that the proposed recreation center will be in the downtown and the majority of the population resides north of the river and will not utilize the facility.

Discussion occurred on gifting money and the legal ramifications associated with doing so. Budgetarily, there are limitations on what the Town can provide.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the request was for \$40,000 and if the money were provided, the Pinal County Historical Museum would need to be in a contract with the Town and provide similar reporting on what the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce provides indicating that they provide a service to the Town. He stated that the Council can elect to set monies aside and do a grant-type program for Florence's non-profits. He cautioned that the Town can become involved in their legal issues due to supporting those entities. It also becomes a controversy when the Town can no longer fund the entity. He stated that this information was provided to the Budget Committee and they elected not to move forward with the request.

Mr. Billingsley noted that Council will need to determine what will be removed from the proposed budget should it wish to add anything else. The Budget Committee will then need to meet again to discuss the proposed changes.

Mayor Walter reminded Council that the Budget Committee had previously considered the request and it was denied.

Councilmember Wall stated she is concerned about the gift clause with regards to gifting money to entities. She stated that there needs to be a legitimate, tangible benefit in exchange for funds. She stated that based on the list of services that the Museum provides, those items would be provided regardless if the Town provided funding. Their request is for expansion of the facilities as well as roofing. They have an active fundraising effort, which is ongoing, and they have wide spread support. She is not able to support a sum total donation to the Museum at this time.

Councilmember Hawkins stated that they are an asset to the Town and they should be supported in other ways, such as advertisements and market Florence better.

Councilmember Cordes stated that the Pinal County Historical Museum is important to the Town and Pinal County. She stated that if they struggle, it is one more thing on the lists of things that Florence does not support.

Discussion occurred on tourism and bringing businesses into Florence.

Mayor Walter stated that the Museum can receive tax credit donations since they are a non-profit. The Town could assist in promoting their accepting of donations, as they would for any other non-profit.

Mr. Billingsley stated that there is \$200,000 budgeted towards investments in the Historic District.

Mayor Walter stated that the Council is in the midst of revisiting the Strategic Plan which will dictate where the Town's priorities are. There is no need to bring on an Economic Development Director because their job would be very challenging at this point. Staff and Council has been working on partnerships regarding economic development.

Mayor Walter stated that the proposed recreational facility would be a private-public partnership that would drive the town economically. She stated that the Town is doing several projects that are laying the foundation for the economic development.

Mr. Billingsley outlined the various projects that have been completed, such as the medical facility that opened and the Anthem Hospital that will be opening soon, as well as the ongoing projects that affect economic development. He stated that the Town has limited resources and they are trying to apply those resources where they will have the most impact.

Mr. Billingsley discussed bringing industrial to the community and what will need to be done in order to do so.

Councilmember Cordes inquired who the person is that is being paid the salary budgeted in economic development.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the salary is for the Assistant to the Town Manager position who is assisting with economic development and tying that into communications.

Vice-Mayor Anderson stated that the Economic Development Director position needs to be included in the budget and the salary can be expensed from the monies allocated from the recreational facility that is budgeted for.

Mr. Billingsley stated that there is a dollar amount added to the budget for the initial design of a recreational facility; however, those monies are allocated from Fund 11 – Capital Improvement Projects Fund and not the General Fund. He explained how the private-public partnership would work and how the Town would be paid back for the facility within 20 and 30 years.

Councilmember Cordes inquired about maintenance and utilities for the Brunenkant Building that the Town leases to the attorney. She stated that the maintenance and utilities are outlined in the budget for the Silver King Marketplace, but not for the Brunenkant Building.

Ms. Jimenez explained that the fees for the Brunenkant Building are incorporated into the General Fund. She explained that the Silver King Marketplace is called out in the budget because it has multiple tenants and the Brunenkant Building is a stand alone building.

Councilmember Wall explained that the Economic Development Director position not only encompasses salary and fringe, but you would also need an allowance for promotional material such as travel, conferences, shows, presentations, promotional material etc. All those additional expenses will need to be estimated and included in the budget.

Councilmember Wall would like the Town to cooperate further with Pinal County and other adjacent communities for economic development and to promote the area as a whole.

Mr. Billingsley stated that staff meets frequently with the Pinal County Economic Development Director as well as the neighboring communities to work on economic development.

Councilmember Cordes asked that the Town garner public input when the Town elects to utilize the \$200,000 that is earmarked for the Historic District.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the Town would have public meetings and outlined a list of potential projects that the \$200,000 could be utilized for.

Councilmember Cordes inquired how the \$75,000 was derived that is budgeted for planning of special events,

Mr. Billingsley stated that the \$75,000 is not earmarked to hire an event planner, but rather additional monies allocated to coordinate the events. This money will be used to enhance the events as well as add events.

Mr. Bryan Hughes, Community Services Director, stated that they may utilize some of the funding to contract with a promoter who can generate funds through ticket sales, etc. because large music festivals require outside assistance. They are looking at ways to bring in large events.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Walter called for a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Walter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Call to the Public for public comment on issues within the jurisdiction of the Town Council. Council rules limit public comment to three minutes. Individual Councilmembers may respond to criticism made by those commenting, may ask staff to review a matter raised or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the Council shall not discuss or take action on any matter during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.

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There were no public comments.

PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring Florence's pride in those who have enlisted in the military and to urge all citizens to continue to support our military service personnel and the families of those who are serving in our armed forces.

Mayor Walter read the proclamation and issued a personalized proclamation to each of the high school graduates who have enlisted in the armed services. She declared Florence's pride in those who have enlisted in the military and urged all citizens to continue to support our military service personnel and the families of those who are serving in our armed forces.

Each of the students explained why they elected to join the armed forces.

Proclamation declaring May 2019 as Historic Preservation Month.

Mayor Walter read the proclamation and proclaimed May 2019 as Historic Preservation Month.

Ms. Christine Reid, Pinal County Historical Society member, invited the public to the Pinal County Historical Society (PCHS) and Arizona Department of Correction Special Exhibition in celebration of the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC) 50th Anniversary from May 21 -26, 2019. Learn about Florence's 111-year prison history from the Special Exhibition showcasing all 12 ADC sites. PCHS will also dig deep into its archives to display rarely seen items such as contraband, Arizona State Prison Outlaw Rodeo, historic photographs of Stars behind Bars, prison sports and more. As a special bonus, exclusive private tours of the ADC Florence 1908 Administrative Building will be offered to museum visitors. Tickets are \$10 for adults, which includes museum admission and prison tour. Proceeds go toward the restoration of the PCHS Museum's 1937 Mack Jr. Fire Truck.

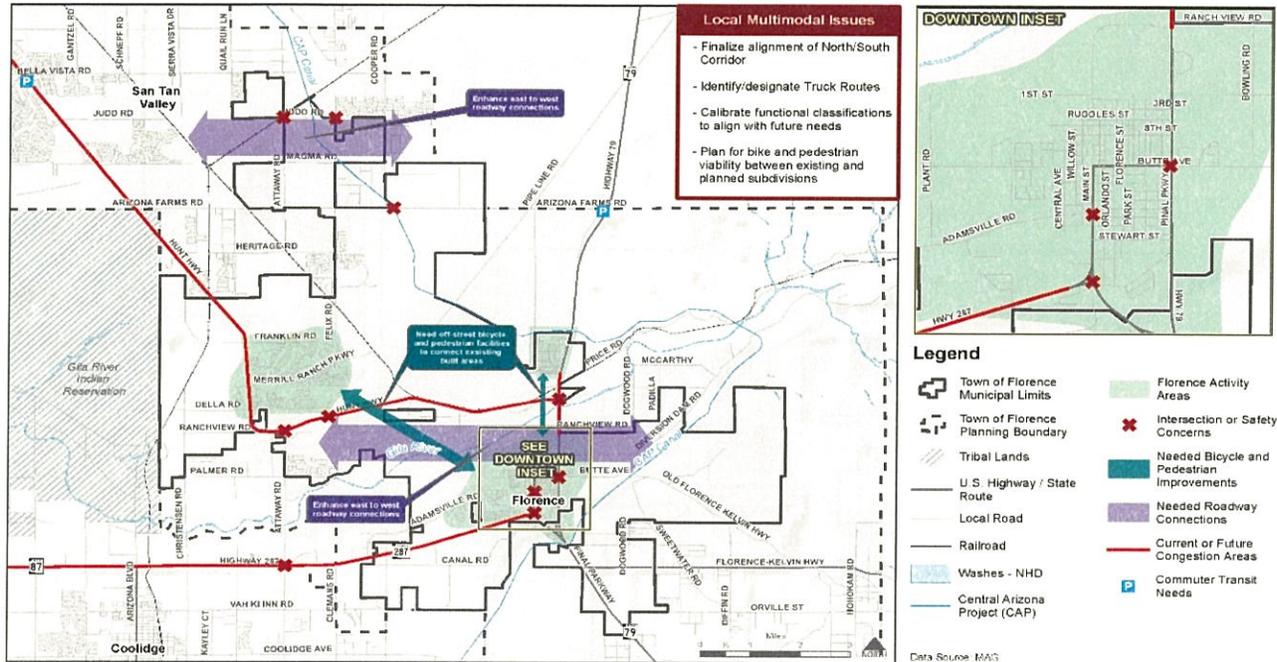
Ms. Reid thanked the Council for recognizing historic preservation.

