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C.H. HUCKELBERRY
County Administrator

February 17, 2015

Mr. Jay Janicek
Via email: jayjanicek@aol.com

Re: Highway Maintenance Services

Dear Mr. Janicek:

Thank you for your recent input through the Pima County website.

You are correct; we receive far less than our fair share in Highway User Revenue Funds. To give you a comparison, Pima County provides highway maintenance services to the 362,067 residents in the unincorporated area; and we receive approximately \$49.2 million in Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) and vehicle license tax monies for this purpose. Our neighbor to the north – Maricopa County – provides the same services to a population of 291,033, or approximately 80 percent of ours, and receives twice the money, nearly \$98.5 million. Clearly, the State's allocation method is not equitable. I would urge you to contact your State Legislative representatives and ask that they work to correct this obvious inequity.

In Arizona, HURF revenue is generally divided as follows: 50 percent to the Arizona Department of Transportation for state highways, 30 percent to cities and towns for their streets and highways, and 20 percent to counties for the streets and highways in the unincorporated areas of each county. If the gas tax was raised in Arizona, it would provide the monies necessary to maintain our local streets and highways in much better condition than they are today. In addition, if the Legislature fails to increase the gas tax, the least they could do is allow it to be referred to the voters and then constitutionally protect it so that legislative sweeps will not take our HURF money to balance the State budget.

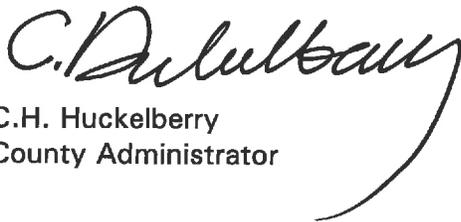
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These are all areas about which I urge you and your neighbors to contact the State Legislative delegation from southern Arizona and ask that they:

1. Change the HURF distribution formula for counties so that Pima County receives our fair share;
2. Raise the gas tax; and
3. Constitutionally protect the gas tax from legislative diversion to balance the State's budget.

Thank you, again, for your input; it is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

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Attachment

c: The Honorable Chair and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors

Deborah Haro

From: notification@pima.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 08, 2015 10:28 AM
To: Chuck Huckelberry
Subject: How should we fund Pima County's road maintenance feedback form 2015-02-08 10:27 AM Submission Notification

How should we fund Pima County's road maintenance feedback form 2015-02-08 10:27 AM was submitted by Guest on 2/8/2015 10:27:43 AM (GMT-07:00) US/Arizona

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Message Subject Road Maintenance for Census Designated Places

Comment Mr. Huckelberry, Having been to several road funding meetings in district 4 and reading material provided at the county's website. I see that there is no proposed action/solution for neighborhoods in CDP's Census Designated Places such as Vail, Green Valley, Corona de Tucson etc. I also understand that if these places were cities, they would receive their fair share of state road funding. The CDP's pay their fair share in taxes and should be included in any road maintenance planning by the county. I would like to propose the following thoughts/options for these CDP's. Option 1. Since most of the CDP's have HOA's, I propose the county turn over road and side walks maintenance within HOA's to the HOA(s). I understand the county is not receiving their fair share from the state for these CDP's but the county should pay 50% of the costs as the county does receive some monies. Option 2. The county needs to prove to the state the need for road maintenance within CDP's so we receive proper state Road funding. Prove to the state it shouldn't punish it's tax paying CDP residents just because they choose not to be represented by a city or town government. I realize there is no perfect solution, these are just proposals and I'm sure there are many others. Raising taxes for CDP's only gets more money for cities/towns and maybe some for arterial roads within the county. Please recognize the CDP's also need funding, we pay taxes too.

Response requested Yes

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona