MEMORANDUM

Date: March 8, 2022

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

From: Jan Lesher
       Acting County Administrator

Re: Retirement of Department of Transportation Director Ana Olivares

Pima County Transportation Director Ana Olivares will be retiring effective June 3, 2022. Ms. Olivares has successfully served in her present capacity since September 2017, following eleven years as Deputy Director. During her tenure, Ms. Olivares has overseen a large restructuring effort, shifting the department’s focus from road construction in support of the 1997 Highway User Revenue Fund Bond and Regional Transportation Authority construction programs to infrastructure maintenance and transportation performance enhancements through the use of technology.

Ms. Olivares leaves the Transportation Department in excellent shape with a plan underway to fully repair and perpetually maintain unincorporated roadway pavements by 2029 as well as a strong infrastructure and mobility vision, recently transmitted to the Board. Ms. Olivares’ legacy will include establishing a funded program to repair and maintain roads, initiating deployment of travel demand management as an alternative to traditional infrastructure projects and improving transportation equity and community quality of life through creating a safer, healthier, wealthier and more sustainable transportation and mobility environment. Ms. Olivares’s expertise, professionalism and leadership will be greatly missed.

I will work with Carmine DeBonis Jr., Deputy County Administrator for Public Works, to determine the best approach to fill the Director role and will provide an update within the next 30 days.

c: Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
   Yves Khawam, PhD, Assistant County Administrator for Public Works
   Ana Olivares, Director, Transportation