Presentation on the Transportation Study by Kevin Kugler, Michael Baker International.

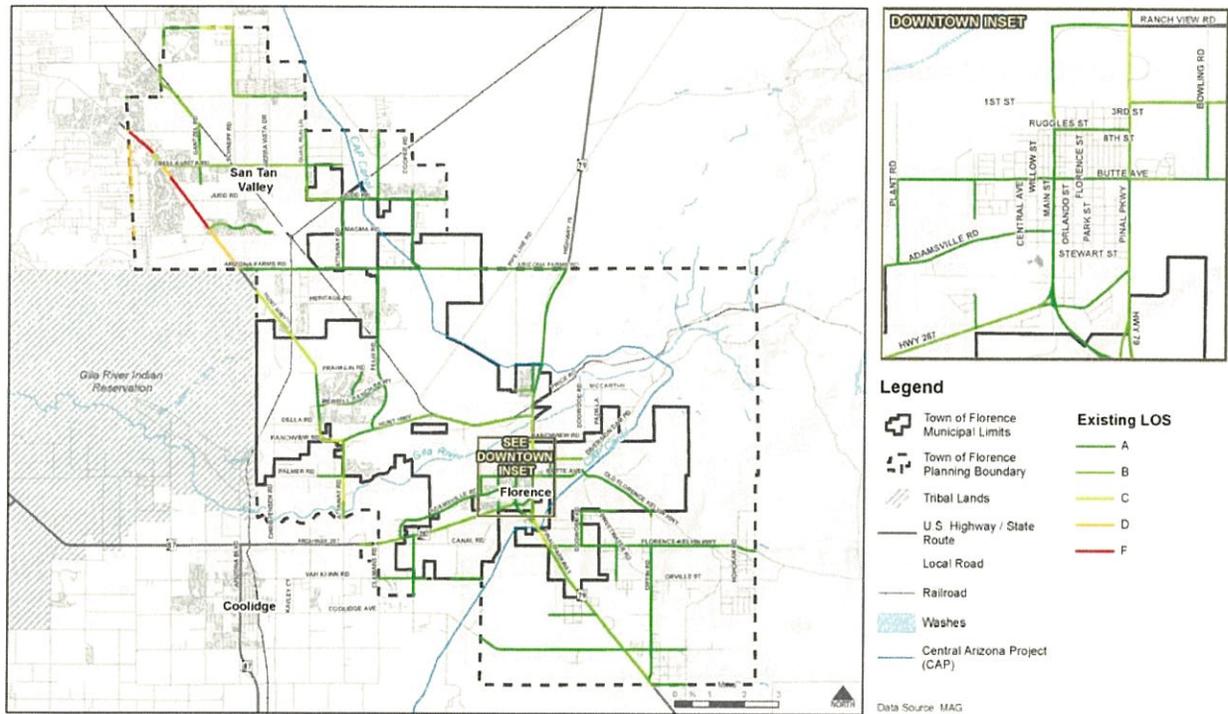
Mr. Billingsley stated that the study is partially funded by the Town, along with the Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA) Grant, administered through Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT).

Mr. Kevin Kugler, Michael Baker International, provided a presentation on the Florence Transportation Planning Study Council Briefing, in which he outlined the following:

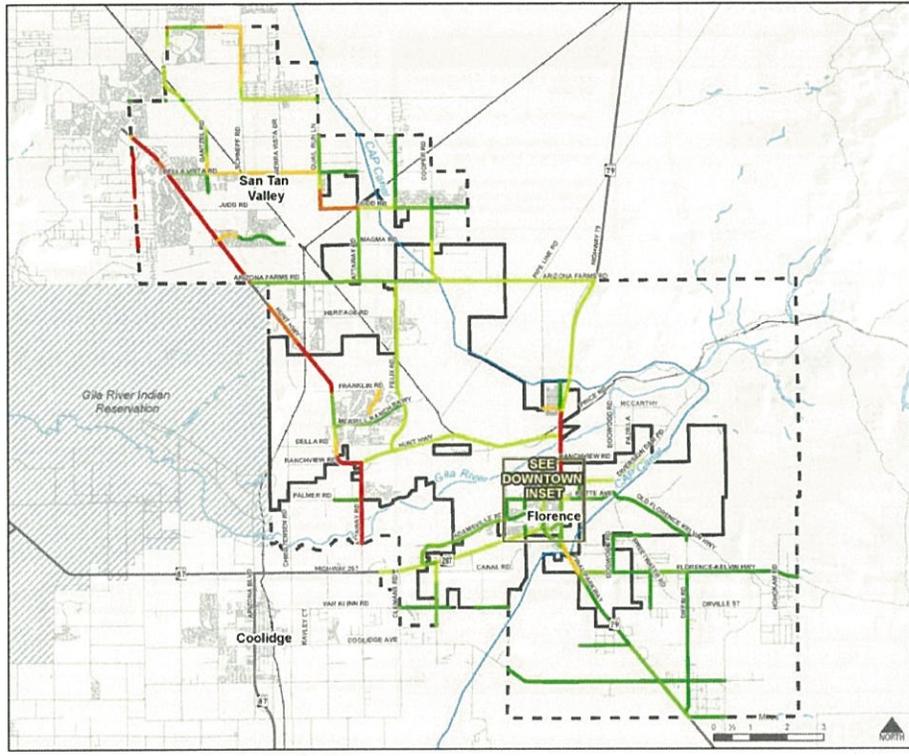
- Transportation Needs and Issues
 - Improve East/West connectivity
 - Functional classifications
 - Roadway cross sections
 - Safety considerations
 - Bike and pedestrian mobility – connection of 3 development islands
 - Town Regulations and Policies – site triangle, bus bay, truck routes



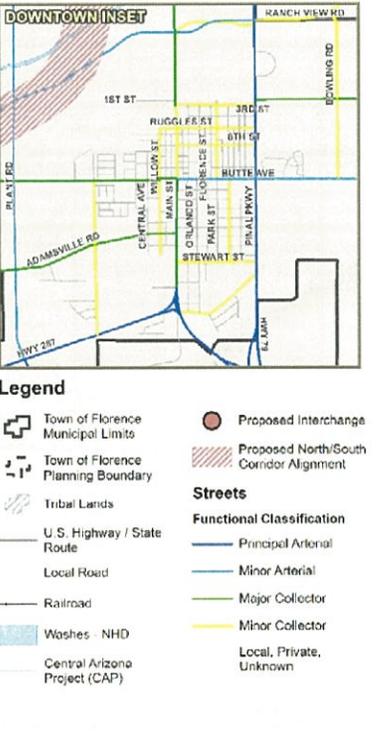
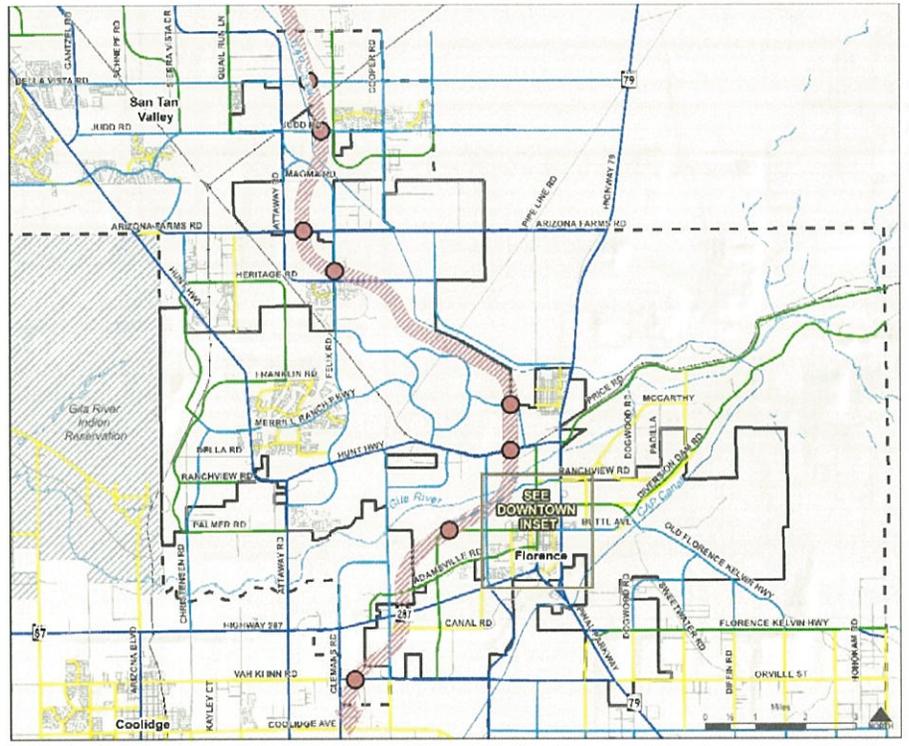
- Existing Roadway Level of Service



