

# Southeast Mesa Land Use and Transportation Plan Community Meeting #1 Summary



## Overview

The City of Mesa held the first community meeting for the Southeast Mesa Land Use and Transportation Plan on November 11, 2018 at the Eastmark Visitor Center, where 126 people attended. During the community meeting, attendees were shown a presentation that introduced the project and then invited to participate in an interactive exercise that included an eight-question keypad survey and a mapping activity.

Due to the large attendance, attendees were broken up into three smaller groups and the presentation and interactive exercises were given three times. Having smaller groups allowed for a more comfortable meeting space as well as a more personal environment for attendees to provide input and ask questions.

Prior to the presentation, residents were asked to place a dot on the general area of where they live. This was to help get a reading of where in the project area (if anywhere) the attendees were coming from and their familiarity with the area. The Where Do You Live? Map can be seen on Page 5.

A number of poster boards were also provided that detailed the project study area and additional information regarding the project area. Residents were also provided with a comment card on which they could provide detailed, written comments.

A total of nine (9) comment cards were received with comments. Comments from the cards were varied, but a few of the common comments included a request to leave Crismon Road as is, as well as extending Meridian Road and improving Signal Butte Road. Scans of all the comment cards received during the community meeting are available on Pages 7 through 15.

The full presentation and additional materials used at the community meeting can be found on the project website [here](#). City staff and members of the project team were made available at all points during the community meeting to answer any questions attendees may have had.



## Keypad Survey

An eight-question survey was included as part of the presentation. The questions were intended to gain a general understanding of where the public would like to see transportation improvements. While the survey was broad in topic, the mapping exercise portions of the community meeting was more specific and definitive. A full portrayal of the survey and responses are available on Pages 16 through 19.

The following are highlight points of the survey:

- 33.6% of respondents identified they have lived in Mesa between 1 and 5 years, 30.2% identified they have lived in Mesa greater than 20 years.
- 80.7% of the respondents live, work, or own a business in the northeast part of the project area. (roughly north of Williams Field Road and east of the Loop 202)
- 28.2% and 23.9% of respondents felt that Collectors (minor roads) and Bicycle/Pedestrian facilities, respectively, should be improved within the next 1-5 years. Subsequent discussions with attendees after the survey discovered that some attendees interpreted Collectors (minor roads) to be any road with two lanes, rather than the more traditional definition of Collectors being lower volume/lower speed roads that connect Local roads to the Arterial network. In light of this discovery, it is believed many of the survey respondents who picked Collectors (minor roads) intended to mean two-lane roads with lots of traffic, which matches the description of many of the Arterials that have not been improved.
- Long term (6-10 years), the highest percentage of respondents, 23.9%, felt public transit should be improved.
- The north/south roadway that was identified as needing improvements first was Signal Butte Road, followed closely by Ellsworth Road.
- The east/west roadway that was identified as needing improvements first was Warner Road, followed by Elliot Road and Ray Road.

## Mapping Exercise

After the presentation and keypad survey, attendees were invited to participate in a mapping exercise in which they were able to identify 5 positive attributes (green dots) about Mesa and 5 attributes that need to be improved (red dots). Two wall maps were made available, one outside the presentation room and one inside.

Along with the dots, attendees provided a comment on the attribute and the comment was assigned a category based on its topic. The categories were transportation, land use, and economic development. Each dot was assigned a number that corresponded with its comment. The full comment sheets and photos of the wall maps are provided on Pages 21 through 26.

The majority of the positive attributes were related to the high-quality master planned communities in the project area including Eastmark, Bella Via, Mesquite Canyon, and Sunland Springs Village. The majority of the negative attributes were transportation related, specifically along Ellsworth Road and Signal Butte Road.

