



Transportation Advisory Committee

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Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors
130 W. Congress Street
Tucson, AZ 85701

Re: Pima County Transportation Advisory Committee Support of Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) Plan

Dear Honorable Chair and Members:

Pima County Transportation Advisory Committee (PCTAC) has been focused on listening to the voice of County residents regarding road repair funding. This has occurred a number of different ways. We have asked for the public to share their views at our monthly meetings, community outreach sessions, and by utilizing our on-line feedback forms. In our roles as committee members, we have had numerous discussions amongst ourselves at public meetings and explored traditional and innovative ways to improve our roads.

Historically, the Arizona State Legislature has not raised the gasoline tax – Highway User Revenue Fund and Vehicle License Tax for decades and we have been relying on these funds to repair our roads since the 1990's. We are asking the Pima County Board of Supervisors take action in recognition that neither the State nor the Federal Government have kept these user charges at a rate adequate to repair our existing roads. Based upon these assessment factors, PCTAC enthusiastically supports the adoption of the PAYGO Proposal.

As we are all aware, Pima County has been challenged with a lack of financial resources to address our unsatisfactory road conditions throughout all of its Supervisory Districts. The County Administrator's October 11, 2019 memorandum recommended an increase of current fiscal year pavement preservation funding by an unprecedented \$10M. PCTAC reviewed the PAYGO proposal at our most recent meeting and believes the application of locally generated revenue sources is a major public policy turnaround and significantly worthy of the Board of Supervisor's approval.

It has been said that there are only two mistakes one can make along the road to truth: not going all the way, and not starting. With the passing of the PAYGO Initiative, including the addition of \$10M from the ending fund balance available revenues, Pima County can respond affirmatively to the voice of its citizens, and begin the long process of repairing our roads.

Sincerely,

Lucretia Free, Chair

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