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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: February 13, 2014

To: The Honorable Chair and Members  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator 

Re: **Agenda Item 11 – Pavement Preservation Project Allocations and Funding Approvals for Fiscal Year 2013/14**

Enclosed please find a memorandum I received from Supervisor Carroll with regard to this item. Any allocations or reallocations of funds are a decision for the Board.

I do understand there are significant, competing interests in the allocation of payment preservation and highway maintenance funding. As I have stated on a number of occasions, there is simply not enough funding available; and any reasonable hope to resolve the problem in the near term requires a substantial funding increase. I have favored a user fee funding increase, which does not appear likely.

I also have recommended the Board consider a small property tax allocation next year similar to the amount included in this year's budget. These are funds from the General Fund that will be in competition with other program budget needs for the County next year unless the County budget can be adopted unanimously. I would recommend no General Fund allocation be made for transportation next year unless the funds are allocated by the Board at the time of budget adoption. Post-budget adoption allocation of these funds, as it is now occurring, is not appropriate.

The County continues to hear mixed messages with regard to how Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) are being utilized. Attached is a message from Supervisor Ally Miller that states, "Pima County already has a road fund; however, the problem in the county is the mismanagement of those funds, which have been used to pay off bonds as well as the salaries and overhead of the Department of Transportation." I have repeatedly stated and can provide the budgets of every county in Arizona, the Arizona Department of Transportation, and the budgets of the cities and towns within Arizona, which all clearly indicate that HURF is used to pay salaries and overhead, as well as to pay off bonds that have been issued by other cities and towns. The use of these funds for this purpose is not mismanagement.

CHH/dr

Attachments

c: John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator for Public Works  
Priscilla Cornelio, Director, Transportation Department