The following are highlights of the map exercise:

### Positive Attributes

- View of the mountains to the east
- Good neighborhoods, schools, and parks
- Love SR 24



- Airport and higher education

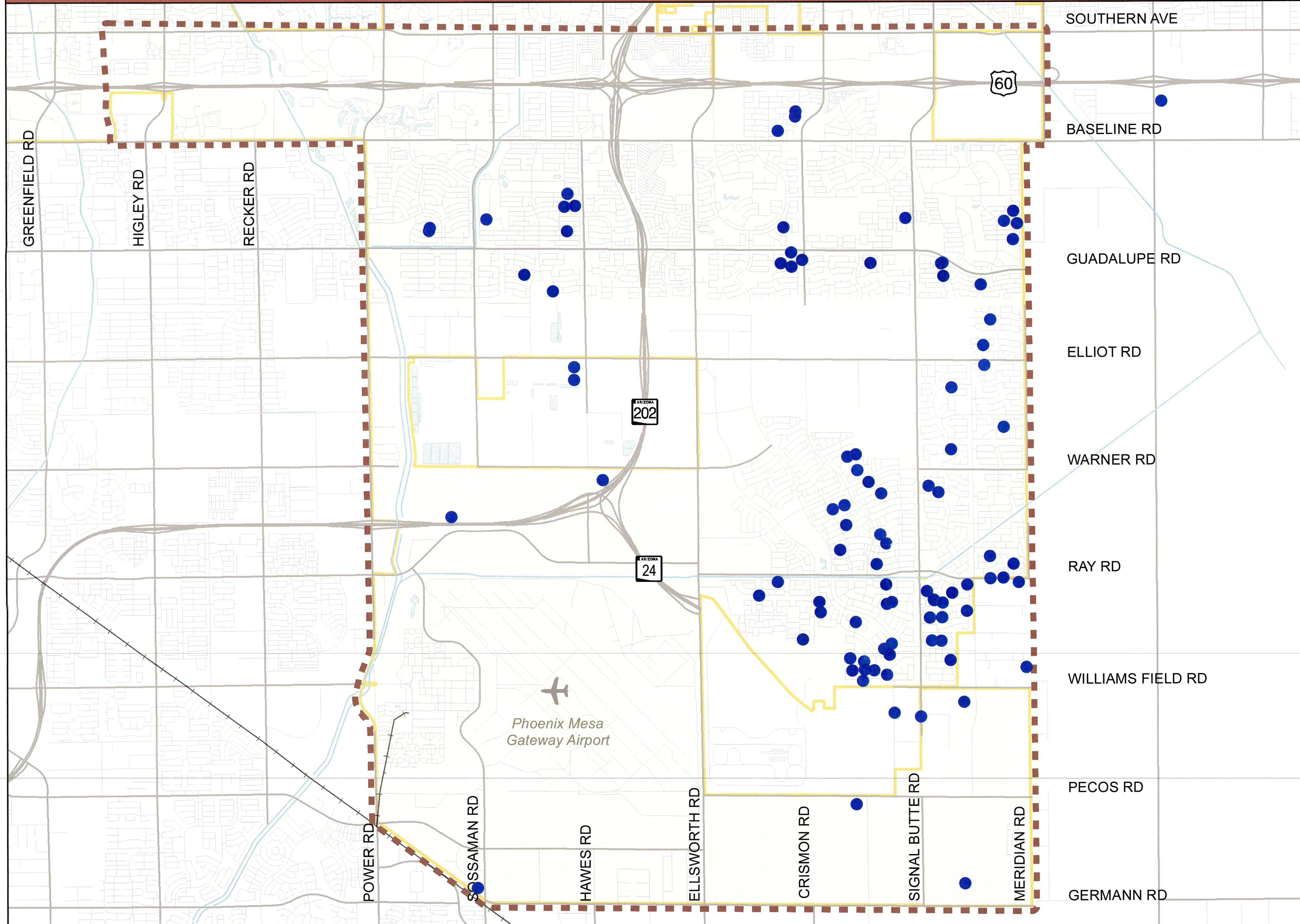
### **Areas of Improvement**

- Heavy congestion along Ellsworth Road
- SR 24 back-ups at Ellsworth Road
- Discontinuous roads:
  - Signal Butte Road
  - Meridian Road
  - Warner Road
- Traffic/speeding on Mountain Road








# Where Do You Live? Map

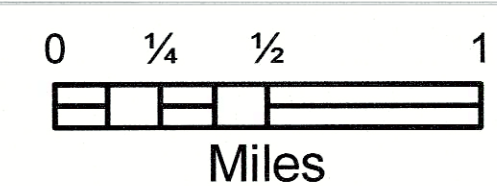
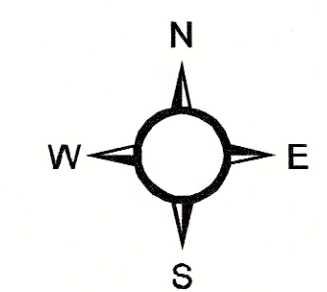
# WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

## 2018 Southeast Mesa Land Use and Transportation Plan *Where Do You Live?*



### Legend

-  Study Area
-  City Boundary
-  Airport
-  Canal
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# Comment Cards

Please write your comments below regarding the Southeast Mesa Land Use and Transportation Plan. We really appreciate your input!

Improve roads to access freeways

Please write your comments below regarding the Southeast Mesa Land Use and Transportation Plan. We really appreciate your input!

Please Please Please !!! Put Speed Bumps on  
222<sup>nd</sup> St from Pecos to Williams Field Please  
I have kids and they speed so Bad



Please write your comments below regarding the Southeast Mesa Land Use and Transportation Plan. We really appreciate your input!

Leave Crismon ALONE

Expand Signal Butte

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Leave Crisman alone

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meridian Rd needs to be extended  
both north and south bound

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Extending HOV lanes on 202 both ways. Lots of traffic at rush hours.

Extending Meridian south. Alleviating traffic on Signal Butte.

Possibility of light rail or rail system connecting Mesa and Sky Harbor airports

Extend Cusmon to Elliott.

Please write your comments below regarding the Southeast Mesa Land Use and Transportation Plan. We really appreciate your input!

Is City of Mesa working with Pinal County to extend east-west roads to Ironwood to reach QC areas easier. Right now, must go either to Baseline or ~~to~~ A Creek Rd to get to Ironwood.

Thank you for having this informative meeting

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I was hoping we would cover Land Use. There seems to be excessive home building without a commercial balance. Considering there is road expansion planned residential expansion should be done thoughtfully. If not, this will not be a desirable place to live.

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Planned Superstition Vista Dev.? Pinal County?  
Meridian Rd.? Guadalupe South?  
Cushman sp. Elliot Rd to Guadalupe?  
Airport growth?  
Dairy Property re-zoned?  
water treatment plant light pollution!

# Keypad Survey Results

## 1. How long have you lived in Mesa?

Responses		
	Percent	Count
< 1 year	13.8%	16
1-5 years	33.6%	39
6-10 years	6.0%	7
11-20 years	14.7%	17
> 20 years	30.2%	35
Don't live in Mesa	1.7%	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>116</b>

## 2. In which part of the Project Area do you live, work or own a business?

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Northwest	14.0%	16
Northeast	80.7%	92
Southeast	1.8%	2
Southwest	0.9%	1
Don't live in Mesa	2.6%	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>114</b>





**3. What most satisfies you about being in southeast Mesa (select up to 3)?**

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Close to the airport	9.2%	11
Close to City services	6.7%	8
Close to dining and shopping	10.9%	13
Close to job opportunities	5.0%	6
Access to transportation	10.1%	12
Access to recreation	16.0%	19
Access to education	5.0%	6
Other	37.0%	44
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>119</b>

**4. What needs to be improved in southeast Mesa (select up to 3)?**

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Airport access/expansion	6.1%	7
City services	16.7%	19
Dining and shopping	7.9%	9
Job opportunities	9.6%	11
Transportation facilities	29.8%	34
Expanded recreation	16.7%	19
Expanded education	5.3%	6
Other	7.9%	9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>114</b>

