April 30, 2015

Jean Johnson, President
Moondance Patio Homes Association
3284 W. Firefall Place
Tucson, Arizona 85741

Re: Repaving of Moondance Patio Homes Association Streets

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Thank you for your April 25, 2015 letter. I can confirm the needs of your subdivision regarding street maintenance will be appropriately considered if the County is able to receive additional funding for street and highway maintenance in an upcoming bond issue.

I encourage you to contact your State Legislators to indicate that the level of inadequacy of State transportation financing requires their urgent attention and at least a 10-cent increase in the user fee and/or gas tax in Arizona.

Sincerely,

C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

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Attachment

c: The Honorable Chair and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors
    John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
    Priscilla Cornelio, Director, Department of Transportation
April 25, 2015

Mr. Chuck Huckleberry
County Administrator
Pima County Governmental Center
130 W. Congress Street, 10th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Mr. Huckleberry:

In March of 2014, the Moondance Patio Homes Association sent letters to all of the supervisors seeking help to get our 30 year old streets repaved. We also contacted the Pima County Department of Transportation, the County Administrator, and several members of the media. For six years we have been asking to see some of our tax dollars used to repave our failing streets. Each year we are informed that there are no funds available. Some patching was completed after last year’s letter campaign, but new potholes are now creating an obstacle course on Moondance Way, and the other three streets in our neighborhood are eroding away from the curbs.

We are following the Board of Supervisors discussions concerning a bond issue to address road improvements and other important issues. Several questions have arisen. If the bond is approved, will road improvement funds be available for neighborhoods such as ours, or will the board continue to specify that funds can only be used for major thoroughfares? Will the age and condition of neighborhood streets be the main criteria for road improvement? Will road improvement funds be restricted only for that purpose, or do we need to worry that these funds will later be moved to fund other activities?

Although we are aware of widespread need in many areas, we do feel that our neighborhood has worked for years to get our streets improved, and they continue to get worse each year. Their condition decreases the value of our homes and frustrates our efforts to improve common areas and individual homeowner upkeep.
We want to do whatever we can to encourage the Board of Supervisors, the County Administrator and the Department of Transportation to put us on the list of areas that desperately need street improvement.

I truly believe that the horrendous condition of the streets and roads in Pima County is becoming an issue for most if not all residents. I have been surprised that this issue never appears to be a priority. How bad do our roads have to become before they are a priority?

Sincerely,

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