- 2040 No-Build Level of Service



- 2040 Functional Classification Map



- Summary of recommended changes to the 2040 Functional Classification Map

- Approximately 18 adjustments to the existing Functional Classification system – reduction in surplus capacity
 - Current roadways with most daily traffic not changing; State Route (SR) 287, SR 79, Hunt Highway, Attaway Road (Rd.), Arizona Farms Rd.
 - North-South Corridor identified on map
- Recommended roadway improvements
- Capacity related roadway improvements – based upon the results of the travel demand model

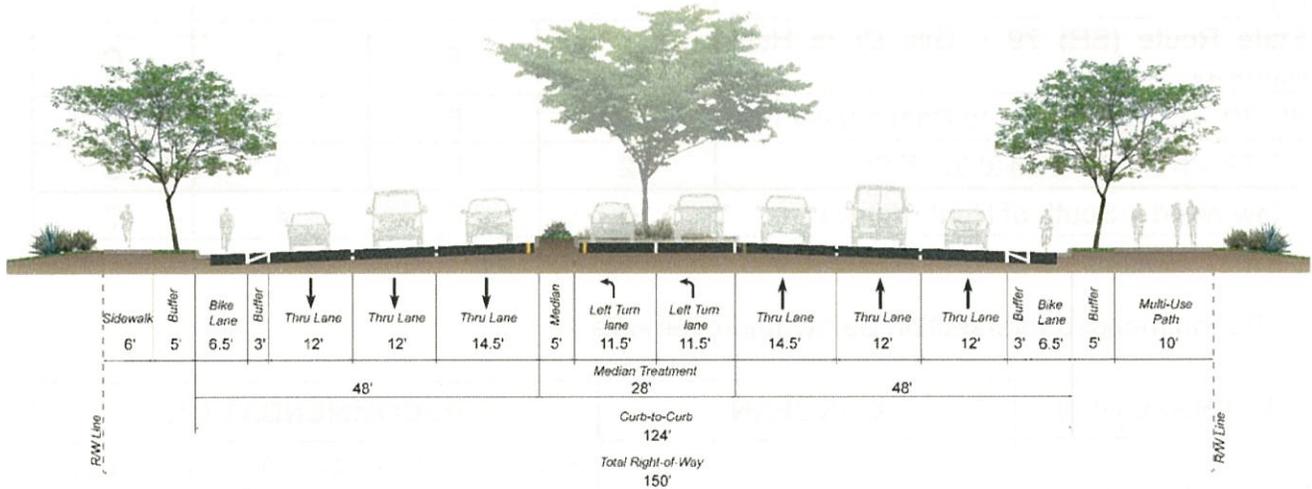
Roadway Segment	2040 No Build		2014 Built	
	# of Lanes	LOS	# of Lanes	LOS
Judd Rd – Quail Run Rd to Attaway Rd	2	E	4	B
Quail Run Rd – Judd Rd to 0.5 miles North	2	E	4	B
Hunt Highway – Stone Creek Dr. to Paseo Fino Way	2	F	6	C
Hunt Highway – Paseo Fino Way to Bella Vista Rd	3	E	6	B
Hunt Highway – Bella Vista to Arizona Farms Rd	2	F	6	B
Hunt Highway – South of Arizona Farms Rd to Mirage Ave	2	E	4	B
Hunt Highway – Mirage Ave to Franklin Rd	2	F	4	C
Hunt Highway – Fire Station #2 to Attaway Rd	2	F	4	C
State Route (SR) 79 – Gila Dr to Hunt Highway	2	F	4	C
SR 79 – Hunt Highway to Ranch View Rd	2	F	4	D
SR 79 – Ranch View Rd to 1 st St	2	F	4	C
Attaway Rd – South of Hunt Highway	2	F	4	C

- Recommended Intersection Safety Improvements

INTERSECTION	CONCERN	RECOMMENDATION
Hunt Highway/Felix Rd	Incomplete Intersection, poor lighting, sight visibility	Install lighting at the intersection, refresh painting, install edge lines, intersection improvements to increase visibility
Hunt Highway/Arizona Farms Rd	Elevated intersection, no lighting, tight radius	Reevaluate radii, install lighting, refresh pavement marking

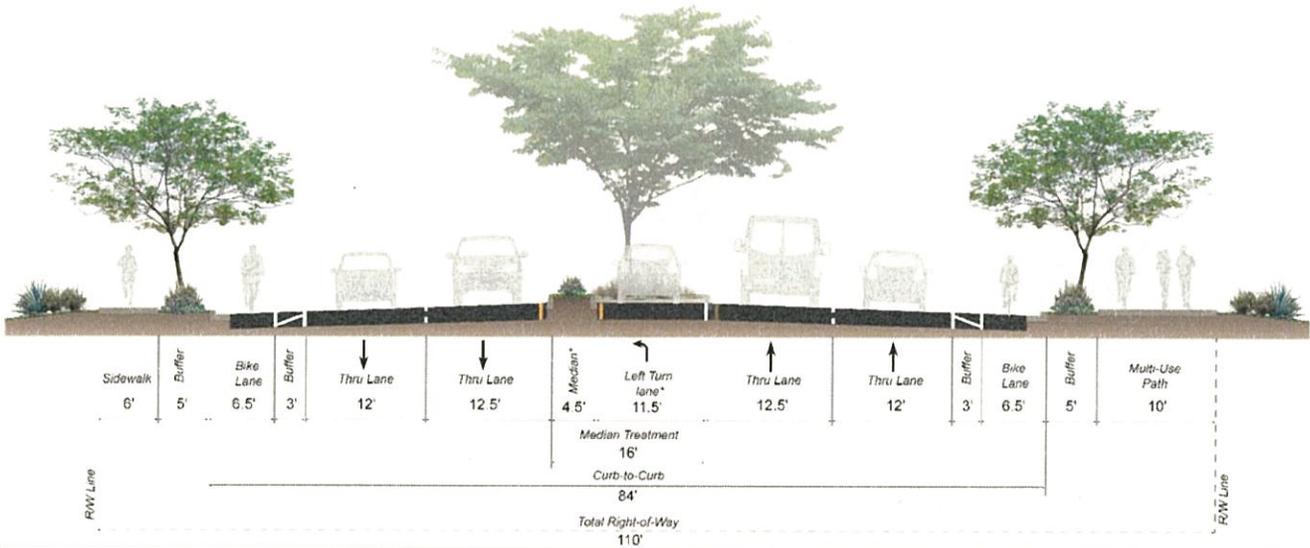
Felix Rd/Judd Rd	Lighting, sight visibility	Intersection improvement to improve sight visibility, lighting on the west side of Felix Rd and on Judd Rd
Hunt Highway/Attaway Rd	Sight visibility, high northbound right-turn volumes	Install a northbound right-turn lane, install stop bars/crosswalks, refresh striping
Hunt Highway/SR 79	Heavy eastbound right-turn traffic volumes, safety	Install an eastbound right-turn lane, install a traffic signal, restripe the intersection, install rumble strips
SR 287/ Attaway Rd	High number of crashes, education and enforcement issues	Complete an RSA
SR 79/SR 287	Capacity issues	Roundabout is in the design phases
Hunt Highway/Bella Vista Rd	Safety - high number of crashes, lot of rear ends and left-turns	Complete an RSA, evaluate left-turn phases, review signal timing and clearance intervals
Bella Vista Rd/Gantzel Rd	Safety – high number of crashes, lot of rear ends	Complete an RSA, review signal timing and clearance intervals

- Recommended Roadway Cross Sections
150 Foot Principal Arterial (Double Left Turn)



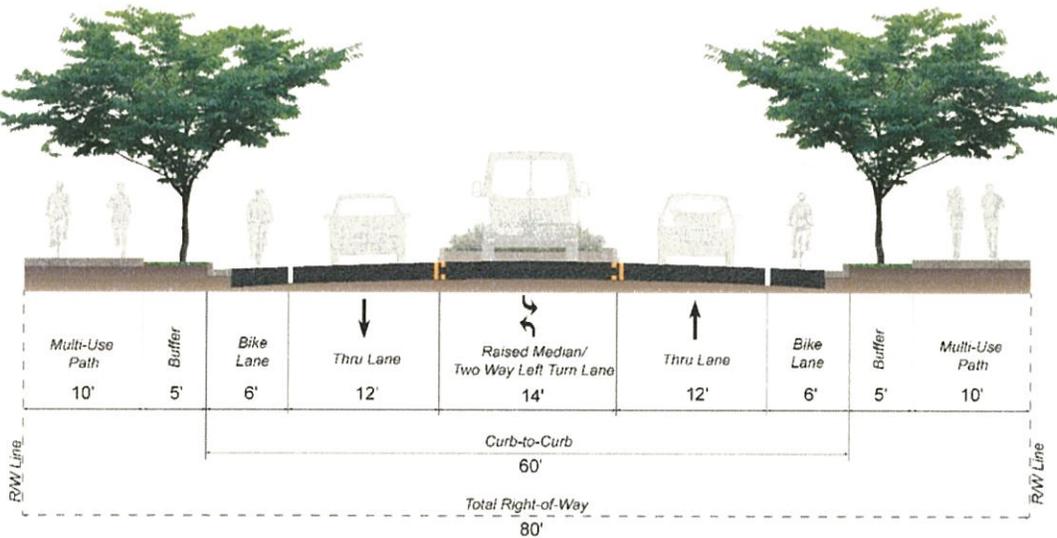
Typical Design Features				
Right-of-Way Width	Number of Lanes	Average Daily Traffic	Design Speed Limit	Posted Speed Limit
150 feet	6 Lanes (2 Turn Lanes)	45,000 – 50,000 ADT	45 – 55 MPH	40 – 45 MPH

110 Foot Minor Arterial



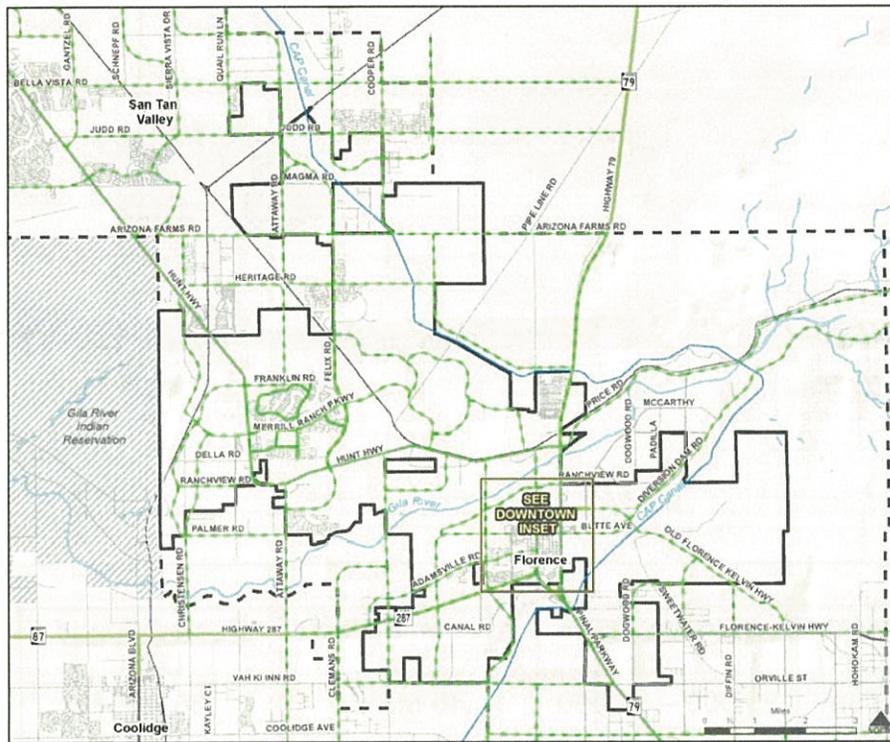
Typical Design Features				
Right-of-Way Width	Number of Lanes	Average Daily Traffic	Design Speed Limit	Posted Speed Limit
110 feet	4 Lanes (1 Turn Lane)	25,000 – 30,000 ADT	45 MPH	35 MPH

80 Foot Major Collector

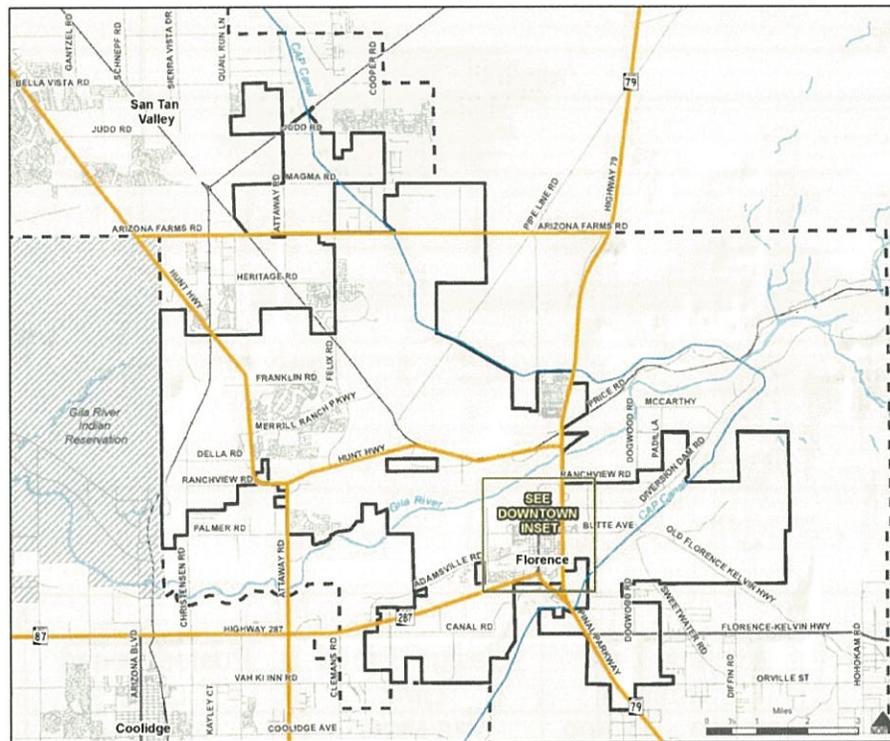


Typical Design Features				
Right-of-Way Width	Number of Lanes	Average Daily Traffic	Design Speed Limit	Posted Speed Limit
80 feet	3 Lanes	15,000 – 17,500 ADT	35 MPH	25 MPH

- Existing and Planned Bicycle Facilities



- Designated Truck Routing Plan



- Additional Recommendations
 - Site Visibility Triangle
 - Bus Bay Specifications – Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)
 - Adaptive Streets – low investment aesthetic and traffic operational improvements to surplus right of way (ROW) streets (80-ft vs. 100 ft)
 - Policies to connect existing and planned neighborhoods
- Next Steps
 - Public Meeting #1 – trio of roadshow meetings held on April 18th
 - Florence Gardens
 - Sun City Anthem
 - Library/Community Center
 - Approximately 22 attendees signed in; approximately 10 did not
 - Draft Final Report
 - Plan of Improvements
 - Access Management Guidelines
 - Planning level cost estimates per lane mile
 - Public Meeting #2 - To be determined

Mayor Walter inquired when the report will be ready.

Mr. Kugler stated that the draft report will be ready in mid-July.

Councilmember Wall inquired if this plan is exclusive to Florence.

Mr. Kugler stated that the report is exclusive to Florence.

Councilmember Wall inquired if the display boards presented in the foyer will be available for the public's view after the meeting.

Mr. Kugler stated that they can leave the boards for the public to view as well as provide a digital copy of the maps for the website.