**5. What transportation facilities need to be improved in the next 5 years (select up to 3)?**

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Freeways	12.0%	14
Arterials (major roads like Ellsworth, Pecos)	12.0%	14
Collectors (minor roads)	28.2%	33
Public Transit	19.7%	23
Bike/Pedestrian facilities	23.9%	28
Don't know / Not sure	4.3%	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>117</b>

**6. What transportation facilities need to be improved in the next 6-10 years (select up to 3)?**

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Freeways	13.3%	15
Arterials (major roads like Ellsworth, Pecos)	15.9%	18
Collectors (minor roads)	23.0%	26
Public Transit	23.9%	27
Bike/Pedestrian facilities	18.6%	21
Don't know / Not sure	5.3%	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>113</b>



**7. Which North/South roadways should be improved first (select up to 3)?**

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Higley	1.9%	6
Power	8.1%	25
Sossaman	10.1%	31
Hawes	6.2%	19
Ellsworth	23.1%	71
Crismon	15.6%	48
Signal Butte	23.4%	72
Meridian	11.4%	35
Don't know / Not sure	0.3%	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>308</b>








**8. Which East/West roadways should be improved first (select up to 3)?**

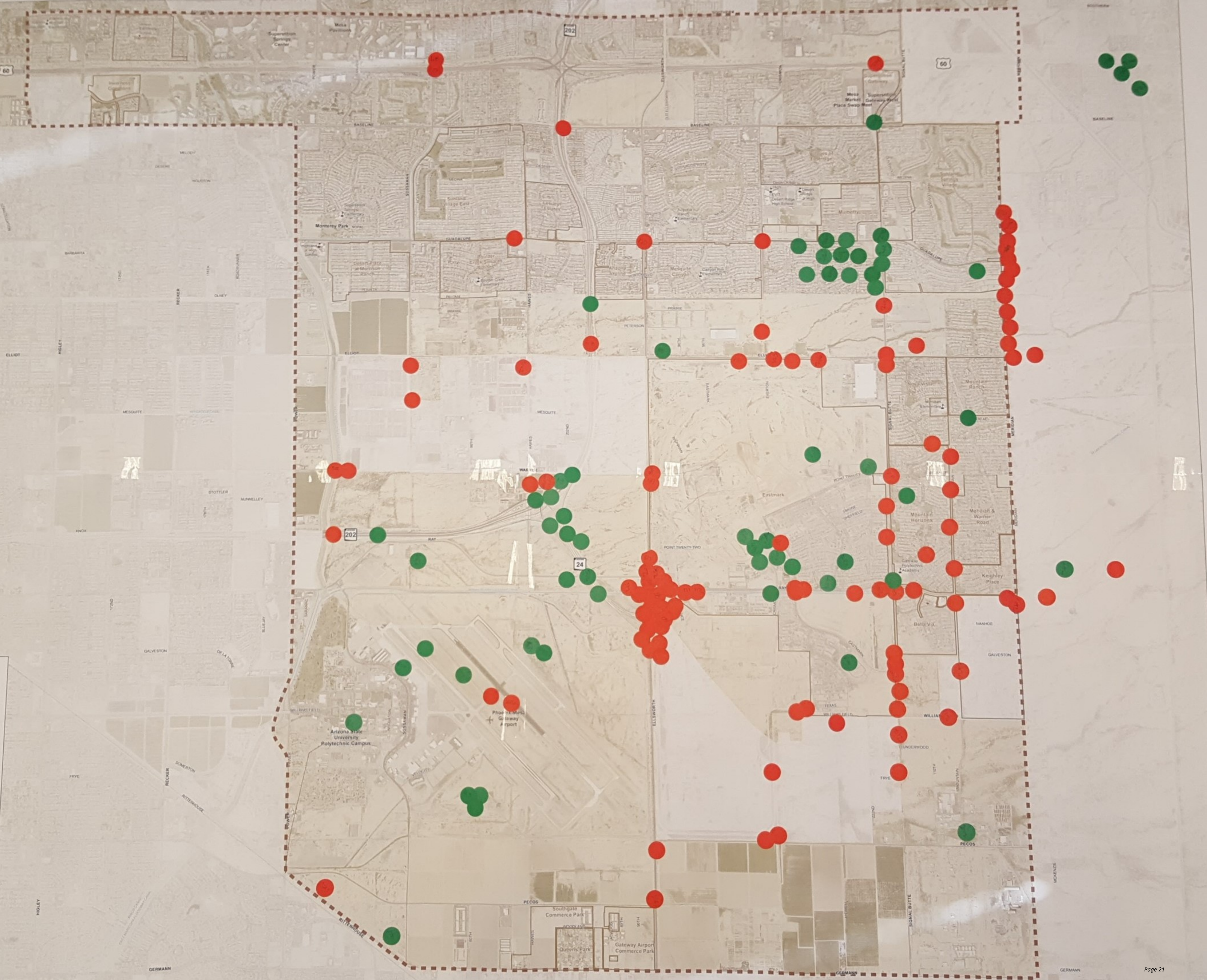
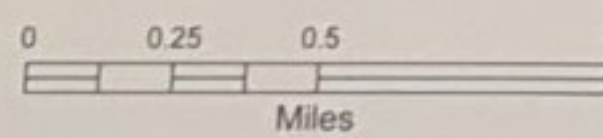
Responses		
	Percent	Count
Southern	2.5%	8
Baseline	6.0%	19
Guadalupe	7.6%	24
Elliot	15.9%	50
Warner	19.0%	60
Ray	15.9%	50
Williams Field	14.3%	45
Pecos	12.4%	39
Germann	4.1%	13
Don't know / Not sure	2.2%	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>315</b>

