




MEMORANDUM

Date: June 10, 2021

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Transit Impact**

My June 9, 2021 RTA report to you addressed a range of topics associated with the program funding, implementation and regional allocation of projects, with the City of Tucson receiving 55.4 percent of all RTA funds. The report also included transportation needs to include new elements such as technology, pavement maintenance and flexibility, since rapidly changing technologies make it impossible to predict mobility patterns and needs though 2046, the concluding year of a reauthorization.

Missing from that report, however, is the direct loss of current transit funding the region would experience if RTA Next were not approved.

In the fourteen years since the RTA was approved, 2006 to 2020, it has contributed a total of \$360.4 million to regional transit which equates to \$25.7 million a year. Of this amount, the City of Tucson has received \$224.7 million or an average of \$16 million a year. The City's share constitutes 62 percent of the total.

If RTA Next is not authorized, the region would lose \$25.7 million a year of transit funds currently supporting both urban and rural areas and including the following services:

- Expansion of Sun Tran service on weekday evenings and weekends;
- Sun Express service from outlying areas to work centers;
- Sun Link streetcar;
- Sun Shuttle neighborhood circulator routes connecting to the Sun Tran system; and
- Sun Shuttle Dial-a-Ride providing door-to-door paratransit service.

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