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Joe Lane, Chairman State Transportation Board Arizona Department of Transportation

In Regards: Tucson By Pass Study

Mr. Lane,

As the County Supervisor representing the Pomerene, Cascabel, and Willcox areas of Northern Cochise County I cannot support the proposed Tucson by pass route through the San Pedro Valley. Not only would this have a negative affect on one of the most pristine areas of the State, but I believe this would not be a cost effective proposal. There are existing State Highways that could be improved that could give the needed relief without taking on the cost prohibitive and environmentally challenging project of a new highway along the northern portion of the San Pedro River.

Richard Searle

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