



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: 2/21/17

Title: Smart Growth America Complete Streets Technical Assistance Workshop

Introduction/Background:

Pima County in coordination with the City of Tucson is proposing for a Complete Streets Technical Assistance Workshop to be provided through Smart Growth America. This free technical training service will complement longstanding efforts to develop more transportation infrastructure provisions to improve safety for all users.

Discussion:

If approved, the Pima County/City of Tucson application for Complete Streets technical assistance will result in training on the need for and available tools to provide multimodal transportation elements as part of roadway development. This assistance will help address ADA requirements and transportation needs of pedestrians and bicyclists while improving overall roadway safety.

Conclusion:

The Smart Growth America Complete Streets Technical Assistance Workshop will assist Pima County and City of Tucson staff in understanding the needs for improved provision of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure as part of roadway projects. The assistance will provide a toolkit of methods to address pedestrian and bicyclist safety and access as well as to meet ADA needs on area roadway projects.

Recommendation:

Pima County supports the Complete Streets technical assistance workshop process and the implementation of initiatives that result from the workshop provided through Smart Growth America. This free technical training service workshop will complement longstanding efforts to develop more provisions for pedestrians and cyclists as part of the transportation infrastructure as well as to improve safety for all users.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact on Pima County.

Board of Supervisor District:

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Department: Transportation

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Deputy County Administrator Signature/Date:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2017- _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUTHORIZING PIMA COUNTY TO SUPPORT THE SMART
GROWTH AMERICA COMPLETE STREETS WORKSHOP
INITIATIVES**

WHEREAS, Pima County has adopted regulations and supported past initiatives to improve and sustain a livable community, including initiatives in the areas of land and water conservation, air quality improvements, cultural resource preservation, urban development guidelines, recreation, public health, affordable housing, and neighborhood reinvestment, and

WHEREAS, Pima County recognizes that the scientific community has developed a consensus that increasing emissions of carbon dioxide, methane and other greenhouse gases into the atmosphere is affecting the Earth's climate, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes and accepts its responsibility to continue implementing and promoting sustainable practices that protect the County's natural and built environment, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 2015-028 in acceptance of the Pima Prospers Comprehensive Plan Update, which has established goals and policies in support of Complete Streets development, and

WHEREAS, the Pima County Bicycle and Pedestrian Program, in support of Pima Prospers, has a robust walking and cycling education program which provides comprehensive education in over 50 schools per year located within tribal lands, incorporated areas, and unincorporated Pima County, and

WHEREAS, the Pima County Bicycle and Pedestrian Program, has also been a key partner in support of the Pima County Regional Flood Control District and Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department in the development of The Loop throughout the region, with over 110 miles of separated, shared-use pathways connecting communities, and

WHEREAS, the Pima County Health Department has pursued a number of activities and hosted events to bolster awareness around the value of Complete Streets. Through their Communities Putting Prevention to Work federal grant, they hosted a forum for jurisdictional planners that outlined the principles of Complete Streets to encourage jurisdictional adoption of this methodology, and

WHEREAS, from a Health Department perspective, Complete Streets assists in transforming the built environment into one that is conducive for increased physical activity and decreased accidents and injuries, both of which are health priorities that were identified by their 2015 Community Health Needs Assessment.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona, that:

SECTION 1. Pima County shall support the Complete Streets technical assistance workshop process and the implementation of initiatives that result from the workshop provided through Smart Growth America, both within and outside the boundaries of Pima County. This free technical training service workshop will complement longstanding efforts to develop more provisions for pedestrians and cyclists as part of the transportation infrastructure as well as to improve safety for all users.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2017.

PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Deputy County Attorney

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REVIEWED BY:



Director of Transportation