# Mapping Exercise Results

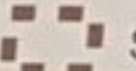
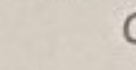
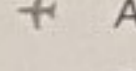

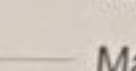
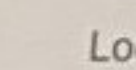
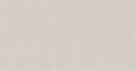
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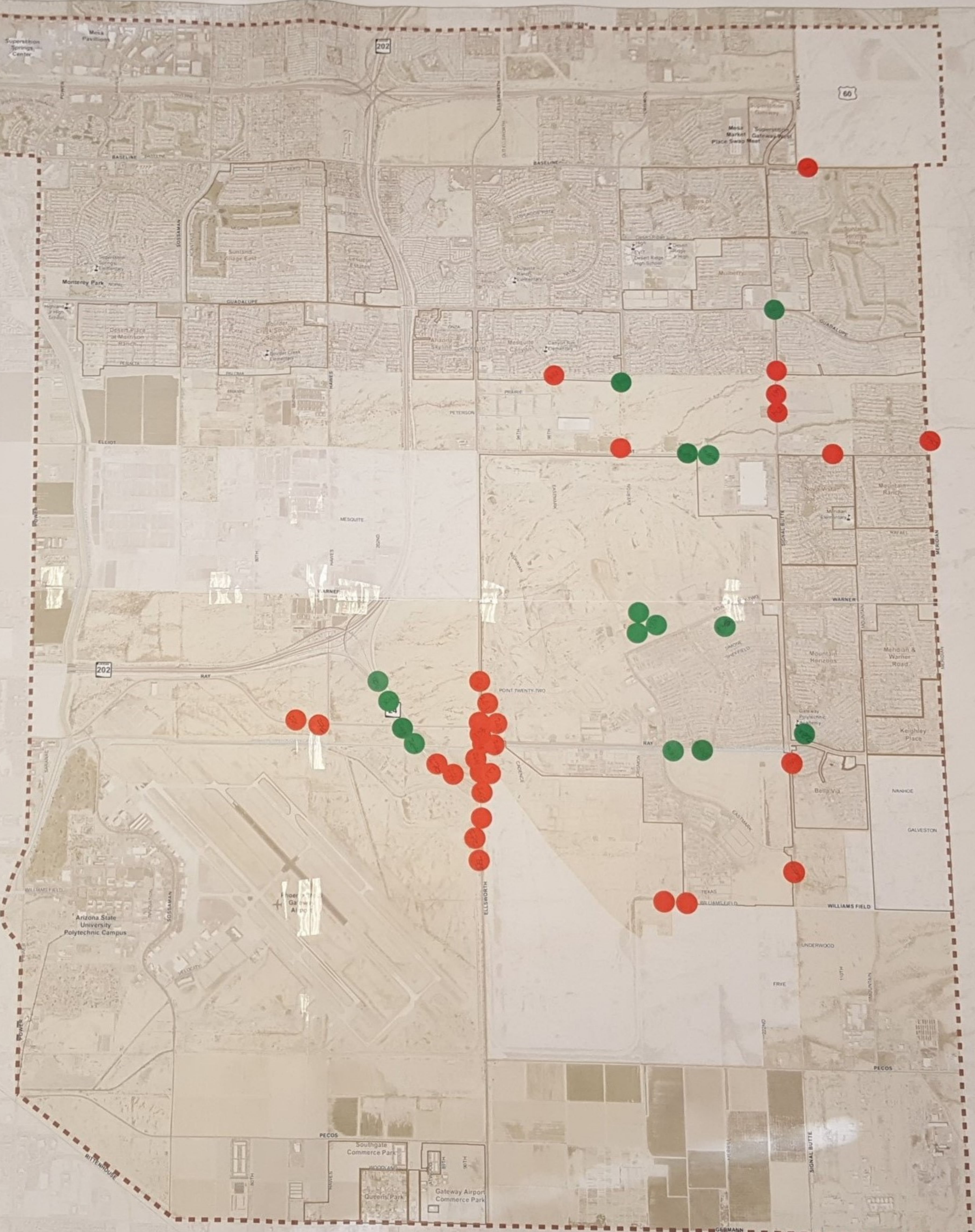
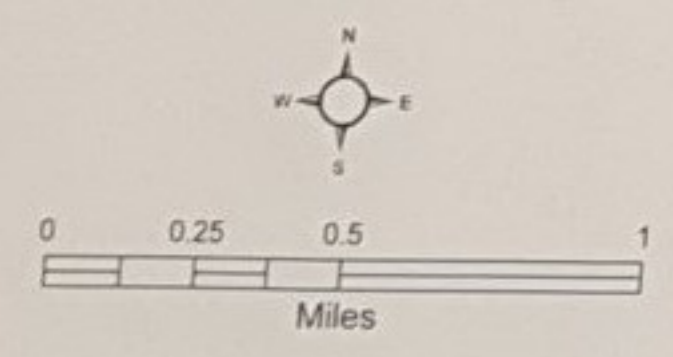
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Mapping Exercise

#	Count	Green or Red	Category: (Transportation, Land Use, Economic Development)	Comment
113, 144, 255, 266, 268, 269	6	G	T	Like the 24
283, 284	2	G	T	Like the improvement on Elliot
280, 281	2	G	T	Happy way Ray extending to Ellsworth
123	1	G	T	Skybridge
224	1	G	T	Bring in Southwest
145	1	G	T	Likes that the road ends (Crismon)
218	1	G	T	Extend Mountain Road
274	1	G	T	Like that Ray connects to Ellsworth
137, 138, 143, 201, 264, 265, 267	7	R	T	Too many lights, too much traffic (Ellsworth and Ray)
101, 111, 112, 115, 118, 127	6	R	T	Ray and Ellsworth has too much traffic
130, 216, 225	3	R	T	Elliott construction needs to be completed

