




MEMORANDUM

Date: May 29, 2019

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Transportation Funding by the Arizona Legislature**

The Arizona Legislature, in developing the final State Budget, identified additional funding to be allocated to counties and cities for transportation. This initiative arose from an attempt by Representative Cook to divert \$20 million of Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) for this purpose and provide these funds to other smaller cities and counties in the State.

During the legislative budget discussion, this legislation was originally allocated \$10 million for counties and \$8 million to cities. During budget negotiations, language was inserted to prohibit any distribution to counties with populations greater than 400,000. This effectively eliminated, Pima, Pinal and Maricopa Counties from receiving these revenues for transportation purposes.

The final legislation eliminated counties all together and allowed the combined \$18 million to be distributed to all cities and towns in the State. This legislation disenfranchises the unincorporated population of the State where counties are the only entity to provide local road operation maintenance and repair. This disenfranchised population is 1,460,253.

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Ana Olivares, Director, Transportation Department