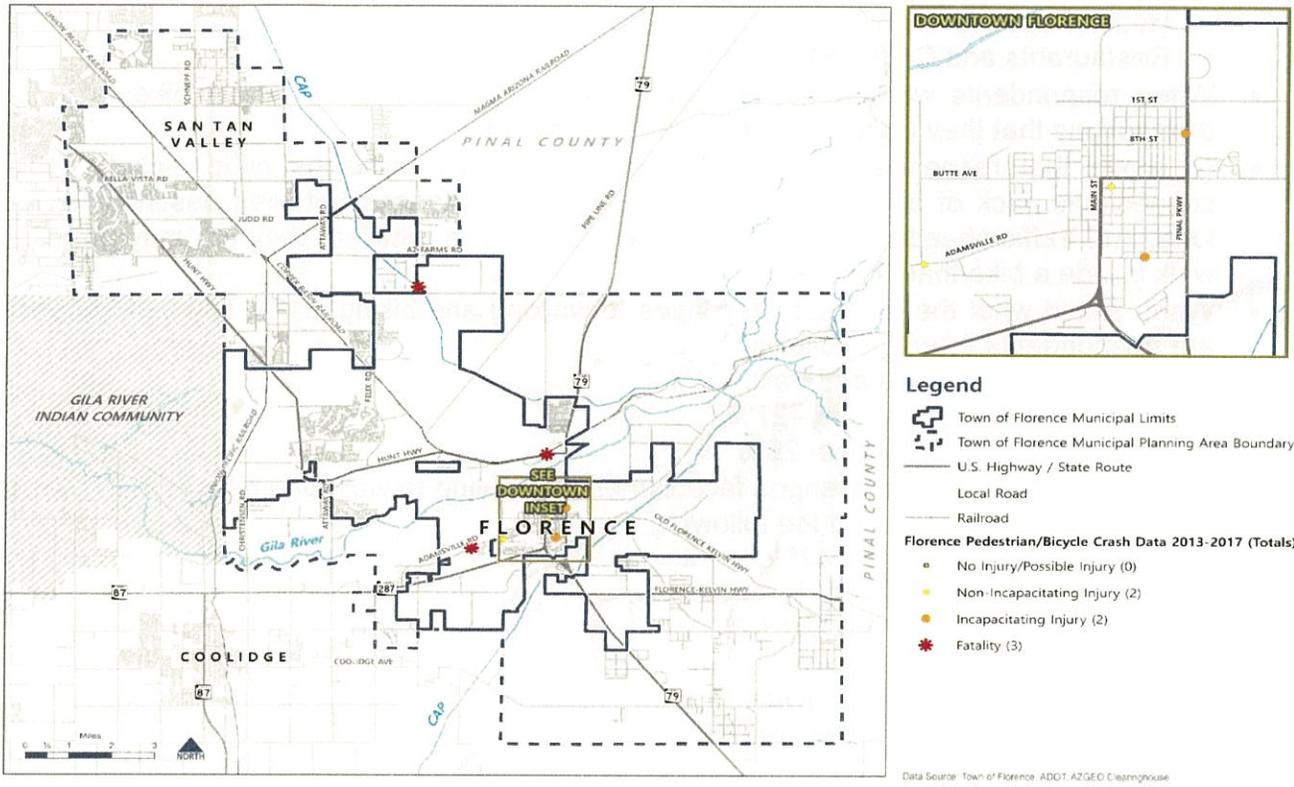
Mr. Billingsley provided a brief history on a previous plan that was done. This new plan has a focus on Florence. He thanked MAG for assisting with the modeling effort and explained the refined model of the study. He also provided an update on the North-South Corridor. He stated that it is up to the sponsoring agency on where the North-South Corridor will be located and is governed by the National Environment Policy Act. There is an ongoing study to determine what the federal government looks at alternative and sub-alternatives. He discussed the possible alignment.

a. Presentation on the Active Transportation Plan by Kevin Kugler, Michael Baker International.

Mr. Kevin Kugler, Michael Backer International, provided a presentation on the Active Transportation Plan, in which he outlined the following:

- Objectives of the Florence Active Transportation Plan (ATP)

- Focus on establishing off street and on street trail connections from Anthem and Florence Gardens to downtown Florence (specifically provide connection for the youth to the Community Center/ Aquatic Center, and the High School).
- Evaluate the overall mobility potential for the SR 79 corridor, particularly between its intersection with SR 279 and Butte Avenue. Place emphasis on improving pedestrian connectivity from Florence High School to the Community Center, including evaluating the potential for bike lanes.
- Develop an updated hierarchy of trails and paths with detailed cross sections for each.
- Evaluate and recommend path/trail connections from the existing rodeo grounds along SR 79B to downtown Florence.
- Evaluate Central Arizona Regional Transit (CART) transit stops and offer recommendations for improved accessibility, trail connections and bicycle parking.
- Conduct a survey of Florence residents to solicit their input on desired bicycle and pedestrian needs and priorities.
- Evaluate and recommend trail connections to the regional Central Arizona Project (CAP) trail.
- Develop plan recommendations that can leverage existing and planned paths and trails to promote community events and showcase tourism activities.
- Florence's current pedestrian and bicycle users
 - 4% of residents said walking or biking is the most commonly used form of transportation
 - 34% travel less than 10 miles to work or school
 - 62% of respondents were 65 years or older
 - Anthem at Merrill Ranch experiences highest frequency of bicycle and pedestrian activity
 - Bicycle use on State R 79 is more frequent than on Hunt Highway
- Safety Trends in Active Transportation
 - Nationally, bicycle fatalities have increased 32% from 2010 to 2016
 - Bicyclists at fault 50% of the time – failure to yield, riding wrong way most common citations
 - AZ had the 9th highest number of bicycle-vehicle crashes in US; ranked 5th in nation for pedestrian related deaths
 - But AZ is improving – 10% reduction in bicycle crashes in 2012-2016 compared to 2004-2008
- Florence Bicycle and Pedestrian Crash Locations

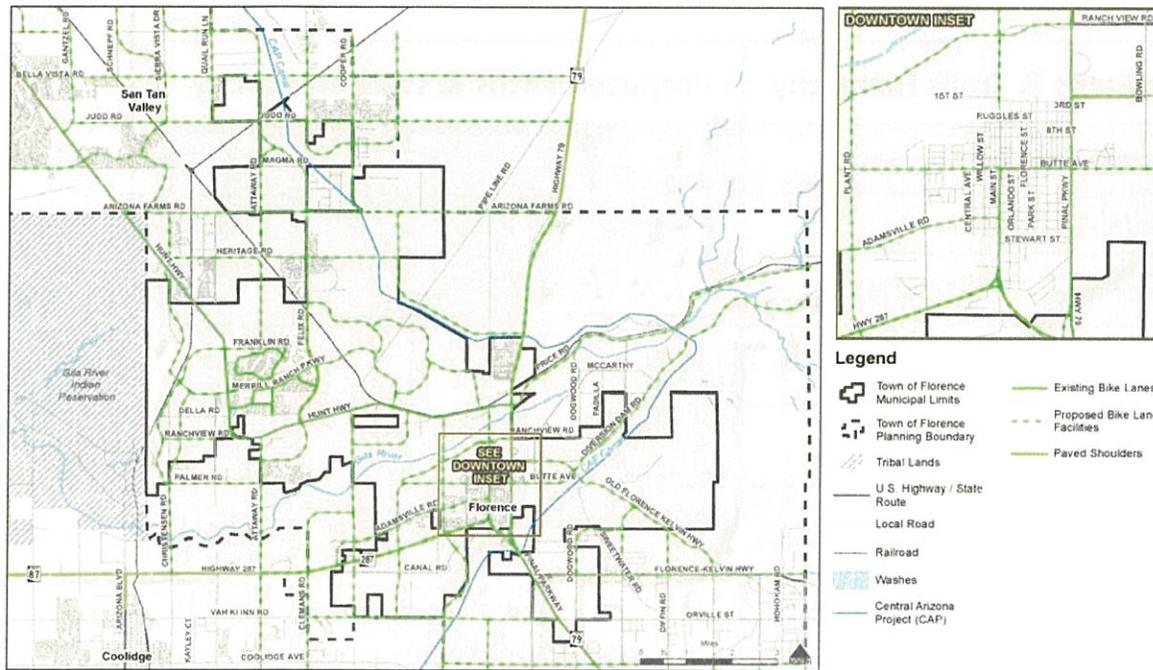


- Survey Findings

- 36 responses received initially, 91 current responses
- Respondents travel by walking to the following destinations the MOST:
 - Parks - 35%
 - Other- 33%
 - Friend or Family Home- 25%
 - Restaurants and Coffee Shops- 16%
- Respondents travel by walking to the following destinations the LEAST:
 - Job- 88%
 - Schools- 82%
 - Health Facilities- 74%
 - Worship Centers and Libraries- 71%
 - Restaurants and Coffee Shops- 57%
 - Retail- 59%
 - Other- 52%
- Respondents travel by bike to the following destinations the MOST:
 - Other- 35% (Comments reflect recreational use)
 - Parks- 19%
 - Friend or Family Home- 18%
- Respondents travel by bike to the following destinations the LEAST:
 - Job- 81%
 - Schools- 81%
 - Worship Centers and Libraries- 79%

