PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to set forth the conditions under which Pima County (the County) and the residents of individual neighborhoods or streets may work cooperatively to develop and finance roadway improvements to resolve or mitigate traffic operational problems on low speed, local residential streets.

BACKGROUND: In recent years, the Pima County Department of Transportation (PCDOT) has regularly received requests from residents living adjacent to low speed (25 mph posted speed limit), local residential streets to address two traffic operational problems. The most common request is to reduce the speed of traffic, which in some cases is travelling 10 to 15 mph above the posted speed limit. These residents are primarily concerned about safety. The second request is to reduce the number of motorists using particular local residential streets to bypass congestion on the arterial street system. Other communities in Arizona and elsewhere have successfully addressed these problems using neighborhood traffic management programs.

APPLICABILITY: The streets targeted for the neighborhood traffic management program shall be local residential streets with 25 mph posted speed limits.

POLICY: The County, at the request of the residents of individual neighborhoods or streets, shall evaluate traffic operational problems on local residential streets with 25 mph posted speed limits. Working together, the residents and the County shall develop effective solutions to these problems. If improvements other than traffic control signing and pavement markings are required, they shall be financed by the residents. The residents may form improvement districts to generate the funds for these improvements.

The administrative procedure used to implement this policy shall be promulgated by the County Administrator. In addition, because this program relies heavily on meetings with residents, the requirements of Board of Supervisors Policy No. C 3.5 “Notification to Board of Supervisors of Public Meetings to be Held in Their District” shall be complied with.

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program will be administered by the Pima County Department of Transportation.

SUNSET PROVISION: This policy will be reviewed for continuance by January 21, 1998.

January 21, 1997