



MEMORANDUM

Date: January 31, 2018

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "CHH", is written over the printed name "C.H. Huckelberry".

Re: **Senate Bill 1147 Transportation Finance Passed Transportation Committee with a Unanimous Vote**

As the Board recalls, our Legislative Agenda indicated the County would support any legislation that would increase transportation revenues such would allow for a more rapid road repair and pavement preservation program designed to repair all of the streets and highways in the unincorporated area of Pima County within the next 10 years. Senate Bill 1147 passed unanimously as amended by the Senate Transportation Committee would be a positive step in that direction and was supported by Pima County. This Bill would essentially allow the regional council of governments through the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to develop an appropriate plan for transportation investment that would then be approved by both elected officials of the Pima Association of Governments (PAG), the Metropolitan Planning Organization, as well as the RTA. More importantly, the Board would then have the option of placing the funding mechanism, which is an additional half-cent sales tax, before the voters of Pima County. In essence, County voters and taxpayers would decide whether or not to fund transportation investments.

Yesterday, Supervisor Miller's representative to the Transportation Advisory Committee hearing opposed allowing the voters to decide on transportation investment in Pima County. The following is a link to the January 31, 2018 podcast of Wake Up! Tucson show on KVOI AM radio, where Mr. Chris DeSimone talks about his testimony in opposition to SB 1147: <https://kvoi.com/podcast-window/?yourKey=1847711> (7 a.m. podcast, starting at minute 30). In addition, here is the link to the video and audio of the Senate committee meeting where Mr. DeSimone and Mr. Keith Van Hyningen testified in opposition to the bill: <https://www.azleg.gov/archivedmeetings/>.

The County has, and will continue to support this legislation since it would result in an increased investment in Transportation as authorized by the Board of Supervisors Legislative Agenda.

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It is unfortunate that Supervisor Miller continues to oppose any real opportunities to repair the neighborhood streets in her District and based on her Facebook posts, it is quite apparent that Supervisor Miller does not want the public to decide on transportation funding.

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