#	Count	Green or Red	Category: (Transportation, Land Use, Economic Development)	Comment
108, 109	2	R	T	HOV lane expansion to the 60
206, 207	2	R	T	Signal Butte 1 lane
122, 131	2	R	T	Warner needs to go all the way through
272, 273	2	R	T	Improve Ellsworth
275, 276	2	R	T	Widen / align Ray
277, 278	2	R	T	Connect Williams Field through Ellsworth
102	1	R	T	Speeding and congestion on Ellsworth (to Queen Creek)
106	1	R	T	Meridian traffic
110	1	R	T	Traffic lights to coordinate better flow (Guadalupe and Ellsworth)
114	1	R	T	Misplaced light to entrance (Ellsworth)
116	1	R	T	No U turns at school
117	1	R	T	Ramps need to be opened up (202 and 24 Interchange)
119	1	R	T	Better coordination with city road closures
121	1	R	T	Need rail (Rittenhouse)
128	1	R	T	Needs an exit (US 60 and Sossaman)
134	1	R	T	Finish the south bound only 1 lane (Signal Butte)
139	1	R	T	Needs to continue Signal Butte to Queen Creek
142	1	R	T	Heavy congestion (Signal Butte and 134)
202	1	R	T	Signal Butte should go through to Pecos
209	1	R	T	Traffic due to training facility
210	1	R	T	Signal Butte between Ray and Williams floods. Galveston
211	1	R	T	Flooding (Williams Road east of Signal Butte)
213	1	R	T	Meridian south of Ray, dead ends should be extended
214	1	R	T	Double-turn lane Ray and Ellsworth



#	Count	Green or Red	Category: (Transportation, Land Use, Economic Development)	Comment
215	1	R	T	Ray alignment, double to get onto SR 24, double lanes onto Ellsworth north bound onto Ray
217	1	R	T	Do not let Signal Butte go through (to Pecos)
223	1	R	T	Public transit should extend to Eastmark for community
234	1	R	T	Traffic (US 60 and Signal Butte)
248	1	R	T	Connect Meridian (south of Baseline)
249	1	R	T	Road service improvement / widened (Meridian)
250	1	R	T	Finish Warner
258	1	R	T	Traffic on Ellsworth
259	1	R	T	Connect Ray to Meridian
260	1	R	T	Traffic on SR 24
262	1	R	T	Traffic lights to coordinate better flow (Ellsworth and Ray)
263	1	R	T	Need left turn signal (Ellsworth and Ray)
270	1	R	T	Extend SR 24
285	1	R	T	Don't extend Meridian (south of Baseline)
279	1	R	T	Extend Signal Butte into Queen Creek
141, 232, 212, 233	4	G	ED	Love the retail (Guadalupe and Signal Butte by Fry's)
124, 125	2	G	ED	New airport terminal
132	1	G	ED	Glad to see ASU campus
129	1	G	ED	Aviation business
105	1	G	ED	Airport boom economic
228	1	G	ED	Great retail at Superstition Gateway West (Baseline and Signal Butte)
120	1	G	ED	Heavy industrial zoning positive (Pecos Road, south of airport)
229	1	R	ED	More retail (Signal Butte and Ray - southwest corner)

#	Count	Green or Red	Category: (Transportation, Land Use, Economic Development)	Comment
104, 107, 133, 135, 136	5	G	LU	Eastmark: Great development / love the neighborhood
103, 203, 204, 205, 208	5	G	LU	Eastmark Great Park - good
226, 230, 231, 256, 286	5	G	LU	Love the mountains / mountain views
219, 220, 221, 222	4	G	LU	Development is fine the way it is. No need for extra roads
282	1	G	LU	Love the schools
257	1	G	LU	Love the restaurant
252	1	G	LU	Innovation businesses
253	1	G	LU	Love open area. No development
254	1	G	LU	Love the Safeway
227	1	G	LU	Love the landscaping (Eastmark)
247	1	R	LU	No more dairy farms
126	1	R	LU	Airport noise level
146	1	R	LU	Road turned into a dumping ground. Trash (Neighborhood road south of Canyon Rim Elementary School)
140	1	R	LU	Drainage problem (Baseline and Signal Butte)
261	1	R	LU	Lack of development (Ellsworth and Ray)