



MEMORANDUM

Date: October 7, 2019

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry 
County Administrator

Re: **Pima County Bond Programs Update**

Pursuant to the County's Truth in Bonding Code, I will continue to provide twice a year reports to the Board of Supervisors and the Bond Advisory Committee until all bond projects are complete. At this time, all general obligation bond projects are scheduled to be complete this fiscal year. The only bond projects remaining after this fiscal year will be 1997 Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) projects and most of the outstanding bonds are all earmarked for City of Tucson projects. A summary of the remaining projects is included in this memorandum. Additional information is maintained on the County's bond webpage at www.pima.gov/bonds.

1997, 2004, and 2014 General Obligation Bond Programs

1. SW-2 Ina Road Landfill Closure (1997 bonds)

On March 9, 2018 the Bond Advisory Committee recommended bond proceeds remaining from the El Camino del Cerro Environmental Remediation bond project be reallocated to begin closure activities at the Ina Road landfill. The required bond ordinance amendment was publically noticed and the Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on April 17, 2018 prior to approving the amendment. The plans and specifications for the Ina Road landfill closure have been completed and approved by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. The project will be split into two phases: 1) re-grading of the landfill surface to establish a base for imported fill and stormwater management features; and 2) importing and placing additional cover material, and construction of required additional components such as final stormwater management features. Phase I is planned for Fiscal Year 2019/20 and Phase II for Fiscal Year 2020/21, dependent on funding availability. The remaining \$967,523 in 1997 bond proceeds will be used to fund a portion of Phase I.

2. FC5.04 El Rio Golf Course Neighborhood Drainage Project (2004 bonds)

The El Rio Watershed drainage study was completed April 2019 and presented at public meetings in May and June. Construction drawings were updated to better account for

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the results from a new study as well as to address feedback from the public. The project is currently under construction and scheduled to be complete by early October 2019, at which time all 2004 bond proceeds will have been expended.

3. NR2.09 Neighborhood Reinvestment Greenway Land Acquisition and Access, City of South Tucson (2004 bonds)

The project was recently completed and is open to the public. It included the installation of two new flashing pedestrian and bicycle crossings along The Loop on the north side of the Julian Wash, at 10th and 12th Avenues. It also included development of a small park along the El Paso Southwestern Greenway, with parking, landscaping, sidewalks, artwork and a ramada.

4. NR2.09 Neighborhood Reinvestment Five Points Intersection Gateway, City of Tucson (2004 bonds)

The purpose of this project is to provide an artistic gateway at multi-street intersection known as Five Points. Designed through the combined efforts of four neighborhoods – Barrio Viejo, Barrio Santa Rosa, Santa Rita Park, Armory Park – and the Five Points Business Coalition, this project is intended to reflect the history, culture and community spirit of the people living and working immediately next to downtown Tucson. The City of Tucson awarded a contract to purchase and install steel supports for the archways that will span the streets at the Five Points intersection. The contractor's first priority was the expenditure of all remaining Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment bond funds on or before August 30, 2019, which occurred. The remainder of the project will be completed with non-County funds, with completion scheduled for January 2020.

5. Pima Animal Care Center (2014 bonds)

Construction of the new Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) was completed in December 2017 and renovation of the old facility was completed in July 2018. Approximately \$960,000 in bond proceeds remain. The Facilities Management and PACC team are in the process of determining how to best spend the remaining funds, which may include development of a satellite adoption facility, renovation of the Ajo facility, and purchase of a mobile facility. These are allowable uses of the remaining bond proceeds as stated in the bond ordinance.

1997 HURF/Transportation Bond Program

During the second half of Fiscal Year 2019 (January 1 – June 30, 2019), the following transportation bond projects were completed: DOT-18 Cortaro Farms Road from Camino De Oeste to Thornydale Road and DOT-57 Safety Improvement projects on Catalina Highway, Arivaca Road, Pontatoc Road, Hacienda Del Sol Road, General Hitchcock Road, Dawn Road, Andrada Road, Camino Del Emperador, and Houghton Road at Brekke Road.

Remaining Pima County Managed Projects

1. DOT 32, Kolb Road, Sabino Canyon Road to Sunrise Drive: Utility work has delayed construction bidding, which is currently scheduled for summer of 2020.
2. DOT 59, Road Repair and Pavement Preservation: The remaining \$6 million is scheduled to be spent this fiscal year, with completion in June 2020.
3. DOT 57 Safety Improvement projects: The following projects are under development, under construction, or completed since July 1, 2019.
 - Speedway Blvd - Painted Hills Rd to Camino de Oeste (Under development)
 - Bopp Rd - Sarasota Blvd at Kinney Rd Improvements (Under development)
 - King Canyon Trailhead Parking (Under development)
 - White Elementary School – Pistor Middle School (Under development)
 - Skyline Dr at Sunrise Dr Intersection Improvements (Under development)
 - Sign Panel Replacement (Under development)
 - Tanque Verde Rd at Tanque Verde Loop Rd (Construction)
 - Speed Management Study (Under development)
 - Ina Rd-Shannon Rd to La Cholla Blvd Sidewalk (Recently Completed)
 - South Camino De La Tierra - Highway Dr.-Curtis Rd. Pave (Recently Completed)
 - Benson Hwy at Drexel Intersection Improvements (Recently Completed)

Remaining City of Tucson Managed Projects

1. DOT 29, Houghton Road, Golf Links to Interstate 10: The Union Pacific Railroad to Interstate 10 phase is under construction and scheduled to be complete in November. The remainder of the bond proceeds for this Houghton Road project are reserved for funding two additional phases: Valencia Road to Mary Ann Cleveland Way (construction to begin in Fiscal Year 2021) and 22nd Street to Irvington (construction scheduled to begin in Fiscal Year 2022).
2. DOT 56, Broadway Boulevard, Euclid Avenue to Country Club Road: Construction is scheduled to begin in late September and last for two years.
3. DOT 28, 22nd Street, Interstate 10 to Tucson Boulevard: This project has multiple phases. Construction of the last phase that include County bond funding was scheduled to begin in January 2020 (Kino to Tucson Boulevard). However, the project is short funding for this particular segment. The City is discussing with Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) the opportunity to move up additional RTA funding from a future phase in order to begin construction on this phase. The City has been notified that County bond funds must be spent by Fiscal Year 2022/23 as the program will not be continued beyond that date.

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Any HURF bond authorization remaining after completion of these projects can remain unsold, or reallocated to other projects. Reallocation of bond authorization to other projects would require a bond ordinance amendment following the public notification and hearing process stated in County Code.

CHH/dr

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