



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 6, 2019

To: The Honorable Ally Miller, Member
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

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

Re: **Your May 2, 2019 Memorandum Regarding the Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting of April 23, 2019**

To the contrary, you have misinterpreted my April 25, 2019 memorandum. I believe the more constituents who find out about the lack of transportation funding, the better. Next time, please advise us so we can reserve a facility that can safely accommodate the expected turnout.

I want our residents to clearly understand the reason our roads are in the condition that they are in and the only real solution to our roads is to increase transportation funding.

I encourage you to hold multiple evening meetings in District 1 with your Transportation Advisory Committee representatives. Our staff will be happy to attend these meetings to provide public education regarding the transportation funding dilemma.

CHH/anc

Attachment

c: The Honorable Chairman and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors
Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
Ana Olivares, Director, Transportation Department
Chair and Members, Transportation Advisory Committee



PIMA COUNTYBOARD OF SUPERVISORS
130 WEST CONGRESS STREET, 11TH FLOOR
TUCSON, AZ 85701-1317520)724-2738

ALLY MILLER
SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 1

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 2, 2019

To: C.H. Huckelberry, County Administrator

From: Supervisor Ally Miller, Pima County Supervisor District 1

Re: **Pima County Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting April 23, 2019 memo** [See attached]

I typically don't waste time responding to your endless attacks on me. However, this time your apparent obsession with me allowed you to go too far and I cannot ignore your attack on the residents of District 1.

In your memo dated April 25, you address the Pima County Transportation Advisory Committee meeting held April 23, at the Natural Resources Parks and Recreation (NRPR) Administration building at Orange Grove and River.

The tone of your memorandum appears to be indicative of your attitude toward anyone who has a differing opinion on County operations. You reprimanded one of my volunteer appointees to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), and unfairly and inappropriately chastised my constituents.

At least you exposed a simple truth; the more convenient you make public involvement, the more the public will be involved.

Keeping residents informed and engaged

You asserted that I "orchestrated a turnout of over 100 people, including bussing in residents of the Fountains at La Cholla Senior Assisted Living Community."

I take full responsibility for "orchestrating" the turnout to this meeting. My office worked to inform residents, who have been denied easy access to Transportation Advisory Committee meetings over the years, of this rare opportunity to be heard. Keeping residents informed and engaged is perhaps one of the most important functions of elected office. I take my duties very seriously.

Page 2 of 6

To: C.H. Huckelberry, County Administrator

Re: Pima County Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting April 23, 2019

I certainly did not orchestrate the bussing of residents, but I wish I had. Their years of experience and the resulting wisdom and insight they brought to the table was a blessing, in my opinion.

You had no right to reprimand Mr. Albert Letzkus, a volunteer District 1 appointee to the TAC, with a wealth of transportation engineering experience. Mr. Letzkus' request that TAC meeting be held at various sites around the County was approved in a unanimous vote of the Committee. Mr. Letzkus simply requested one of these meetings be held in District 1 so residents had the opportunity to attend and have their voices heard.

We did hear from them! For the first time, we heard from the many physically and financially challenged residents who were unable to drive to the Abrams Center over the years. They shared their heartbreaking stories of injuries and fears due to the unsafe conditions of our roads through years of neglect. I understand that there are those who would rather not hear from our disadvantaged residents, but they just might be in the wrong business – democracy includes all.

I am stunned by your anger regarding the inconvenience of individuals showing up on busses and crowding the hallways of the NPRP building. I am grateful that your attitude toward Pima County residents is not reflected in your staff, who appeared to be genuinely interested in hearing from diverse voices and worked hard to accommodate attendees' needs.

Perhaps, if you would make ANY effort to hold ANY public meetings in the evening when the hard-working Pima County residents could attend, you wouldn't have to complain about the public creating an "unfortunate situation" by using a public building during banking hours.

I'd like to remind you that the residents of District 1 pay the largest portion of the taxes of the 5 districts – **36 percent of the general fund expenses**. I'd like to remind you that these residents pay your salary and these residents paid for that building in which the meeting was held. These residents pay the taxes that provide the funds to employ the county staff who were supporting this meeting.

These residents deserve to be heard.

Objection to the dissenting voices of democracy

You denounce those who disagree with you, or are fed up with the excuses for not fixing the roads. Is it not okay to entertain a diversity of opinions? Why would you object? Every opinion should be heard, respected and valued. Debate is a healthy part of democracy. Or would you prefer the nodding of heads in agreement? Again, I'd like to remind you that the Board of Supervisors and the staff are employed by the taxpayers of this community.

Page 3 of 6

To: C.H. Huckelberry, County Administrator

Re: **Pima County Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting April 23, 2019**

Furthermore, I have asked Mr. Letzkus to place another item on the agenda for an evening meeting so those who work during the day will have the opportunity to be heard.

I'd like to thank the members TAC for supporting this meeting that was held in District 1 and to the county staff for their support, patience, and professionalism to ensure the folks who wanted to speak were heard. I believe this was a very productive and informative meeting for the residents of District 1.

AM/lh

CC: Yolanda Weinberger

Albert Letzkus

Carmine DeBonis, Deputy County Administrator for Public Works

Yves Khawam, Assistant County Administrator for Public Works

Ana Oliveras, Director, Transportation Department

Attachments 1: Pima County Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting April 23, 2019 memo

Page 4 of 6

To: C.H. Huckelberry, County Administrator

Re: Pima County Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting April 23, 2019

ATTACHMENT



MEMORANDUM

Date: April 25, 2019

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator *CH*

Re: **Pima County Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting April 23, 2019**

On April 23, 2019 the Pima County Transportation Advisory Committee (PCTAC) held their monthly meeting. At the request of Supervisor Ally Miller's appointee, Albert Letzkus, the meeting was held at a conference room in the Natural Resources Parks and Recreation (NRPR) Administration building at Orange Grove and River. While this room would have easily accommodated the number of people that historically have attended the PCTAC meetings, Supervisor Miller orchestrated a turnout of over 100 people, including bussing in residents of the Fountains at La Cholla Senior Assisted Living Community.

Department of Transportation (DOT) staff managed the situation well by adding seats and an audio speaker in the lobby. However, Supervisor Miller's orchestration created an unfortunate situation for NRPR customers seeking services from the reception desk. This could have been avoided if Supervisor Miller notified DOT of the need for a larger meeting facility.

Of those attending the meeting, 26 people spoke during Call to the Audience. Most comments focused on requests to repair roads within the speakers' neighborhoods. A few people who the Board has heard from before, falsely accused the County of mispending transportation funding, and attempted to drum up support against the County in general. Others provided productive suggestions for PCTAC to consider.

Overall, PCTAC had a productive meeting and approved a recommendation for how the DOT will prioritize road repair with \$15 million in the proposed budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/2020. PCTAC approved the following:

That the proposed FY 2019/2020 \$15 million department allocation for pavement repair/preservation be prioritized as follows:

- Distribute funding equally by Board of Supervisor District;
- Distribute 50 percent of funding to local roads and 50 percent to arterial/collectors;

The Honorable Chairman and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors
Re: **Pima County Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting April 23, 2019**
April 25, 2019
Page 2

- Generate a road list of the above allocations using StreetSaver program algorithms maximizing value;
- Prioritize local road funding to repair worst roads first; and
- Allow Department of Transportation staff to adjust and generate final road list selection through:
 - Minimizing mobilization costs by strategic grouping;
 - Minimizing fragmentation of work within subdivisions or along arterial/collector roadway segments; and
 - Selecting additional roadway segments to allocate budget remnants.

DOT will now take this methodology, and using the StreetSaver program, develop a list of roads to repair with this funding. Once a final list of roads is developed, DOT will proceed through the procurement process to competitively select contractors to begin the work in the first quarter of FY 2019/2020. The final list of selected roads will be provided to the Board and PCTAC in May.

CHH/dr

- c: Carmine DeBonis, Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
Yves Khawam, Assistant County Administrator for Public Works
Ana Olivares, Director, Transportation Department