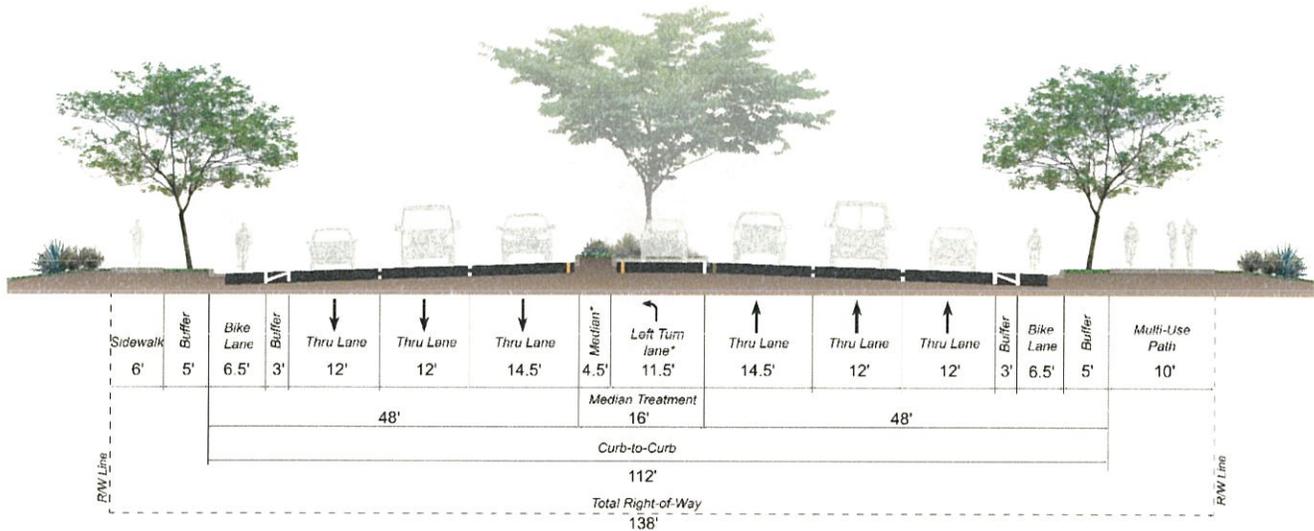
- Health Facilities- 70%
- Restaurants and Coffee Shops- 65%
- When respondents were asked if they would prefer to walk or ride a bike to those destinations that they currently drive to, 80% responded “YES”.
- Of those that responded “NO” to the above question, reasons cited include “poor connections, lack of bicycle parking, poor facilities, distances between destinations too long, and traffic speeds. Therefore, if those issues were rectified, they too may prefer to walk or ride a bike than to drive.
- When asked what the greatest challenges to walking and biking in the Town of Florence are, respondents listed the following:
 - Bike lanes, sidewalks and trails- 51%
 - Traffic and personal safety- 27%
 - Connectivity and distance- 26%
- When asked to list the challenges faced when attempting to walk and bike in the Town of Florence, respondents listed the following:
 - Destinations are too far- 47%
 - Not enough bike lanes- 41%
 - Street lighting is inadequate- 37%
 - Driver’s excessive speed- 34%
 - Driver’s don’t obey traffic laws- 33%
 - There aren’t enough sidewalks- 32%
 - Shade is inadequate- 27%
 - Neighborhood streets and bike routes don’t go to desired destinations- 25%
- When asked what would make it easier, safer, or more convenient when attempting to walk, bike, or take transit in the Town of Florence, respondents listed the following:
 - Sidewalk connections- 64%
 - Designated bike lane/ facility- 63%
 - Improved nighttime lighting- 65%

- Proposed Bicycle Facilities – On Street



- Proposed Bike and Ped Facilities – On Street
 - Principal Arterial

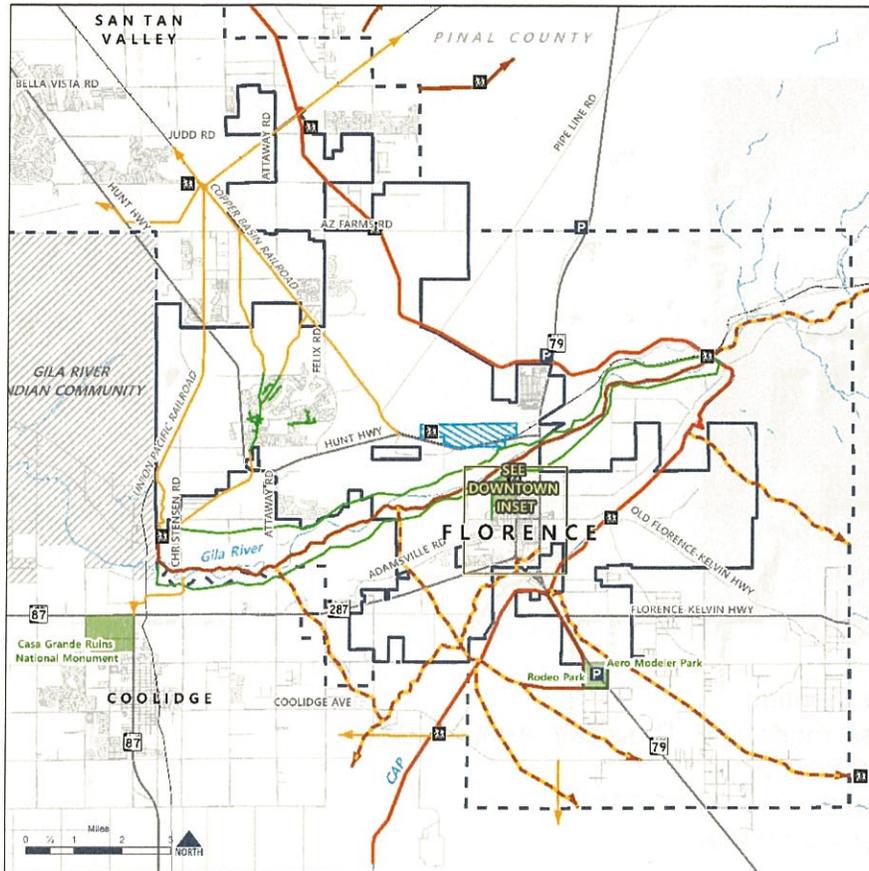
138 - Foot Principal Arterial (Single Left Turn)



- Off Street Paths and Trails – Existing vs. Proposed

Existing Paths & Trails Hierarchy	Proposed Paths & Trails Hierarchy
Neighborhood Trail (8')	Multi-Use Path- Paved (8'-10')
Town Trail (8'-10')	
Shared Use Paved Path (10'-12')	
Existing/ Planned County Multi- Use Trail Corridor	Multi-Use Trail- Unpaved Decomposed Granite (8'-10')
Proposed County Multi- Use Trail Corridor	
Equestrian Trail (8')	
Town Trail (8'-10')	
Neighborhood Trail (8')	Poston Butte Open Space & Trails Development Plan
Back Country Trail (3')	
Adopted County Trail Corridor	CAP Trail (Unpaved)
Town Trail (8'-10')	
Equestrian Trail (3'-4')	Bridle Trail- Native Surface (3'-5')
Town Trail (8'-10')	
4' Shoulder (4')	New Roadway Cross Sections (Florence Transportation Planning Study)
Shared Use Paved Path (10'-12')	
Neighborhood Trail (8')	

