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C.H. HUCKELBERRY  
County Administrator

May 24, 2013

Michael Varney, President and CEO  
Metro Tucson Chamber  
P. O. Box 991  
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**Re: Increasing Statewide Revenues for Road Improvements, Rehabilitation and Maintenance**

Dear Mr. Varney:

The American Society of Civil Engineers recently released its 2013 report card of the current state of America's infrastructure. The report indicates that 52 percent of Arizona roads were rated in poor to mediocre condition, and driving on these poor roads costs Arizona motorists almost \$887 million per year in vehicle repair and operating costs. In Pima County, this equates to \$143 million based on the number of licensed motorists.

The County has been exploring a number of strategies to address roadway conditions in Pima County; and at their May 21, 2013 meeting, the Board of Supervisors adopted the enclosed Resolution No. 2013-37. This Resolution calls on the Arizona Legislature to take the following actions to increase funding for transportation infrastructure throughout the State:

1. Discontinue use of Highway User Revenue Fund resources for purposes other than road improvements, rehabilitation and maintenance and reimburse the State, county and municipal transportation departments for amounts previously diverted from the Fund, including approximately \$38 million diverted from Pima County since 2002.
2. Enact legislation to continue the one-cent-per-gallon tax originally dedicated to the Underground Storage Tank Assurance Account, and which will otherwise sunset

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at the end of 2013, and rededicate this estimated \$29 million in annual revenue to State, county and municipal road repair and maintenance.

3. Increase the State gasoline tax, which is not indexed for inflation and has not been increased since 1990, up to 10 cents per gallon to coincide with the 29.7 cents per gallon average levied by states surrounding Arizona for deposit in the Highway User Revenue fund and allocated to the State, counties and municipalities.

4. Pursue all other available alternatives to increase funding for preservation of the road system in the State.

Pima County urges the Metro Tucson Chamber to support the actions outlined in Resolution No. 2013-37 to ensure Arizona has an adequate, well maintained road system, which is essential to promote commerce, safety and quality of life for our residents.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss how you may be of assistance in this effort.

Sincerely,



C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator

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Enclosure

c: The Honorable Chairman and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors  
John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator for Public Works  
Priscilla Cornelio, Transportation Director