



Southern Arizona Leadership Council

AGENDA MATERIAL

DATE 12-16-25 ITEM NO. 2A13

December 12, 2025

Pima County Board of Supervisors
130 W. Congress St., 11th Floor
Tucson, Arizona 85701

Re: Request to Delay Action on Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-32 to create new section 10.37, Unpaved County Roads, to Regulate Certain Unpaved County Roads to Maintain Health Standards for Air Quality

Dear Chair Scott and Honorable Supervisors,

On behalf of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council (SALC) and our more than 150 executive business and community leaders, I respectfully urge the Board not to take action on the proposed ordinance regulating heavy-duty truck use on unpaved County roads, listed as item #13 on the December 16 meeting agenda. SALC's focus on governance underscores the need for broader consideration, stakeholder engagement and legal review before adopting policy with potentially far-reaching impacts.

While we support responsible transportation policy and protection of public health, this ordinance raises concerns that warrant further review. It leaves significant discretion to the Board to impose project-specific restrictions under the broad "peace, safety, health, and welfare" language. This creates uncertainty about whether the ordinance could be applied beyond general air quality objectives, potentially affecting a wide range of industries, including agriculture, construction, logistics, utilities, and aggregate hauling—well beyond mining. Such ambiguity could inadvertently restrict the movement of goods, increase project costs, and create operational barriers, particularly for businesses relying on rural unpaved roads.

Given the broad potential impacts and discretionary authority, SALC believes this ordinance requires more deliberation and stakeholder input. Key stakeholders, including business organizations, rural communities, industry operators, and transportation providers, have not yet been meaningfully included. A transparent, inclusive process is essential to ensure regulatory decisions are grounded in data, fairness, and community input.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that the Board defer action on the ordinance, direct staff to conduct a legal review, and engage in a broader, stakeholder-driven process. SALC stands ready to participate constructively in these discussions.

Thank you for your continued leadership and service. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any further questions or concerns about my comments.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Maxwell".

Ted Maxwell
President & CEO
Southern Arizona Leadership Council