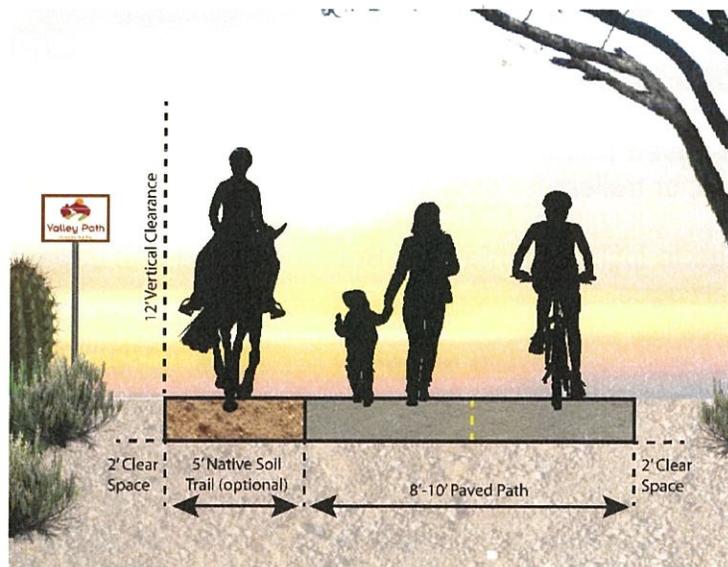
- Proposed Off-street Paths and Trails



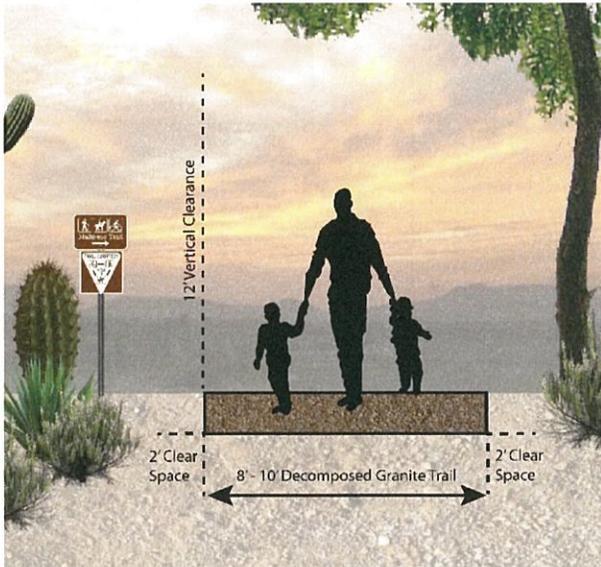
- Legend**
- Town of Florence Municipal Limits
 - Town of Florence Municipal Planning Area Boundary
 - U.S. Highway / State Route
 - Local Road
 - Railroad
 - Off Road Path / Trail Classification**
 - Multi-Use Path
 - CAP Multi-Use Trail
 - Multi-Use Trail
 - Bridle Trail
 - Bridle / Multi-Use Trail Combination
 - Poston Butte Trail System
 - Trailheads**
 - Park and Ride / Trailhead
 - Trailhead
 - Parks**
 - Existing Special Use Parks

Data Source: Town of Florence, Pinal County, ADOT, AZGEO, Clearinghouse

- Proposed Off-street Paths and Trails
 - Multi-use path



- Proposed Off-street Paths and Trails
 - Multi-use trail



- Recap of Public Open House Meetings
 - Conducted an “open house roadshow” Thursday, April 18, 2019
 - Florence Gardens – 10:00 AM
 - Anthem Sun City Union Center – 1:00 PM
 - Library/Community Center – 4:00 PM
 - Attendance
 - 22 attendees signed in, a number did not (appx. 10)
- Next Steps
 - Incorporate public and stakeholder input received
 - Prepare Draft Final ATP Plan – end of May 2019
 - Prepare Final ATP Plan – June 2019
 - City Council Adoption – June 17, 2019

Councilmember Hawkins asked if the non-paved paths will be wide enough for stage coaches, as the Town utilizes stage coaches, wagons, or trailers for hay rides.

Mr. Kugler stated that they will add verbiage to include carriages. Both the paved and unpaved lanes are wide enough to accommodate carriages.

Councilmember Cordes inquired if the material being used will allow for ATVs to ride on the trails, as some machines are not licensed for use on the streets. She is concerned about the trails being destroyed.

Mr. Kugler stated that OHVs are not a central focus of the study. Policies will be built into the plan for multi-use trails for pedestrian and bicycle use. OHV use will be prohibited on the trails.

Mr. Billingsley stated that he attended the kick-off meeting for the design of the Gila River Bridge and he requested that bike and pedestrian facilities be provided as part of the bridge replacement, which ADOT has agreed to. They show the facilities on the east hand side of the bridge. It would be conducive to have the facilities on the west side, which is the same side of the communities; otherwise those utilizing the facilities will need to cross the highway use the facilities and then cross again to come in to downtown.

Mr. Kugler stated that it would be appropriate to have the facilities on the west side and he will forward the comments.

Councilmember Larsen inquired if the material to be used on the trails has been chosen. She stated that there is a group of people who roller skate in the Anthem area and they are hoping for a smooth surface so they can roller skate in to the downtown area.

Presentation on Pinal County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Status.

Ms. Tami Ryall, Grants Administrator, Pinal County, provided a presentation on the recent changes of the Community Development Block Grant Funds, in which she outlined the following:

- How CDBG Worked Under State Plan
 - Arizona Department of Housing Receives Appropriation
 - Retains 13% + \$100,000
 - (10% Colonia -- 2% + \$100,000 Administration -- 1% Technical Assistance)
 - Divides Remaining Funds into two pools
 - 85% (Regional Allocation (formula))
 - Distributes to the Regional Councils of Governments (COG)
 - COG Governing Body Determines Method of Distribution
 - Local Government Receives Allocation From COG
 - 15% (Statewide Special Projects (competitive))
 - State accepts applications, decides and distributes
 - Recipients Receive Funding
- Central Arizona Governments (CAG) Method of Distribution
 - Receive allocation from State
 - Divide by number of members
 - Equal distribution to each agency
 - Allow "partnerships" for locals to combine/rotate years
 - Partnerships may include communities in both counties
 - Distribution is just simple equal division
 - Allocations do not bear a relationship to population
 - Larger agencies subsidize smaller agencies as a result
 - Two counties included, so Pinal County was subsidizing Gila County agencies as well
 - CAG staff prepares applications, Davis Bacon surveys, and environmental reviews for smaller communities and administers their projects so communities are very reliant on this help
- How it will work as entitlement agency
 - Pinal County receives allocation directly
 - State and CAG are bypassed

- Board of Supervisors determines method of distribution
- How Pinal County agencies may benefit after entitlement
 - State is taking 13% + \$100,000 right off the top before distribution to the COGs (for admin and Colonia)
 - State is retaining another 15% of remaining allocation for special projects and only distributing 85% of what is eligible to the COGs
 - CAG receives a percentage from the regional allocation to provide technical assistance to members (may include assisting with public hearings and project identification / development pre-application)
 - Board of Supervisors determines method of distribution and can adjust funding to reflect need and population
 - Program administration by Pinal County will feature less overhead
- Outreach
 - Community outreach and public participation planning focused on:
 - Involving residents
 - Looking for ideas
 - Seeking input from municipalities and non-profits
 - Making it easy to access information and participate
- Public Workshops
 - Hosted seven public meetings in different areas of Pinal County including:
 - Apache Junction
 - Florence
 - Maricopa
 - Coolidge
 - Mammoth
 - Superior
- Agencies and Non-Profits
 - Met with all city and town managers in Pinal County
 - 32 telephone interviews with key stakeholders, governmental agencies, and non-profits
 - Sent out online consultation surveys:
 - Continuum of Care members
 - Other governmental agencies
 - Service providers
 - Invited all groups to participate in the public hearings
- Outreach
 - Created a CDBG website and uploaded all information for easy access
 - Posted all meetings in English and Spanish
 - Advertised public workshops in local newspapers
 - Developed an online citizen survey in both English and Spanish as well and posted on the website
 - 285 completed surveys received
- Developing Consolidated Plan
 - Will present before the Pinal County Board of Supervisors in June.
 - Submittal to HUD will be in mid-August for their funding allocation that is done in October.

Mayor Walter stated that the Town receives approximately \$91,000 every other year as it shares with another community. She inquired how much the Town will receive.

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Ms. Ryall stated collectively, they will receive \$1.6 million for the communities who join, which equates to approximately \$720,000. The Pinal County Board of Supervisors will determine how the funds will be distributed so she does not know how much the allocation will be. They have had public meetings to receive feedback on how they would like to see the distribution being done.

Councilmember Wall stated that she has not heard of any public meetings. She inquired if the Town will have an opportunity on how the monies should be focused. They will be meeting with each individual Town Manager. She explained how the funding can be used. She explained how CDBG monies were used for a septic to sewer program in Gilbert Arizona, which ultimately revitalized the downtown area. She explained that CDBG funds were also used for a senior center and Boys and Girls Club in the downtown area.

Councilmember Hawkins is concerned if they utilize population as a distribution method. He would prefer that the money is split equally.

Ms. Ryall stated that Casa Grande is entitled and receive their own allocation, which is approximately \$330,000. She stated that the goal is to benefit all of its members, and not harm any community.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the Town has alternated each year of funding with Winkelman to do projects. He stated the Town will receive more money by going with Pinal County. He stated that they will receive the \$91,000 from CAG this year. He explained the possible benefits, including receiving more funding, by partnering with Pinal County.

