Date: February 13, 2015

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
       County Administrator

Re: Your February 10, 2015 Letter Regarding Road Maintenance Funding and the
    Orangewood North Neighborhood

Since you have only been a Supervisor since January 2013, it may be difficult to
understand the issues and dilemmas regarding transportation funding within the County.
The same area about which you are complaining regarding poorly maintained roads has
been the beneficiary of over $170 million of transportation or highway capacity
improvements funded with County Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) bonds and County
funds.

Had we concentrated simply on road maintenance 17 years ago in lieu of the 1997 HURF
bond issue, streets in Orangewood North Neighborhood would be well maintained and
without potholes. However, Thornydale and Magee Roads would continue to be two-lane
highways; and the residents would be complaining more about their inability to commute
to and from work, shopping and school due to severe highway capacity restrictions from
an unimproved roadway system. (See attached table and graphic.)

As you know, the last phase of the Cortaro Farms Road widening is in final design. Would
you suggest we cancel this project and repave the streets in Orangewood North instead?
If so, I would recommend you place the item on the Board’s agenda for consideration.

Transportation is insufficiently funded, and to make up the shortfall in user fees with
property taxes is inequitable to the County residents who reside in cities and towns. To
adequately maintain local streets in the unincorporated area of Pima County, user fees
must be increased. This means a gas tax increase. There are no magic solutions or
budget tricks, and no major diversions of property taxes will solve this problem.

As you are aware, inadequate funding is adversely affecting transportation systems across
our state. I suppose this is the reason the County Supervisors Association, which
represents every county in Arizona, chose to endorse increasing the state gas tax as a
legislative priority.
If you wish to blame me, please go ahead, but it will not solve the problem. Rather, I would appreciate your efforts to work cooperatively toward a solution, as finger-pointing is counterproductive.

CHH/anc

Attachments

c: The Honorable Chair and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors
John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
Priscilla Cornelio, Transportation Director
Tom Burke, Director, Finance and Risk Management
Lauren Eib, Risk Manager, Finance and Risk Management
Thomas Weaver, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Residents of Orangewood North Subdivision
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**TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS & PAVEMENT PRES** $170,238,982
February 10, 2015

Mr. Chuck Huckelberry  
County Administrator  
130 W. Congress, 10th Floor  
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Mr. Huckelberry:

As you know, Pima County has acquired an almost $300 million dollar road problem under your leadership as County Administrator over the past 20 years. While you continue to claim the crumbling roads are the result of residents not paying enough in gas taxes, Pima County tax payers are very much aware of how you have prioritized spending over the past 2 decades.

Under your 20 years as County Administrator, you have repeatedly chosen to allocate funds to other projects and disregard basic infrastructure maintenance - a core service of County Government. For years, your excuse behind the failed roads has always been to redirect blame somewhere else: the State Legislature, unfair HURF formulas, a need for a new tax and to increase taxes. While other counties and jurisdictions have been able to adjust and re-prioritize to maintain infrastructure, their roads are not in failing condition.

As the Supervisor in District 1, I am once again requesting your serious attention to deal with the problem that has developed under your tenure. With the upcoming budget hearings, you can be certain I will be looking for the full HURF allocation, (less bond repayments), to be used on our roads in Fiscal Year 2015/16.

The citizens in the Orangewood North Neighborhood have clearly documented roads that are a safety hazard and due to a lack of maintenance and repair by the County, are now in dire need of being repaved before someone is seriously injured or killed.

Please allocate funds to repair these roads and address the serious safety concerns residents face every day when driving their neighborhood roads.

Sincerely,

Ally Miller  
Supervisor, District 1

C: John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator for Public Works  
Priscilla Cornelio, Director, Department of Transportation  
Tom Burke, Director, Department of Finance  
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