CONSENT: All items on the consent agenda will be handled by a single vote as part of the consent agenda, unless a Councilmember or a member of the public objects at the time the agenda item is called.

a. Resolution No. 1698-19:

Mayor Walter read Resolution No. 1698-19 by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, FURTHER CLARIFYING AND AFFIRMING THE TOWN'S SUPPORT FOR THE ROUTING OF THE NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR, AS DETAILED IN THE PINAL REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN, ADOPTED BY THE VOTERS OF PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA.

- b. Ratification of the election of Dan Helsdingen as an employee representative on the Town of Florence Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Police Local Board for a period of four years.**
- c. Authorization to dispose of the following Town vehicles and equipment that were acquired for town use and have passed their life expectancy and/or have outlived their useful life.**
- d. Approval of the April 1 and April 11, 2019 Town Council Meeting minutes.**

e. Receive and file the following board and commission minutes:

- i. March 14, 2019 Arts and Culture Commission Meeting minutes**
- ii. March 28, 2019 Florence Youth Commission Meeting minutes**
- iii. January 31, 2019 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting minutes**

On motion of Councilmember Wall, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins, and carried (7-0) to approve the consent agenda, as written with the exception of Item a.

- a. Resolution No. 1698–19: Adoption of A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, FURTHER CLARIFYING AND AFFIRMING THE TOWN'S SUPPORT FOR THE ROUTING OF THE NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR, AS DETAILED IN THE PINAL REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN, ADOPTED BY THE VOTERS OF PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA.**

Councilmember Hughes asked Mr. Billingsley to provide an update on the North-South Corridor.

Mr. Billingsley provided an update on the North-South Corridor, which included the following:

- Lots of ongoing planning taking place
- Consultant hired by ADOT who is working on the Environmental Impact Statement
 - Federal required process
 - Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be released in August
- Project is being managed by ADOT
- The following documents to be produced:
 - Draft Environmental Impact Statement
 - Final Environmental Impact Statement
 - Decision Document
 - Record of Decision
 - Public input will be collected by the consultants for each of the reports
 - Will use to determine the preferred alternative
 - ADOT added a new alternative (West Alternative)
 - Meeting held in December 2018
 - Bypasses Florence proper
 - Very different alignment than what has been planned for in the last 20 years
- Voters approved preferred alignment and is being challenged
- ADOT will not build corridor; cities and towns and Pinal County will build the corridor
- Pinal County and surrounding communities have been meeting on monthly basis working on a refined map and that they have solidarity amongst each other

On motion of Councilmember Hughes, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins, and carried (7-0) to adopt Resolution No. 1698-19.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Approval/Disapproval to purchase and install an Advanced Metering Infrastructure System from Ferguson Waterworks. in an amount not to exceed \$1,852,162.98 for CIP WU-90 Advanced Metering Infrastructure System.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the Town has spent approximately one year on this project. Florence is one of the community's in Arizona that does not have auto read meter system. This technology will assist and affect the Town's efficiency. The Town's LaRaWAN network is already up and functioning and has been tested with multiple sensors. He stated that the Town is in partnerships with Ferguson Waterworks and Mueller (hydrants).

Councilmember Hughes inquired if the meters will be read once per day, and what time will the meter be read. She noted that the reads can identify various issues and asked if it will read for those issues at certain times.

Mr. Billingsley explained how the meter read works. He explained the meters can be read at any time; however, the meters will be read once per day on a read schedule so it can use some of the other functionalities that are built in. He explained how the meter reading would work and the life of the battery. They will read the meter once a day and would help with tampering, leaks, etc. It can identify an abnormality in usage.

Discussion occurred on various scenarios and how the system works.

Councilmember Hughes inquired what supplies will be stored at the Town facilities, how much space will be needed for their supplies, and will their insurance policy cover the materials.

Mr. Billingsley explained that they have provided insurance as part of the project.

Mr. Jordan Miller, AMR/AMI Specialist, Ferguson Waterworks, stated that the partnership is for 20 years. They will use Conex boxes to be bring onsite and store their supplies in there. Their supplies are insured.

Mr. Billingsley stated initially the Conex box will be stored at the South Wastewater Treatment Plant and then at the North Wastewater Treatment Plant when they are working on the north side. The items will transition to the new water yard once that is complete.

Councilmember Hughes stated that she is concerned about voiding the warranty if the supplies are not stored correctly.

Mr. Torre Treece, Mueller, stated that they will manage the project and bring in the materials as needed. The products have a 20- year warranty. The installation plan is for 18 months and they will have the supplies on hand as needed but will not have a huge excess.

Councilmember Hughes stated that the warranty starts when the item is shipped. She inquired if the 1% minimum has been ordered. She also inquired if Millandr is charging the Town.

Mr. Billingsley stated that nothing can be ordered until Council approval is received. He stated that there will be charges in the long run; however, not at this time. Millandr has taken all of the risk, installed all of the infrastructure and have done all of the testing.

Vice-Mayor Anderson inquired who will do the installation.

Mr. Billingsley responded that Ferguson oversees all of the aspects and all of the installation is done by them. They will also have trainers that will be available through all phases.

Vice-Mayor Anderson inquired if they will have an interactive app for users.

Mr. Miller stated that an app will be available for users and explained the functions that the user can utilize. You can also use the program called Water Smart and view your account.

On motion of Vice-Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Larsen, and carried (7-0) to approve the purchase and install an Advanced Metering Infrastructure System from Ferguson Waterworks. in an amount not to exceed \$1,852,162.98 for CIP WU-90 Advanced Metering Infrastructure System.

Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of reallocation of \$500,000 in budget capacity from the Wastewater Fund to the General Fund.

Mr. Sanchez stated that there is a \$500,000 shortfall in the budget and if approved, staff will reallocate a portion of the budget authority to cover those costs.

On motion of Councilmember Wall, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and carried to approve the reallocation of \$500,000 in budget capacity from Wastewater Fund to the General Fund.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Benjamin Bitter, Assistant to the Town Manager, stated that they have received some talking points that are coming out of an agreement between the House, the Senate and the Governor's Office regarding the State's budget, which includes:

- Wayfair (Online Sales Tax)
- \$20 million for Pinal farmers
- \$6.5 million for State Route 24 to help alleviate traffic throughout Pinal County

Mr. Bitter stated that he is confident that the budget will move forward. Budget bills will be pushed through in the next few days.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Billingsley stated that the carpet will be replaced on the Administrative side of the Town Hall building from Wednesday through Friday of this week. Staff will not be allowed on this Administrative side of the building during the installation. The Town Clerk staff and the Legal Department will work from the Community Services Department, Mr. Bitter and Ms. Evans will work from the Community Development Department, and he will work from the IT building.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public comments.

CALL TO THE COUNCIL – CURRENT EVENTS ONLY

Councilmember Hughes thanked Vice-Mayor Anderson for attending the Pinal Partnership Meeting on her behalf. She invited everyone to the Groundbreaking Veteran's Memorial.

Councilmember Cordes congratulated all who promoted from Kindergarten an 8th Grade as well as those who promoted from high school. She invited everyone to enjoy the aquatic center as it recently opened. She will attend the prison tour and is excited to share her experience with Council.

Councilmember Larsen thanked the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce for their mixer event. It was a great opportunity to meet business owners.

Councilmember Wall stated the next chamber mixer will be June 6, 2019, at the River Bottom. She invited everyone to the Pinal County Historical Museum event. She complimented whomever transcribed the Florence Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2019. They followed Robert's Rules of Order and the business that was transacted. Florence was recognized as one of the hottest housing markets in the west by Sunset Magazine. She read an excerpt from the article.

Councilmember Hawkins stated that Florence is the hottest real estate market in the State, which is great for Florence. He wished everyone a safe and happy memorial weekend. He thanked the Council and staff for their hard work on the budget. The Town has done exceptional work in the community.

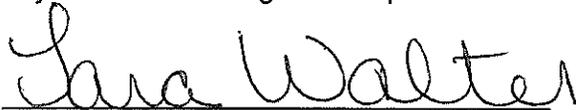
Vice-Mayor Anderson stated that staff did a great job in presenting a balanced budget. He stated that it was discussed at the Pinal Partnership Meeting that labor is an issue for homebuilders. Builders are unable to keep up with demand due to the shortage of laborers. CAC has increased its vocation training program to train people faster to be in the trades.

Vice-Mayor Anderson stated that the Pinal Water Augmentation Authority is undergoing changes with regards to membership. Pinal County will take a more active role in the management.

Mayor Walter thanked everyone for attending the Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Hawkins, seconded by Councilmember Larsen, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.



Tara Walter, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk

I certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Florence Town Council meeting held on May 6, 2019, and that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.



Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk