

**Summary of Public Input Regarding a Possible Pima County Sales Tax
March 1, 2018**

I. Background

On August 1, 2017, the Pima County Board of Supervisors approved a plan to solicit input from the community with regard to whether the Board should adopt a sales tax to fund road repair and/or property tax relief. Central to the plan was the creation of the Sales Tax Advisory Committee, which was tasked with holding public meetings across the County to receive input from the public and other interested stakeholders, in order to provide recommendations on the following:

Should Pima County adopt a half-cent general sales tax? If so,
Should revenues from the tax be used to fund road repair and/or reduce property taxes?
Should the tax be permanent or temporary?

A number of outreach methods were used to solicit public input for the Committee's and ultimately the Board's consideration. This report summarizes these methods and the public input that was received.

II. Outreach Methods

Pima County staff used several outreach methods to notify the public about opportunities to provide input, including the following:

A dedicated website: www.pima.gov/salestax

Pima County's social media

Press releases and media advisories

Notices to Pima County's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and members of the public that had submitted comments to the TAC.

Notices to City and Town transportation and management staff

Notices to Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)/Pima Association of Governments (PAG)

Notices to County homeowner associations

Notices to city and town neighborhoods located in vicinity of hearing locations

Requests to the Sales Tax Advisory Committee to distribute notices to their networks

City of Tucson's NewsNet email blast

Pima County e-newsletter and calendar

III. Opportunities for Public Input

1. Public Hearings

The Sales Tax Advisory Committee held seven hearings around the County. Attachment 1 includes a list of the hearing locations, dates and times, as well as summaries for each public hearing. In total, 69 members of the public attended, and 51 either spoke or submitted a comment card. The hearings were not formal meetings of the Committee. An average of three to four committee members attended each hearing, along with staff from the County Administrator's office and the Department of Transportation. Often staff from the Board of

Supervisors' district offices also attended. The format of the hearings included a brief presentation by Chairman Wendell Long (Attachment 2), followed by an open call for comments from the public. This format, as opposed to the formal committee meetings, provided the opportunity for follow-up questions and often resulted in a dialog between the public, committee members and staff.

2. Public Meetings

The Committee held six meetings open to the public. Attachment 3 includes a list of the meeting locations, dates and times, as well as summaries for each meeting. Some meetings were followed by a public hearing. The majority of each meeting was dedicated to presentations and discussions on issues on the agenda, and requests for additional information. A "Call to the Audience" was included at the beginning and the end of each meeting and the Committee also received comments via comment cards for those who attended the meetings but chose not to speak. Attendance at the meetings was low in comparison to the hearings. The hearings were promoted more widely as they provided more opportunity for public comment.

3. Electronic feedback forms

We received the most participation via the submittal of an electronic feedback form located on the County's sales tax webpage (133 individuals as of Feb 28, 2018). Attachment 4 includes a summary log of responses.

4. Pima County Board of Supervisor Meetings – Comments Made During Call to the Audience

The Committee started meeting on September 29, 2017. The Board of Supervisors generally meets twice a month and had several meetings since the Committee started. During the "Call to the Audience" segment of the Board of Supervisor meetings there were members of the public that spoke about issues relating to the proposed sales tax. For those meetings, the "Call to the Audience" section of the meeting minutes are attached (Attachment 5).

5. Tucson Association of Realtors Poll

The Tucson Association of Realtors poll included a random sample of 100 high-turnout voters in each of the Board of Supervisor's districts between November 27 and 29, 2017, and asked a series of questions concerning a potential County half-cent sales tax for road repair and property tax reduction. The results are included in Attachment 6.

6. Other

County staff were invited to attend other meetings during this time frame, which included the opportunity to solicit feedback from those present regarding the proposed sales tax. A new group that may advise the Board of Supervisors is the South East Regional Council. This Council met on January 18, approximately 40 attended, and many of those in attendance completed comment cards (Attachment 7). Staff also attended the Catalina Foothills Association meeting on January 23 with an estimated attendance of over 100, the Western

Pima County Coordinating Council in Ajo on February 1 with an estimated attendance of 40 (majority raised their hands in support of a sales tax for road repair so long as audits and a termination clause are included to prevent misspending), and the Pima County Community Information Night at Tucson Estates on February 27 with an estimated attendance of 200 (comment cards attached as Attachment 8).

IV. Summary of Comments

Since the Committee was formed to make recommendations to the Board on the following three questions, the public comments will be summarized by these questions:

Should Pima County adopt a half-cent general sales tax? If so,
Should revenues from the tax be used to fund road repair and/or reduce property taxes?
Should the tax be permanent or temporary?

Note that no attempt was made to count the number of those in favor or opposed, but all of the comments were reviewed and the following are general conclusions based on that review.

1. Should Pima County adopt a half-cent general sales tax?

Considering all of the input, those that responded were generally more likely to express support for a sales tax versus those expressing opposition to a sales tax.

2. Should revenues from the tax be used to fund road repair and/or reduce property taxes?

For those in support of the sales tax, and even many of those in opposition to the tax, support was clearly highest for funding road repair only, followed by a combination of road repair and property tax reduction. There was very little support for funding only property tax reduction.

3. Should the tax be permanent or temporary?

Responses appeared to be split equally between those who supported a temporary tax and those that supported a permanent tax.

4. Other noteworthy comments or themes

Many of those that commented expressed concern regarding whether the funding would be spent for the specified purposes, or asked what could be done to ensure that the funds would be spent accordingly. This apparent lack of trust was clear not only in comments made by those who expressed opposition to the sales tax, but also by those who expressed support for the tax. For those who expressed opposition to the sales tax, a common comment was that taxes were too high and/or the County should find funding for road repair within existing revenues.

Attachments

ATTACHMENT 1



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Nov. 27, 2017

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Sales Tax Advisory Committee sets public outreach schedule

PIMA COUNTY – The Pima County Sales Tax Advisory Committee has scheduled seven public hearings around the county in December and January to give the public a chance to provide feedback on whether the Board of Supervisors should adopt a countywide sales tax. State law allows county boards of supervisors to enact up to a half-cent-per-dollar sales tax via a unanimous board vote.

The Board of Supervisors created the committee to answer three questions:

- Should the Board adopt a half-cent sales tax for the purposes of accelerating road repair throughout the County, including within cities and towns?
- Should the Board use any portion of the revenues from a sales tax to reduce County primary property taxes?
- Should the sales tax be permanent or temporary?

The public hearing schedule is:

Dec. 7

6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Cienega High School (Student Union)
12775 E Mary Ann Cleveland Way

Dec. 14

6 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Hearing follows the Sales Tax Advisory Committee meeting)

Kirk-Bear Canyon Library
8959 E. Tanque Verde Road

Jan. 9

6 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Hearing follows the Sales Tax Advisory Committee meeting)

El Pueblo Activity Center (Multi-purpose Room)
Richard Ortiz Barker Regional Complex
101 W. Irvington Road

Jan. 10

6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Quincie Douglas Center
1575 E. 36th St.

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Jan. 17

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Las Campanas Social Center (Cottonwood Room)

565 W. Belltower Drive

Green Valley

Jan. 17

6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Picture Rocks Community Center

5615 N. Sanders Road

Jan. 23

6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr. Library

7800 N. Schisler Drive

If members of the public are unable to attend any of the public hearings, they can still provide the committee feedback at www.pima.gov/salestax and clicking on the feedback link. The feedback link asks the same three questions the Sales Tax Committee has been charged with answering.

Pima County is the only county in Arizona without a sales tax, which is why the county's primary property tax rate is the highest in the state. The sales tax could be used to replace property tax revenue, lowering property taxes throughout the county. However, the impetus for the Sales Tax Committee was to determine if it is a better source of revenue to pay for over \$1 billion in road repairs regionwide. The county is currently using a new property tax to pay for local road repairs, but it only raises about \$20 million a year. The full half-cent sales tax allowed by the state would raise about \$80 million a year.

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Pima County Sales Tax Advisory Committee Public Hearing

December 7, 2017
Cienega Valley High School
6-7 PM

Summary

Attendees

Aaron Brown

J.J. Lamb

Ed Buster

Two additional attendees (did not record names)

Pima County staff

City of Tucson staff

Committee members

The hearing began at 6:10 p.m. with an introductory presentation by Chairman Wendell Long. Since there were only five attendees, the remainder of the hearing was conversational, included comments, questions and answers, and involved the members of the public, committee members, and county staff.

Main themes from speakers

Fix the roads and come up with a way to make sure that the County cannot spend the funding on anything else.

First speaker:

- Is there a way to make sure the sales tax revenues would absolutely go towards road repair?
- Concerned that money would be used for other purposes
- Supportive of the sales tax if it actually went to road repair
- Road conditions are a disincentive to business attraction

Second speaker:

- Utility bill lists a County sales tax

Aaron Brown (also submitted attached comment card):

- Liked the idea of an ordinance that would provide assurances on how funding would be spent
- Supportive of community bonds to build schools, the City of Tucson's recent half-cent sales tax
- Supports County half-cent sales tax for road repair, for a temporary time period, with possibility for continuation if supported by an audit.
- Roads are important because they tie in to everything
- County is responsible for public safety and infrastructure so this proposal makes sense.

Ed Buster:

- Is there a backup plan if this fails?
- Are entities like Raytheon, University of Arizona and City of Tucson supportive?
- Yes, support this proposal – Just fix the roads now!
- RTA and County should work together – good to have watchdogs
- Are there new and progressive ways of building roads that the County is seriously considering?

Hearing ended at 7:10 p.m.

Comment cards attached.

12/7/17

Pima County Sales Tax Advisory Committee
We Want to Hear from YOU!

1. Should the Pima County Board of Supervisors adopt a half-cent general sales tax?

YES / NO / NOT SURE (circle one)

Comment: _____

2. Should the sales tax revenue be spent on road repair, property tax reduction or some combination of both?

Road Repair ONLY / Property Tax Reduction ONLY / Combination of Both (circle one)

Comment: Property Tax is Deductible on Federal returns.

3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment: 5-year trial to reauthorize

For additional information or to provide comments electronically please visit www.pima.gov/salestax or County Administrator's Office at (520) 724-8661.

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12/7/17

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Comment: only if the PTA administers the funds.

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Comment: _____

3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment: _____

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Pima County Sales Tax Advisory Committee Public Hearing

December 14, 2017
Kirk-Bear Canyon Library
8959 E. Tanque Verde Road
6 PM

Summary

Attendees

Norie Nelson
David Bishop
Hyatt Simpson
Beverly Ichobanin
Deb Peyer
John Huizenga
Scott Thomas
Douglas Barrett
Faith Pepler
Ann Prevelone
Carol Cook
5 or more other people attended by did not provide names
4 Committee members
Pima County staff
Pima County Supervisor Steve Christy

The hearing began at 6 p.m. with an introductory presentation by Chairman Wendell Long. The hearing included comments, questions and answers, and involved members of the public, committee members, county staff and Supervisory Christy.

Main themes from speakers

- Support for sales tax if for road repair only and if temporary
- No on sales tax because of past misspending
- Concern about how to get the statutorily required unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors

Norie Nelson (also see attached comment card)

- Attended Dec. 12 Board meeting and is concerned that it will be impossible to get a unanimous vote.
- Surveyed her neighbors and the majority prefer a sales tax for 10 years for road repair only; no one surveyed thought the roads were great; fear is that their roads will never make the list to repair.
- She supports a sales tax as the most fair way, and likes the idea of a sunset clause.
- Not enough funding currently for road repair

John Huizenga (also see attached comment card)

- Concerned about history of misspending by the County Administrator
- Thinks the quality of county road repair projects are poor.

Ann Prevelone

- Asked about the amount of sales tax to be levied on utilities and other items.
- Concerned about misspending
- Thinks the County should use existing funding sources.

- Lack of population density, so doesn't support bike lanes and pedestrian improvements.
- Property tax is too high.

David Bishop (also see attached comment card)

- Favors a sales tax for road repair only and a sunset clause
- Asked if the ½ cent amount is negotiable.
- Asked for advice on how to unite the Board on this issue.

Hyatt Simpson (also see attached comment card)

- Undecided on the sales tax, undecided on whether it should go to road repair or property tax reduction, but feels strongly that the tax should be temporary.
- Blames the State for sweeping HURF funds, not the County.
- State gives tax breaks to wealthy businesses and then has to cut back funding for basic services.
- Urges local electorate to put pressure on the State.
- The roads need more than just repairs; we need to consider how to make them safer and more user friendly for pedestrians and bicyclists and those in wheelchairs.
- Supports preference for women and minority owned businesses in contracting.

Beverly Ichobanin (also see attached comment card)

- Supports sales tax if it's the only way, all for roads and only temporary.

Scott Thomas (also see attached comment card)

- No way on sales tax; County will misspend it.

Douglas Barrett (also see attached comment card)

- Roads are terrible compared to northern Arizona counties
- Quality of the roads impacts tourism and may deter people from moving here
- Yes supports sales tax only for road repair

Carol Cook

- Asked if the County has ever used general funds for road repair and about the role of the RTA.

Faith Pepler (also see attached comment card)

- How can we keep the State from accessing our tax dollars?
- Yes supports a permanent sales tax for road repair only

Supervisor Steve Christy spoke about his Just Fix the Roads proposal and took questions.

Norie Nelson

- How can we move the Board off of party lines?

Carol King

- If the Board doesn't approve a sales tax, with the property tax continue?

David Bishop

- Supervisor Christy is the newest Board member and is hoping he brings fresh ideas.
- The big problem is getting to 5 yes's

Hearing ended at 7:10 p.m.
Comment cards attached.

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YES / NO / NOT SURE (circle one)

Comment: ONLY IF THE \$ is used FOR ROAD REPAIRS

2. Should the sales tax revenue be spent on road repair, property tax reduction or some combination of both?

Road Repair ONLY / Property Tax Reduction ONLY / Combination of Both (circle one)

Comment: _____

3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment: ONLY IF THE money will always be used For ROAD REPAIRS ONLY.

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Comment: 10 years

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Nicie Wilson

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Comment: 5 YEARS

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Comment: not sure!

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Comment: _____

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Name: TOWNE HUIZAR

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Comment: Neither

3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment: No Sale Tax !!

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Pima County Sales Tax Advisory Committee Public Hearing

January 9, 2018
El Pueblo Activity Center
101 W. Irvington Road
6 PM

Summary

Attendees

David Lutz
Ada Adams
Jerry Rucks
2 other people attended but did not provide names
4 Committee members
Pima County staff

The hearing began at 6:10 p.m. with an introductory presentation by Chairman Wendell Long. The hearing included comments, questions and answers, and involved members of the public, committee members, and County staff.

Main themes from speakers

The speakers were all supportive of a permanent, half-cent sales tax. Two out of the three also supported its use for property tax reduction.

David Lutz (also see attached comment card for more comments)

- Concerned about his property taxes increasing, the widening Twin Peaks Road and I-10, expanding of wastewater treatment plant, delisting of the pygmy owl, uncontrolled growth in the Tortolita's, and spending on soccer fields.
- Concerned that the Chris and Joe radio show are saying bad things about the County, while whitewashing Marana and the State Legislature.
- Researched the State and they are escaping their responsibilities.
- Supports the current Board of Supervisors and the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan and is worried that if the County doesn't fix the roads, the present Board will be voted out of office, which will lead to uncontrolled growth.
- Supports a sales tax for property tax reduction and road repair, if it includes a poison pill to control misspending, and if it includes assistance to low income residents for the income tax credit.
- Supports a permanent sales to fix the roads and keep the Supervisors in office.
- Concerned about the poor condition of roads in Picture Rocks.

Ada Adams

- Supports the sales tax to fix roads because her husband is on the Sunnyside School District Board and the busses are often out of commission. This effects how schools can function. The roads are terrible.
- Need to bring in businesses to lower taxes, and to do that they need good roads.
- Good roads would show we care.
- Big part of the Supervisor's District is in Sunnyside School District, and you have to help us as we've been supporting you for years.
- Dirt roads and flooding is also a concern.
- Has faith in low income residents that they know their budget, they can stay within their budget and they would understand the importance of this.

- Supports a permanent sales tax.
- Roads are a mess in Summit Vista and Picture Rocks.
- Supports sales tax so long as the funding doesn't end up going to Phoenix.
- Supports sales tax for property tax reduction, but it should all go to the roads for a while first.
- Supports sharing with the cities and towns for road repair, as a resident of City of Tucson.

Jerry Rucks (also see attached comment card for more comments)

- Would prefer a user fee, but understands the financial issue and that it appears the county is more constrained in how it can spend money than the federal government or state.
- Favors the half cent sales tax, but prefers it go strictly to roads.
- Not collecting it on food and medicine should help with the low income impact.
- Prefers it be permanent.

Hearing ended at 6:45 p.m.

Comment cards attached.

Hearing 1/9/18

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1. Should the Pima County Board of Supervisors adopt a half-cent general sales tax?

YES / NO / NOT SURE (circle one)

Comment: My property taxes are way too high
It has gone from 1500 to over 9500 in a few years

2. Should the sales tax revenue be spent on road repair, property tax reduction or some combination of both?

Road Repair ONLY / Property Tax Reduction ONLY / Combination of Both (circle one)

Comment: Property taxes are way too high

3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment: Property taxes are way too high

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Hearing 1/9/18

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Name: _____

650,000 to expand the Ina Rd sewage plant
Comments: just to accomodate Maranas explosive growth!

I believe the Co should curb spending
on roads and other capital improvement
to serve Maranas Growth; Twin Peak
Interchange twin peaks Extension, Widening
to organic to a 4 lane parkway, widening
I-10 to 8 lanes all the way to
Marana. Do not spend money on other
things like the 14 million soccer stadium.
If they do this then they would be
enough money to fix the roads with
out raising tax.

I strongly support the plan proposed by
this committee. It has a rebate for low
income people and a poison pill that
prevents the County from spending these funds
on any thing other than roads

Comments:

Would prefer "user fee", gas or vehicle tax/fee

Blank lined area for additional comments.

Pima County Sales Tax Advisory Committee Public Hearing

January 10, 2018
Quincie Douglas Center
1575 East E. 36th Street
6 PM

Summary

Attendees

Willie Blake

Jackie Turchick

Sherry Hockett

Marco Liu

Jeannette Seitz

S. Ginn

1 other person attended but did not provide a name or comment

3 Committee members

Pima County staff

Pima County Supervisor Ramon Valadez

The hearing began at 6:10 p.m. with an introductory presentation by Chairman Wendell Long. The hearing included comments, questions and answers, and involved members of the public, committee members, County staff and Supervisor Valadez.

Main themes from speakers and those that submitted comments

All but one person supported a sales tax increase or was leaning towards supporting it. Most of those in support of the tax supported using the revenue for road repair, and only levying the tax for a temporary period.

Willie Blake (also see attached comment card for more comments)

- Make the plan plain and clear and show people what will happen with the money as people get upset when they are not informed.
- Supports the various locations for the hearings.
- We need road repair really bad and property tax reduction because both are really important.
- People vote no but then are mad when they don't get the roads first, but they don't understand money doesn't come out of air.
- Yes supports this and thinks it's worth a half cent increase.
- Supports a temporary tax.
- Poor roads are tearing up our cars.
- Doesn't think there is any other way to get the roads fixed.
- Prefers the County manage the program, versus the RTA, because he knows the Board of Supervisors and can hold them accountable.

Jackie Turchick

- Represents the San Antonio Neighborhood Association and will try to bring a group recommendation back.
- Tends to support it all for the roads because property tax reduction would help a smaller group of people.
- Prefers a temporary tax
- Would prefer some funding for buses if it could be used for that, to reduce fares or increase routes.

Shirley Hockett

- Does not support the tax increase.
- Lives on Social Security and it is not going up.
- Knows there are road problems, but can't afford another tax.

Marco Liu (also see attached comment card for more comments)

- Sales taxes are regressive.
- Roads need repair and poor roads do impact low income folks because of maintenance costs.
- Would be good to allocate some revenue to transit for those that use our streets differently.
- If we decrease property taxes, it would lower everyone's burden and shift some of the cost to winter visitors.
- Leaning towards supporting the tax increase for both road repair and property tax reduction, but not set on that yet.
- Temporary, but technology is changing rapidly with automated vehicles, so temporary but for a long enough time to do planning.
- Appreciates that the cities and towns can determine their own road priorities, but if the County could have a say, it should prioritize fixing roads in low income areas first.
- If for property tax reduction, then less inclined to support it being temporary because then it would need to be more permanent.

Hearing ended at 6:40 p.m.

Comment cards attached.

1/10/18

Pima County Sales Tax Advisory Committee
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YES / NO / NOT SURE (circle one)

Comment: Need Road Repairs

2. Should the sales tax revenue be spent on road repair, property tax reduction or some combination of both?

Road Repair ONLY / Property Tax Reduction ONLY / Combination of Both (circle one)

Comment: _____

3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment: _____

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1/10/18

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YES / NO / NOT SURE (circle one)

Comment: Depends on the use/purpose - How Spent

2. Should the sales tax revenue be spent on road repair, property tax reduction or some combination of both?

Road Repair ONLY / Property Tax Reduction ONLY / Combination of Both (circle one)

Comment: Too soon to decide, though leaning towards Property Tax Reduction OR A COMBINATION

3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment: Temporary but for a longer period of 7-10 years

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Name: Marco Liu

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YES / NO / NOT SURE (circle one)

Comment: sales tax is a more "fair" tax because everyone pays

2. ~~Should the sales tax revenue be spent on road repair, property tax reduction or some combination of both?~~

Road Repair ONLY / Property Tax Reduction ONLY / Combination of Both (circle one)

Comment: focus on getting the roads fixed - worst ones first

3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment: I think 10 years is a good period, then reevaluate

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Comment: _____

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Road Repair ONLY / Property Tax Reduction ONLY / Combination of Both (circle one)

Comment: Road only

3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment: temp (10-20 yrs)

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Name: S. Ginn

Comments:

Make sure the money is earmarked/allocated to roads and cannot be spent for anything else

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Comments:

I think jurisdictions should control oversight + roads selected (not RTA)

I think all roads repaired should include sidewalks, ramps, bike lanes if possible. At least prioritize transit routes

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Pima County Sales Tax Advisory Committee Public Hearing

January 17, 2018
Green Valley
Las Campanas Social Center (Cottonwood Room)
565 West Belltower Drive
Green Valley, AZ
9 AM

Summary

Attendees

Linda Miller
Roy Dashen
D. Brindle
Don Weaver
Paul Williams
Joe Wilson
Paul Williamsen
Dick Roberts
Marilyn Leuhrmann
Joe Hutton

About 5 other people attended but did not provide a name or comment
Committee Chairman Wendell Long
Pima County Supervisor Steve Christy
Pima County staff
City of Tucson staff

The hearing began at 9:35 a.m. with an introductory presentation by Chairman Wendell Long. The hearing included comments, questions and answers, and involved members of the public, Chairman Long, Supervisor Christy, and County staff.

Main themes from speakers and those that submitted comments

The roads are in poor condition; the 25 cent property tax doesn't generate enough revenue to solve the problem; most spoke in support of a half cent sales tax for road repair only; and many spoke in support of Supervisor Christy's plan with the RTA administering the program.

Linda Miller (also see attached comment card)

- New homeowner in Green Valley and is concerned that her road will be gravel soon.
- Concerned that poor road conditions could be impacting home values.
- Supportive of a sales tax if it is guaranteed to go to roads only.
- Doesn't know much about the property tax reduction proposal.
- Sales tax should be temporary until all the roads are fixed.
- Supports RTA administering the program.

Roy Dashen (also see attached comment card)

- Participated in 30 or 40 meetings to prioritize Green Valley roads for the 25 cent property tax allocation, but it was too small of an amount.
- Feels a half cent sales tax is necessary and spreads the burden to those visiting Pima County.
- Supports sales tax for only road repair, because it will include eliminating the 25 cent property tax.
- Supports a permanent sales tax.

Dennis Brindle (also see attached comment card)

- Is the HOA representative for this area and says their roads are good.
- Requested that the County first talk to HOA's about their responsibilities in maintaining the roads.

Don Weaver (also see attached comment card)

- A lot of people live in HOAs that have private roads, but he lives in an HOA with public roads.
- Green Valley Coordinating Council (GVCC) passed a resolution and is 100 percent behind Supervisor Christy's plan.
- The GVCC spent 7 months with a 10 person committee driving every road in Green Valley and most were deplorable.
- The new 25 cent property tax is not enough.
- Supports a permanent sales tax for road repair only.
- The RTA did it for 10 years so people could see how they did it.
- Poor road conditions are depressing property values.
- Low income people need to consider the cost of repairing their cars.
- One HOA may petition the County to create an improvement district so that the HOA will pay a special tax to take over the road maintenance from the County.

Paul Williams (also see attached comment card)

- Supports a permanent sales tax for road repair only.

Joe Wilson (also see attached comment card)

- Supports Supervisor Christy's Plan
- Supports a permanent sales tax for road repair only, but worries about throwing more money at the County under current County Administrator.
- Green Valley's share of this year's \$19 million from the 25 cent property tax was very small.
- Pima County's Department of Transportation shouldn't be paying for slick brochures.
- Supports RTA administering the program.

Paul Williamson (also see attached comment card)

- Owns a house in two communities, one has private roads, the other public roads and the public roads are neglected by the County.
- We spend our own money to temporarily preserve our roads.
- HURF funds are not enough.
- Supports permanent sales tax for road repair only, as he doesn't want to go through this again in 10 years.
- Tourism will be negatively impacted without the roads being fixed.

Dick Roberts

- Supports Supervisor Christy's plan and management by the RTA.
- Yes to a temporary or permanent sales tax, 100 percent for roads.

Marilyn Luehrmann (also see attached comment card)

- Is okay with a temporary half-cent sales tax if the RTA administers it.
- Impact to low income households is less because their incomes are less.
- Property tax gets rolled into rent.
- Visitors use the roads and should pay.

Tom Six

- Yes to a temporary half cent sales tax to be administered by the RTA for road repair only.

Joe Hutton (also see attached comment card)

- Supports a temporary half cent sales tax for road repair only.
- The challenge will be getting the business community to support this.

Hearing ended at 10:25 a.m.

Comment cards attached.

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YES / NO / NOT SURE (circle one)

Comment: It is the only way to get the roads fixed.

2. Should the sales tax revenue be spent on road repair, property tax reduction or some combination of both?

Road Repair ONLY / Property Tax Reduction ONLY / Combination of Both (circle one)

Comment: Need to be monitored by the RTA

3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment: Need to build up a reserve.

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Comment: _____

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YES / NO / NOT SURE (circle one)

Comment: IT GOES TO LOGIC!

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Road Repair ONLY / Property Tax Reduction ONLY / Combination of Both (circle one)

Comment:

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Comment:

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YES / NO / NOT SURE (circle one)

Comment: NOT UNDER THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION

2. Should the sales tax revenue be spent on road repair, property tax reduction or some combination of both?

Road Repair ONLY / Property Tax Reduction ONLY / Combination of Both (circle one)

Comment:

3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment:

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YES / NO / NOT SURE (circle one)

Comment: TOURISM SHOULD HELP PAY FOR ROADS

2. Should the sales tax revenue be spent on road repair, property tax reduction or some combination of both?

Road Repair ONLY / Property Tax Reduction ONLY / Combination of Both (circle one)

Comment: _____

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Comment: _____

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GV

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YES / NO / NOT SURE (circle one)

Comment: SEE REVERSE

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Comment: _____

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Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment: _____

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Comment: _____

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Comment: our roads are failing

3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment: 10 Yr.

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Name: DON WEAVER
Address: 1302 N. PASEO MARAVILLA City: GV State: AZ Zip Code: 85641

Comments:

CIRCULO DE LAS LOMAS

I AM A NEW HOMEOWNER LIVING OFF OF THIS CARD BOARDY SECTION OF ROAD

IF LEFT IGNORED THIS WILL SOON BE A DIRT TYPE POT HOLED RD.

I AM CONCERNED HOW THIS DECREPT SITUATION WILL/COULD AFFECT RESALE VALUES.

ON 6/16/19 I AM NOT VERY TEMPTED TO HAVE MY TAXES INCREASED WHEN PREVIOUS TAXES DO NOT SEEM TO BE APPLIED TO NECESSARY REPAIRS.

Comments:

we support Steve's plan

G-V

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YES / NO / NOT SURE (circle one)

Comment: Drop the recently enacted additional property tax

2. Should the sales tax revenue be spent on road repair, property tax reduction or some combination of both?

Road Repair ONLY / Property Tax Reduction ONLY / Combination of Both (circle one)

Comment: See above comment

3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment: As proposed by Mr. Christy

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Comments:

Only use the sales tax for road repair.

Must be a guarantee of this.

Have RTA Administrator - they have a good track record.

See letter I sent to Steve Christy.

Thank you for pointing out that poor pavement costs drivers more than increased sales tax would. Some Supervisors are arguing that ↑ property tax unfairly taxes the poor. This does not make sense. Property tax also would apply to rentals (over 30 days) = higher rents. Sales tax = no effect (potentially).

Sales tax spreads the road expense to all who use them.

Pima County Sales Tax Advisory Committee Public Hearing

January 17, 2018
Picture Rocks Community Center
5615 N. Sanders Road
6 PM

Summary

Attendees

DeWayne

Carol Owens

Candy

Albert Lannon

Raul Richardson

Melvin Coley

Ed Cassidy

Christopher Banks

Rich McKnight

Bette Richards

Barbara Baraway

Lisa Furlough

Dorothy Banks

About 10 other people attended but did not provide a name or comment

Committee Chairman Wendell Long

Pima County staff

The hearing began at 6:05 p.m. with an introductory presentation by Chairman Wendell Long. The hearing included comments, questions and answers, and involved members of the public, Chairman Long, and County staff.

Main themes from speakers and those that submitted comments

There were many comments about the dirt roads in Picture Rocks, some which are maintained by the County and some which are private, but the sales tax proposal is to fix paved roads. Many of the speakers stated that they could not support the sales tax because they didn't think that the revenues would be actually be spent to fix their roads in Picture Rocks, which most stated were in poor condition.

Albert Lannon (also see 1 page proposal for unincorporated Pima County dirt roads attached)

- Stated that we already have a half cent sales tax and it goes to the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), and assumes the RTA plan could be amended to include road repair.
- Read through his proposal for dirt roads (attached) and asked that dirt road maintenance be added to the plan.
- Requested that the Pima County Department of Transportation (PCDOT) research which dirt roads in Picture Rocks are County-owned versus private because there is a lot of confusion.
- Opposes the County's financial assistance to Worldview and County support in ADOT report for I-11 through Avra Valley.

Raul Richardson

- Roads are a disaster.
- Called the County in the past and they said they never maintained a certain road but he thinks they did and that they lied about it.
- Does not support a sales tax unless it goes towards fixing his road.

Melvin Coley (also see comment card attached)

- Asked questions about dirt road maintenance.
- Yes supports a sales tax if it was used only for roads and if it is spent where his community decides it should be spent.

Ed Cassidy (also see comment card attached)

- Asked about why the new Twin Peaks pavement project stops near the concrete plant and how it was funded.
- Asked why the County can't use sand from the cement plant that is tearing down Twin Peaks.
- Stated that 90 percent of roads are washed out and impassible.

Christopher Banks (also see comment card attached)

- Lived in the community since 1971 with his wife and back then there were only two paved roads.
- Has dealt with the County about the dirt roads but clearly the County should be taking care of the paved roads.
- Would support the sales tax if he thought the County would spend the funding on roads in Picture Rocks, but they won't and therefore he can't support it.

Rich McKnight (also see comment card attached)

- Opposes a sales tax.
- Doesn't trust politicians and compared them to crooks.
- Stated that the Board should be able to find the funding with current revenue sources and offered to personally go through the budget with the Board to find the funding for roads.
- Not in favor of the RTA having an oversight role.

Bette Richards (also see comment card attached)

- Stated that she's hearing that she shouldn't trust the County because they haven't done anything.
- Asked about the priority for road maintenance and why the County keeps fixing good roads instead of poor roads.
- Has two broken down cars because of the poor road conditions.

Carol Owens

- Stated that she has been working on transportation issues in the community for years, and asked the audience to sign up for a community committee that could begin with a brainstorming session about transportation.
- Stated that she has been working on trying to get a SunTran bus to service Picture Rocks, is active on the I-11 issue and other road issues.

Barbara Baraway

- Supports a temporary sales tax for road repair if it's for less than 10 years so that if the community doesn't see any improvement, then it would not continue.

Candy

- Asked about the 25 cent property tax, how much money that generates and if Picture Rocks roads were included to be repaired from that funding – the response was no, and therefore she stated that she would not be in favor of a new tax.
- Stated that the sales tax can be used for anything and so why would she think that the County would spend it in a rural area.

Lisa Furlough

- Lived in Picture Rocks since 2001 and Tucson since 1985.
- Does a lot of driving and is not opposed to paying to get roads fixed.
- Questioned if the funding was really going to be used for roads and is not confident the County will spend it that way.

Dorothy Banks

- Stated that if the County could reassure the community about where the funding would go and how it would be spent, then the County would have a fair chance of getting support, but doesn't think that will happen since the attitudes of the speakers appears to be that they will not support it unless the funding fixes their particular road.

Hearing ended at 7:10 p.m.

Comment cards attached.

A MODEST PROPOSAL FOR PICTURE ROCKS AND OTHER UNINCORPORATED PIMA COUNTY DIRT ROADS

1. THE PROBLEM:

- A. The sales tax increase proposal advanced by the county administrator applies to paved roads only.
- B. Most dirt roads in Picture Rocks are considered easements and the responsibility of the adjacent property owners.
- C. Many, perhaps most, residents do not want those dirt roads paved; some have had ground-up asphalt laid down that has held up well.
- D. Our dirt roads need maintenance like grading and filling.
- E. The county maintains that the law would consider easement maintenance by the county a violation of the Gift Clause.
- F. For the above reasons, a sales tax increase will be a hard sell as we are being asked to pay for things we will never get any local benefit from. Our working families and seniors are being asked, in effect, to subsidize much better-off communities. That is perceived as simply not fair, and it isn't.

2. A POSSIBLE SOLUTION:

- A. Use part of the sales tax revenue for planning and implementation to:
 - (1) Canvas property owners along dirt roads to see if they would be willing to deed their easements to the county. **Some dirt road easements are so deeded and are county maintained.**
 - (2) The county commits to accepting any such deeded dirt road easements with no alterations like widening, etc. Size of deeded dirt road easement to conform to present realities.
 - (3) Use some of the sales tax revenue to cover any costs associated with such deeding and acceptance.
 - (4) As part of the canvas of property owners, the county to prepare and provide them with a plan for twice-yearly – during summer and winter rainy seasons -- grading and filling.
 - (5) Where neighboring property owners cannot agree or there is some dispute about an easement, bloc grants be made available to those wanting their parts of dirt roads graded and filled. There are local people that can be hired to do this.
- B. (1) Details of dirt road maintenance to be discussed in community meetings with county open to revisions based on resident input.
 - (2) Dirt road maintenance to be included in all county long-term plans for road repair.
 - (3) Inclusion on county planning committees of dirt road representatives from affected communities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Albert Lannon
Picture Rocks

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YES / NO / NOT SURE (circle one)

Comment: _____

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Comment: _____

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Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment: _____

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Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment: should not be

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Name: ED Cassin

PK

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Comment: What About Dirt Roads + DM Dedicated Roads

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Road Repair ONLY / Property Tax Reduction ONLY / Combination of Both (circle one)

Comment: _____

3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment: Needs tested for awhile to see how

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YES / NO / NOT SURE (circle one)

Comment: The budget should be reviewed + money found elsewhere

2. Should the sales tax revenue be spent on road repair, property tax reduction or some combination of both?

Road Repair ONLY / Property Tax Reduction ONLY / Combination of Both (circle one)

Comment: N/A - Should not be collected

3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment: It passed at all

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Name: Rich McKnight
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Comments:

Rural Area - especially here
in Poudre Rocks have over 40 years
Not been maintained adequately for
the amount of tax - county we
have paid

too gas not dirt roads
what about dust
and air pollution?

Comments:

The road budget should be taken from cuts elsewhere.
Why is this never pursued - You always ask for
more money?

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Name: Bette Richards

Comments:

Be roads scheduled for priority because of
condition or highly traveled.

Pima County Sales Tax Advisory Committee Public Hearing

January 23, 2018
Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr. Library
7800 N. Schisler Drive
Marana
6PM
Summary

Attendees

Helen Gorraiz

Robert Tuceck

Erik Montigue

Beth Abramovitz

About 3 other people attended but did not provide a name or comment

Committee Chairman Wendell Long, and members Robert Medler, Anita Smith-Etheridge, Curtis Lueck
Pima County staff

The hearing began at 6:10 a.m. with an introductory presentation by Chairman Wendell Long. The hearing included comments, questions and answers, and involved members of the public, Chairman Long, Committee members, and County staff.

Helen Gorraiz

- What type of guarantees will ensure that the sales tax will be used for its intended purposes?
- County has a spending problem, not a revenue problem.
- Voters voted down the road bonds so Mr. Huckelberry issued debt anyway for roads and our debt service payments are \$219 million a year instead of allocating that money to repairing roads and it'll take 20 years before we can pay that back.
- The County shouldn't be funding Worldview, soccer fields and buying electric cars when we could put the revenue towards road repair instead.
- Loss of confidence in the County Administrator and the Board.
- High property taxes.
- No, does not support a county sales tax.
- Yes, would support an increase in the state gas tax.
- Likes the RTA administration proposal.
- Asked if the sales tax would still require a 5-0 vote from the Board.

Robert Tuceck

- Recently moved to Tucson.
- Taxes were twice as high in Texas, where he moved from.
- He would not be opposed to a sales tax if it reduced property taxes to offset the sales tax increase.
- Sales tax should be temporary for the period of time that it is needed to fix the roads.

Erik Montigue

- What type of road improvements are proposed?
- Is there a plan that includes how the road improvements would be administered?
- Would cities and towns be constrained in the use of the funding?

Beth Abramovitz

- Would cities and towns be able to spend the funding on design costs or required ADA improvements?

Hearing ended at 6:45 p.m.

ATTACHMENT 2

Public Hearing

THE PIMA COUNTY SALES TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

We want to hear from you

1. Should the Pima County Board of Supervisors adopt a half-cent general sales tax?

If yes:

2. Should the sales tax revenue be spent on road repair, property tax reduction or some combination of both?
3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

Unless noted, all figures in this report were provided by Pima County

Who are we?

The Pima County Sales Tax Advisory Committee – 17 members from:

- The business community
- Organizations representing low-income and elderly families
- Pima County's Transportation Advisory Committee
- Representatives for each member of the Board of Supervisors

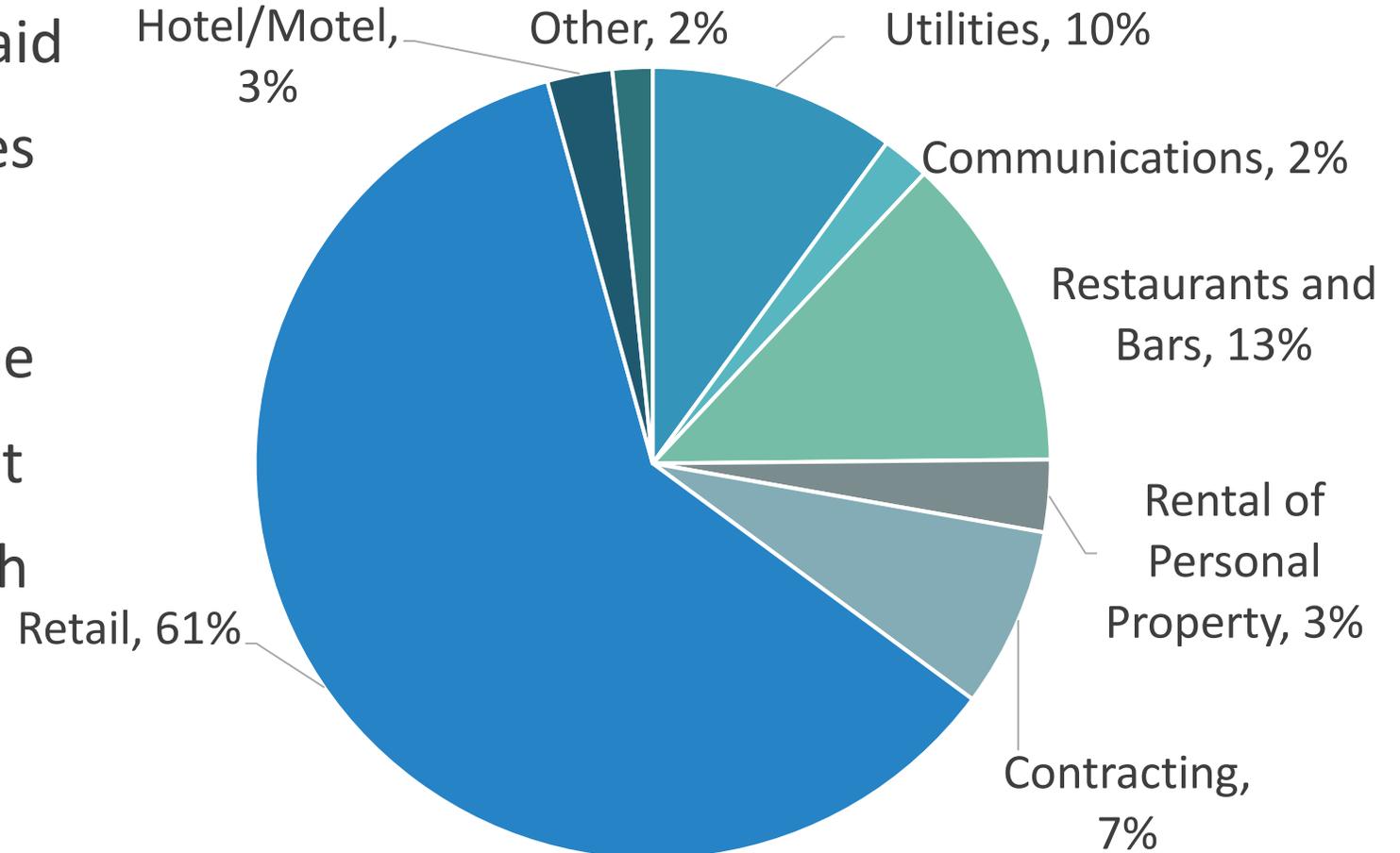
Committee recommendation due to Board of Supervisors March 2018

Arizona state law allows counties to adopt a general sales tax

- Maximum rate is one half-cent (1 penny on a \$2 retail purchase)
- Cannot be collected on unprepared food, prescription medicine, long term residential rent and commercial leases.
- Would be collected countywide, including within cities and towns
- Revenues can be used to pay for a variety of county services
- Requires a unanimous vote of the Pima County Board of Supervisors and cannot be approved by public vote.
- All other Arizona counties except for Pima County have some type of sales tax

Revenues from a sales tax would be generated from a variety of transactions*

- Up to 17 percent to be paid by tourists and businesses outside the County
- Cost to an average income household is estimated at \$91 a year/\$7.60 a month

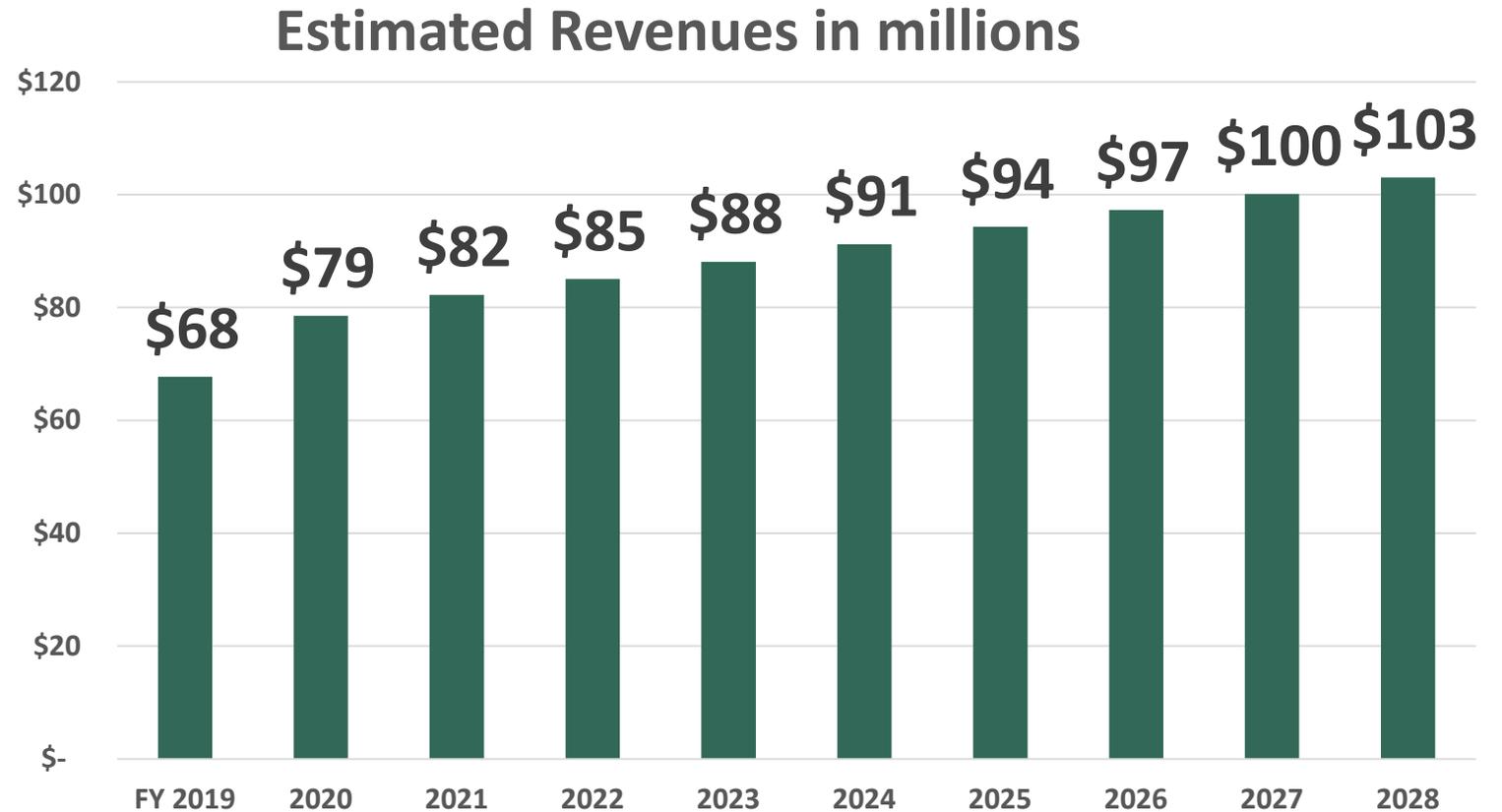


*Adjusted RTA 2018 revenue forecast

A county general sales tax of one-half cent could generate significant revenue

- \$880 million over 10 years
- To be spent locally in Pima County

*Adjusted RTA 2018 revenue forecast



How would the sales tax revenue be spent?

The Pima County Board Supervisors have identified two problems that could be addressed by adopting a county sales tax:

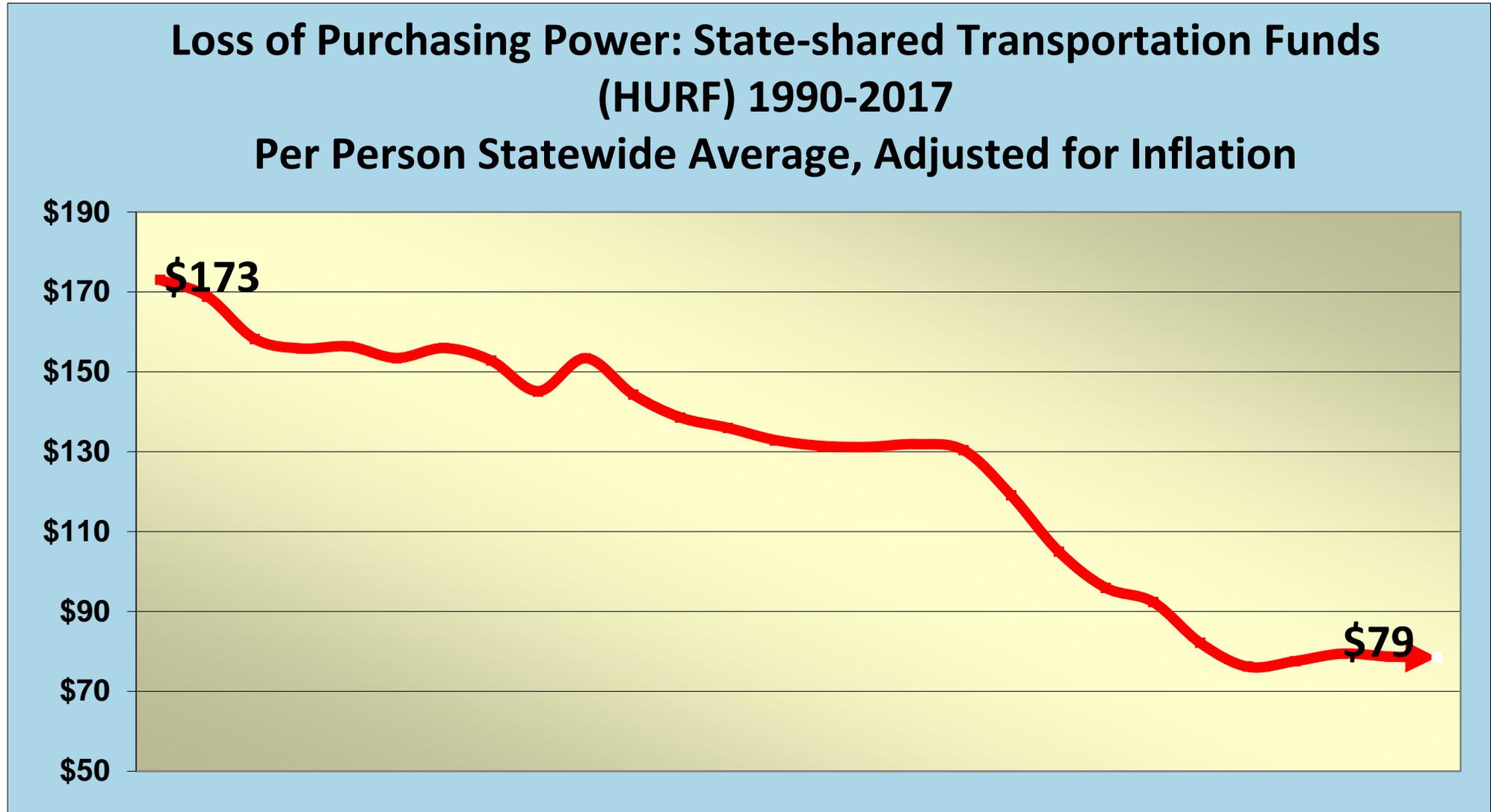
- Poor road conditions
- Property taxes that are higher than other Arizona counties

Poor road conditions

- Over 70 percent of Pima County and City of Tucson maintained road miles are poor or failing.
- Cost to bring all these roads up to at least a fair condition is over \$1 billion, today.
- **Without new sources of revenue, it will take over 35 years to fix the roads.**
- Estimated cost to each driver because of poor road conditions: \$542 a year*

*TRIPnet.org 2016

State gas tax is 18 cents and was last increased in 1990 – 28 years ago!



Property taxes

- Pima County's primary property tax is higher than other Arizona counties
- Last year Pima County raised primary property taxes even higher by adopting a special property tax just for local road repair.

Property tax reduction under 2 proposals

1. All sales tax revenue used for road repair for 10 years, eliminating new road repair property tax*

\$41 a year for average valued home of \$165,000

\$225 a year for commercial property valued \$500,000

2. Most sales tax revenue used for road repair for 10 years, eliminating new road repair property tax and reducing property tax even more**

\$90 a year for average valued home of \$165,000

\$490 a year for commercial property valued \$500,000.

*Based on Supervisor Christy's proposal

**Based on Supervisor Valadez's proposal and calculated as the average property tax savings over 11 years.

We want to hear from you

1. Should the Pima County Board of Supervisors adopt a half-cent general sales tax?

If yes:

2. Should the sales tax revenue be spent on road repair, property tax reduction or some combination of both?
3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

For more information or to submit comments electronically, visit www.pima.gov/salestax

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ATTACHMENT 3

Pima County Sales Tax Advisory Committee
Meeting

Friday, September 29, 2017
9:30 A.M.

Casas Church
10801 N. La Cholla Blvd.
Oro Valley, Arizona

SUMMARY OF MEETING

Committee Members Present

Wendell Long, Chair
Michael McDonald, Vice Chair
Sergio Arellano
Allan Cameron
Mark Clark
Larry Gibbons
Larry Hecker
Curt Lueck
Robert Medler
Dennis Minano
Karen Schutte
Anita Smith-Etheridge
Mark Van Buren*
Charles Wetegrove
*Alternative, not included in vote count

Committee Members Absent

Dan Eckstrom
Kelly Fryer
Bob Gugino
Rick Price

MOTIONS

MOTION: Curt Lueck moved, seconded by Robert Medler, to nominate Dennis Minano for Chair. Mr. Minano declined due to a lack of availability. A substitute motion was made. Sergio Arellano moved, seconded by Dennis Minano and Larry Hecker, to nominate Wendell Long as Chair. Motion approved 13-0.

MOTION: Dennis Minano moved, seconded by Larry Hecker, to nominate Michael McDonald as Vice-Chair. Motion approved 13-0.

MOTION: Sergio Arellano moved, seconded by Curt Lueck, to meet once per month until January, and then revisit or adjust meeting schedule. Motion approved 13-0.

MOTION: Sergio Arellano moved, seconded by Larry Gibbons, to adjourn the meeting at 11:11 a.m. Motion approved 13-0.

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Welcome

The meeting began at 9:33 a.m. with a quorum.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Introductions

Each of the committee members present introduced themselves. County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry introduced himself and County staff.

4. Responsibilities of the Committee

Note: This agenda item also included agenda items 6 and 7, regarding the current state of road conditions and funding options, as well as future meeting schedule and topics. Memorandums were provided to the committee ahead of time.

Mr. Huckelberry reiterated the three tasks required of the committee:

1. Should the Board of Supervisors adopt a half-cent general sales tax?
2. Should the sales tax be used for road repair, property tax reduction, or some combination of both?
3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

Mr. Huckelberry emphasized that the only two funding sources the Board has the authority to approve for road repair, are the 25 cent property tax (approved by the Board for this current fiscal year) and a half-cent sales tax. Other topics addressed by Mr. Huckelberry included the inadequacy and inequity of state-shared Highway User Revenue Funds that currently fund the majority of Pima County's Department of Transportation activities; the \$1 billion backlog in road repair needs between the City of Tucson and Pima County and the inadequacy of current revenues to address even a small portion of this need (i.e. it would take approximately 35 years for Pima County to address its \$300 million road repair backlog if the only funding available is the 25 cent property tax); the State's backlog for highway repair is estimated to be \$128 million (news article to be sent to committee); the 1% State constitutional cap on property taxes (1% of assessed value), and how Pima County's high primary property tax rate combined with Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) high property tax rate, result in the State having to subsidize homeowners in TUSD; a half cent sales tax dedicated all to road repair for 10 years would fully address Pima County's road repair needs, as well as 70% of the City of Tucson's road repair needs; the possibility of a 20 year half-cent sales tax whereby the first 10 years is allocated to road repair and the second 10 years is allocated to property tax reduction; the need for the Board to have the committee's recommendation concerning the sales tax by March/April 2018 so that the Board can consider it as part of their budget deliberations for Fiscal Year 2018/19; whether the committee should consider delaying their next meeting as Supervisor Christy is apparently proposing a plan with regard to funding road repair; and the option for the committee to create subcommittees to hold public hearings in each district.

Questions/comments from committee members:

Wendell Long asked, with regard to the State subsidy to homeowners within certain high property tax areas, why we should be concerned about eliminating a state issue? Mr. Huckelberry responded that otherwise the State will continue to try to find ways to pass the cost back to Pima County and will eventually be successful.

Larry Gibbons remarked that the meeting materials included a cost estimate of \$90 a year to households if the half-cent sales tax was adopted, but asked what the cost to drivers is from not repairing roads? Mr. Huckelberry responded that the Texas Transportation Institute calculated that the cost to drivers in Pima County for repairs associated with potholes and poor pavements conditions, etc., is roughly \$800 a year.

Dennis Minano commented that it appears there is universal consensus about the poor conditions of our roadways. Mr. Huckelberry responded by stating that at the last Transportation Advisory Committee meeting, comments were made as to why the committee was bothering with funding that only addresses 3% of the road repair problem when they should be asking the Board to come up with a real solution. Mr. Huckelberry also noted that the State gas tax has been flat since 1990, but if it had of been indexed to inflation just as social security benefits are, that the gas tax would 68% higher today (30 cents vs 18 cents per gallon) and would have generated an addition \$200 million or so for Pima County.

Wendell Long asked if there was a difference between the new 25 cent transportation property tax recently adopted by the Board, versus funding transportation expenses from the County's existing primary property tax. Mr. Huckelberry responded that since state statutes allow for adoption of a separate property tax at a maximum of 25 cents per \$100 of assessed value for transportation, that it could be argued that counties should not be permitted to levy any type of property tax in excess of 25 cents for transportation expenditures. Furthermore, it would be inequitable to raise the County's primary property tax if the resulting revenues were not spent county-wide.

Larry Hecker noted that a 5-0 vote of the Board is necessary to adopt the half cent sales tax, and asked if the issue is therefore dead on arrival? Mr. Huckelberry responded that past Board votes regarding the sales tax have been 4-1 in support, but that the circumstances today are different and therefore there may be a chance for unanimous support. Mr. Huckelberry encouraged the committee to consider delaying future meetings until January when there may be more information concerning state legislation and other things that could impact the issue.

5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

After discussion, the following motions were made:

MOTION: Curt Lueck moved, seconded by Robert Medler, to nominate Dennis Minano for Chair. Mr. Minano declined due to a lack of availability. A substitute motion was made. Sergio Arellano moved, seconded by Dennis Minano and Larry Hecker, to nominate Wendell Long as Chair. Motion approved 13-0.

MOTION: Dennis Minano moved, seconded by Larry Hecker, to nominate Michael McDonald as Vice-Chair. Motion approved 13-0.

6. Transportation Advisory Committee Update

Note: 5 members of Pima County's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) serve on the Sales Tax Advisory Committee. Sergio Arellano reported that TAC approved a motion to accept Pima County staff's recommendation to focus first on Paser 5 roads (a road condition signifying that the road is in danger of becoming a failed road) in unincorporated Pima County, but allow the opportunity for each Board District to tweak staff's recommendations if that Board District sees the need. In addition, TAC has approved recommendations from the other cities and towns. Curt Lueck reported the frustration shown at the last meeting regarding the small amount of revenues generated by the new 25 cent property tax in comparison to the much larger need, to the point that there was a call to disband the committee. However, TAC's role is much larger than just recommending how to spend the road repair funding, so they will continue as a committee. As for the shortfall in funding for road repair, that is where the Sales Tax Advisory Committee could come in.

7. Future Meeting Schedule and Topics

Mr. Huckelberry suggested waiting until January for the next meeting. Chairman Long requested a timeline from Mr. Huckelberry, along with when key data or information will be available. Robert Medler suggested the committee not waist time and perhaps hold informational meetings to hear from the public this fall. Chairman Long asked if there were organized groups against the sales tax proposal that the committee should hear from. Mr. Huckelberry replied, not really, but that there may be a group organized against one of the sales tax issues on the City of Tucson's ballot this November. Chairman Long requested that the committee be kept apprised of any groups or concerns from those not supportive of a sales tax so that the committee can consider other perspectives. Mr. Huckelberry said staff would provide the committee with a copy of a newsletter from Arizona Taxpayers Research Association (ATRA) that includes a front page article criticizing Pima County for raising its property tax rate for road repair. Mr. Huckelberry said ATRA would likely be in support of a sales tax if it reduced the County's property tax rate.

MOTION: Sergio Arellano moved, seconded by Curt Lueck, to meet once per month until January, and then revisit or adjust meeting schedule then. Motion approved 13-0.

It was decided that the next meeting would be held on Friday, October 27 at 9:30 a.m. at a location to be determined. The meeting will focus on organizational issues, developing a meeting schedule, etc.

8. Open Meeting Law Training

Deputy County Attorney Tobin Rosen provided an overview of Arizona's Open Meeting Law and how it applied to this committee and any possible subcommittees. A guidance document was also included in the committee's meeting materials. Committee members asked clarifying questions after the presentation. Note that this committee

includes a membership of 18 and therefore a quorum of members for this committee is 10.

9. Call to the Audience

Note: Speaker card is attached to these meeting minutes.

Steve Huffman, Tucson Association of Realtors: Mr. Huffman spoke in support of a sales tax. He noted that Pima county is the only county in Arizona without a sales tax, and that Pima County's exclusive reliance on property taxes also impacts low income residents because low income renters (as opposed to homeowners) do not receive the \$600 State subsidy for owner-occupied residences where as the sales tax is estimated to cost a household \$90 a year. He also stated that it will be a heavy lift if we have to go to the State legislature for legislative assistance. If the Board will not adopt a sales tax by unanimous vote and legislation is approved to allow the Board to adopt it by a simple majority vote, that legislation will come with conditions that may not be favorable.

10. Meeting Adjourned

MOTION: Sergio Arellano moved, seconded by Larry Gibbons, to adjourn the meeting at 11:11 a.m. Motion approved 13-0.

SPEAKER CARD

If you would like to address the Committee on any agenda item, please fill out the following and give to the Chairman.

I do wish to speak

I do not wish to speak but submit the following comments:

(Circle One) **OPPOSED**/SUPPORT/UNDECIDED

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 10

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

CALL TO AUDIENCE

(Please Print)

NAME

STEVE HUFFMAN

ADDRESS

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ZIP

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RD

TELEPHONE NUMBER

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COMMENTS

**Pima County Sales Tax Advisory Committee
Meeting**

**Friday, October 27, 2017
9:30 A.M.**

**Abrams Public Health Center
3950 S. Country Club Road
Tucson, Arizona**

SUMMARY OF MEETING

Committee Members Present

Wendell Long, Chair
Michael McDonald, Vice Chair
Sergio Arellano
Allan Cameron
Mark Clark
Dan Eckstrom (left at 11:15 a.m.)
Kelly Fryer
Larry Gibbons
Bob Gugino (left at 11:30 a.m.)
Larry Hecker (left at 11:38 a.m.)
Curt Lueck
Robert Medler
Dennis Minano
Charles Wetegrove

Committee Members Absent

Rick Price
Anita Smith-Etheridge

MOTIONS

MOTION: Dan Eckstrom moved, seconded by Sergio Arellano, to adopt Phase 1 as presented. Motion approved 13-0.

MOTION: Dan Eckstrom moved, seconded by Bob Gugino, in favor of Phase 1 and 2 as discussed. Motion approved 13-0.

MOTION: Robert Medler moved, seconded by Dennis Minano, to approve the September 29, 2017 meeting summary as amended. Motion approved 13-0.

MOTION: Sergio Arellano moved, seconded by Curt Lueck for purposes of discussion, to place Supervisor Christy's road repair program on Committee's next agenda for action, as well as proposed modifications in response to questions. Robert Medler moved a substitute motion, accepted by Sergio Arellano and Curt Lueck, to include on the agenda Supervisor Christy's proposal for the next meeting for discussion purposes only, and invite to the next meeting RTA representatives, as well transportation representatives from each of the local jurisdictions. Motion approved 10-0.

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Welcome

The meeting began at 9:34 a.m. with a quorum.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Introductions and Opening Comments

Chairman Wendell Long and Vice Chair Michael McDonald made opening comments. Chairman Long made an open invite to elected officials to attend and speak to Committee. Charles Wetegrove, representing the Southern Arizona Lodging and Resort Association (SALARA) reported that SALARA's Board of Directors met recently and unanimously voted to try to get Pima County Supervisor Ally Miller to attend one of these meetings since approval of a sales tax requires a unanimous vote of the Board and appears from materials sent to the Committee that Supervisor Miller is not willing to consider a sales tax. There was discussion as to whether a motion was needed to invite Supervisor Miller to the meeting. Nicole Fyffe stated that staff could extend an invite on behalf of the Committee. Robert Medler stated that there should be an expectation that each Supervisor attend meetings in their district. Each of the Committee members introduced themselves.

Chairman Long reiterated the responsibility of the Committee to make recommendations specific to the following questions:

1. Should the Board of Supervisors adopt a half-cent general sales tax?
2. Should the sales tax be used for road repair, property tax reduction, or some combination of both?
3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

4. Call to the Audience

No one spoke at this time. A member of the audience did later submit a speaker card, asking not to speak, but requesting that public meetings be held at a time that more working people can attend – suggesting noon, 4 p.m. or 5 p.m. Her speaker card is attached to this meeting summary.

5. Committee Meetings and Organization

Dennis Minano presented a possible path forward regarding committee meetings and public input. As proposed, Phase 1 would be focused on education, information and listening, and would include three meetings/listening sessions in November, December and January to hear from the public and interested organizations. Phase 2 would be focused on the Committee's deliberations on its three specific tasks in order to make a recommendation to the Board in March.

MOTION: Dan Eckstrom moved, seconded by Sergio Arellano, to adopt Phase 1 as presented. Motion approved 13-0.

Mr. Minano suggested that notices for the listening sessions include the three questions the Committee must address so that speakers can be prepared to address those questions. Vice-Chair McDonald suggested meeting at community centers like El Pueblo, in order to get input from the general public that is not associated with interested organizations.

Robert Medler suggested a subcommittee to work with staff to identify meeting locations, a list of organizations to invite, etc. Charles Wetegrove and Kelly Fryer volunteered to assist Mr. Medler with this.

Ms. Fryer spoke in support of meeting in the evening or on the weekend to allow for other members of the public to attend, would like to discuss a communications strategy, and asked how the Committee would receive input from people that cannot attend the meetings. Nicole Fyffe responded that a member of the audience had just submitted a speaker card asking the committee to meeting at times that working people can attend, and that staff has been receiving comments via a dedicated feedback form on the sales tax website, which are then provided to the Committee. Ms. Fyffe also stated that if it is just three people interested in meeting to develop a list of meeting locations, etc., then those discussions can occur with staff without setting up a formal subcommittee and holding a public meeting.

Curt Lueck offered to work with staff to develop a fact sheet that could be provided to the public in advance of them providing comments.

Bob Gugino asked on which transactions a County sales tax would apply. Nicole Fyffe and Craig Horn (Pima County Finance Department) replied that a County general sales tax would exclude the same items excluded by the State sales tax: unprepared food, prescription medication, residential rentals over 30 days and commercial leases. The RTA sales tax is almost identical, but does apply to commercial leases, and therefore the RTA revenues from a half-cent sales tax are slightly higher than projected County half-cent sales tax revenues.

There was a lot of discussion about whether to hold just three meetings over the next three months, or whether to also hold additional meetings (some referred to these additional meetings as satellite meetings in more remote rural locations, or listening sessions); and whether this process was worthwhile if at least one County Supervisor has stated her opposition to a sales tax; and the timing of this public process in relation to Supervisor Christy's proposal.

Chairman Long asked for a show of hands for how many Committee members were in favor of three meetings only during phase 1 or three meetings plus additional satellite meetings. Committee members voted 8 to 2, with at least 1 abstention, to support three meetings plus additional satellite meetings.

MOTION: Dan Eckstrom moved, seconded by Bob Gugino, in favor of Phase 1 and 2 as discussed. Motion approved 13-0.

It was clarified that the Committee did not see a need for subcommittees at this time. Time limits for speakers at meetings would be up to the discretion of the Chairman.

MOTION: Robert Medler moved, seconded by Dennis Minano, to approve the September 29, 2017 meeting summary as amended. Motion approved 13-0.

6. Pima County Supervisor Steve Christy's "Just Fix the Roads Program" Presentation

Supervisor Christy presented his proposal to repeal the road property tax, adopt a half-cent sales tax for 10 years, and transfer the revenues to the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to administer a road repair program county-wide. Chairman Long and Committee members Mr. Minano, Mr. Arellano, Mr. Medler, Ms. Fryer, Mr. Gugino and Mr. Hecker thanked Supervisor Christy for his proposal and asked questions. In response to questions, Supervisor Christy stated that the sales tax could be extended beyond 10 years if the Board and the RTA agreed; funding road repair out of the County's general fund could negatively impact County services; it is unlikely the State Legislature would increase the gas tax or redistribute HURF revenues; the RTA would be the best administrator as they are like "Switzerland" and have shown no evidence of succumbing to undo influence by one jurisdiction over another; RTA has a citizens oversight committee and recently had a glowing review as a result of a State audit; even though fixing roads may be a local issue, the RTA has proven itself; allocating 1% of the sales tax revenues to RTA would not be a waste as other jurisdictions would be hard pressed to administer such a program for such little of a cost; RTA leadership is in favor of this; the poor condition of our roadways is the number one issue facing the County; companies look at two key issues when considering relocating to Tucson (road conditions and education); poverty related issues cannot be addressed without a sound road system; support for prioritizing contract awards to minority and women-owned contractors to fix the roads; RTA will not bypass low income neighborhoods when implementing a road repair program; and supports allocating a portion of the sales tax revenues for transit.

MOTION: Sergio Arellano moved, seconded by Curt Lueck for purposes of discussion, to place Supervisor Christy's road repair program on Committee's next agenda for action, as well as proposed modifications in response to questions.

Mr. Minano, Mr. Medler, Mr. Wetegrove, Mr. Lueck, and Mr. McDonald all expressed concerns that acting on Supervisor Christy's proposal next month would mean skipping the public input process that was just agreed to by the Committee, and was unnecessary since the existing road property tax can't be repealed until July 1, 2018. Mr. Medler also said he was concerned to hear that Supervisor Christy may now be advocating for use of the sales tax revenue for transit and landscape of medians. Mr. Lueck emphasized that the first task of the Committee is to determine whether or not to even recommend a sales tax and that the Committee needs to answer that question first.

Supervisor Christy responded that he was flexible as to when he would take the plan to the Board of Supervisors for a vote (could be as late as April) and would certainly want this Committee's input before asking the Board to vote on it. Mr. Arellano explained that his motion was to keep Supervisor Christy's proposal on the front burner.

MOTION: Rob Medler moved a substitute motion, accepted by Sergio Arellano and Curt Lueck, to include on the agenda Supervisor Christy's proposal for the next meeting for discussion purposes only, and invite to the next meeting RTA representatives, as well

transportation representatives from each of the local jurisdictions. Motion approved 10-0.

7. Call to the Audience

No one spoke at this time.

8. Adjournment

Due to the meeting running long, the rest of the agenda was tabled for the next meeting.

Robert Medler moved, seconded by Mark Clark, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

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SPEAKER CARD

If you would like to address the Committee on any agenda item, please fill out the following and give to the Chairman.

- I do wish to speak on this item
- I do not wish to speak but submit the following comments:

(Circle One) **OPPOSED/SUPPORT/UNDECIDED**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 4

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Organizing + mtgs

(Please Print)

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CITY Tucson STATE _____ ZIP 85749

TELEPHONE NUMBER 520-971-0708

COMMENTS Public meetings should be held at a time that more working people can attend - Noon?

4:00/5:00 pm?

Pima County Sales Tax Advisory Committee
Meeting

Monday November 13, 2017
4 P.M.

Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center
1660 West Ruthrauff Road
Tucson, Arizona

SUMMARY OF MEETING

Committee Members Present

Wendell Long, Chair
Michael McDonald, Vice Chair
Allan Cameron
Mark Clark
Dan Eckstrom
Larry Gibbons
Bob Gugino
Curt Lueck
Robert Medler
Dennis Minano
Rick Price
Anita Smith-Etheridge
Charles Wetegrove

Committee Members Absent

Sergio Arellano
Kelly Fryer
Larry Hecker

MOTIONS

MOTION: Vice-Chair Michael McDonald moved, seconded by Curt Lueck, to approve the October 27, 2017 meeting summary. Motion approved 13-0.

MOTION: Dan Eckstrom moved, seconded by Bob Gugino, to acknowledge the assumptions and proceed with the meeting. Motion approved 13-0.

MOTION: Robert Medler moved, seconded by Bob Gugino, to approve the proposed Committee meeting and public hearing schedule through January, 2018. Motion approved 13-0.

MOTION: Robert Medler moved, seconded by Curt Lueck, to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved 13-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Welcome

The meeting began at 4:02 p.m. with a quorum.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Audience

No one spoke at this time.

4. Approval of October 27, 2017 meeting summary

MOTION: Vice-Chair Michael McDonald moved, seconded by Curt Lueck, to approve the October 27, 2017 meeting summary. Motion approved 13-0.

5. Forming and Confirming Assumptions

Chairman Wendell Long provided the Committee with a list of statements and asked committee members what they thought of them. Dennis Minano responded by stating that he thought the committee was beginning to consider such issues, which may eventually evolve into consensus points but that there probably wasn't absolute agreement with the statements at this point. For example, none of the Committee members verbally disagreed with the statement that the majority of roads in Pima County were in poor shape. But there was a difference in opinion as to whether the poor road conditions were a priority or the number one priority. Chairman Long asked that members continue to share thoughts about these issues.

MOTION: Dan Eckstrom moved, seconded by Bob Gugino, to acknowledge the assumptions and proceed with the meeting. Motion approved 13-0.

6. Future meeting and public hearing schedule and agenda items

The Committee was provided with a proposed meeting and public hearing schedule through January 2018.

MOTION: Robert Medler moved, seconded by Bob Gugino, to approve the proposed Committee meeting and public hearing schedule through January, 2018. Motion approved 13-0.

7. Transportation Advisory Committee

Curt Lueck, representative for the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), explained why TAC sent the October 30 letter to the Board of Supervisors, including frustration with the inadequacy of the funding available (\$20 million a year from the new road property tax) in comparison to the need (over \$1 billion to improve the region's roads to at least a fair condition.) In addition Mr. Lueck stated that TAC is currently in the process of working with the Pima County Department of Transportation (DOT) and the cities and towns, to identify roads that will be recommended to the Board of Supervisors to be treated with the new road property tax revenues. Comments from the public to TAC include requests to fix the roads in general, and in particular, to fix roads in their subdivisions.

Dennis Minano thanked TAC members for their hard work and added that the letter showed TAC had arrived at the conclusion that fixing the roads is an urgent matter, which is something that this Committee should consider as it moves towards making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Chairman Long asked specifically if it was the amount of funding currently available that TAC was particularly concerned with. Mr. Lueck responded, yes.

8. October 18, 2017 Memorandum re: Alternative scenarios for half-cent sales tax for road repair and property tax reduction over 16 years

County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry presented a series of graphs summarizing the October 18 memo to the Committee and one particular scenario that showed how a half-cent sales tax could be used to address both road repair needs and reduce property taxes. Mr. Huckelberry also addressed an October 30 memo to the Board of Supervisors forwarding the road repair/property tax reduction scenarios, which included a proposal to pursue legislation to amend the state statute authorizing county general sales taxes, to allow for adoption of a county general sales tax by a majority vote of the Board. Currently the statute requires a unanimous vote of the Board, which means that all Board members must be present and must vote in the affirmative. Mr. Huckelberry stated that other organizations in Arizona may support such legislation, especially if it limited eligible uses for the sales tax revenue and limited the timeframe for collection. The Arizona Tax Payers Association (ATRA), which is a very influential lobbying organization at the state level, has expressed concern over Pima County's property tax rate and the resulting State subsidy. The total tax rate exceeds the 1% constitutional limit within the TUSD tax area resulting in other taxpayers across the State subsidizing TUSD homeowners to reduce those homeowners tax bills so that they do not exceed 1% of their taxable value. ATRA's September newsletter included an article on this issues and pointed out that the County's new road property tax was not being paid by those homeowners in TUSD, but instead was being paid by taxpayers throughout the State.

The charts showed that all scenarios assumed over 16 years \$812 million would be allocated to road repair and \$760 million would be allocated to reducing property taxes. Scenario 1 in particular would result in an estimated property tax savings of \$12,000 over 16 years for a commercial property valued at \$500,000; \$500 over 16 years for a residential property inside TUSD; and \$2,000 over 16 years for a residential property outside of TUSD. This in comparison to an estimated cost of \$91 a year for the average household in additional sales tax payments.

Mr. Huckelberry stated that he is in favor of the Board acting unanimously to approve a temporary sales tax all for road repair. However, if a unanimous vote is not possible, he feels there may be support at the State legislature to reduce the approval threshold to a simple majority vote if the funding was limited to specific types of expenses. The County's legislative agenda will likely be sent to the Board of Supervisors for approval at their second meeting in December, so there is time for TAC and this Committee to weigh in on the issue.

Curt Lueck asked what it would take to undo or repeal a sales tax. Mr. Huckelberry replied that he was unsure as it likely has not occurred before, but possibly could require a unanimous vote to repeal.

Bob Gugino asked where Pima County would fall in relation to other Arizona counties' tax rates if we were able to reduce the tax rate as shown in the graphs. Mr. Huckelberry replied that Pima County would likely fall below the top 1/3 of counties.

Vice-Chair McDonald asked if the County's repaid repayment of debt provides any opportunities. Mr. Huckelberry replied, yes, and that he has asked budget staff to provide planning options with regard to the tax rate capacity that will become available as the debt is repaid.

Dennis Minano stated that the take away message for him was that under this scenario we can immediately begin to address the roads, while at the same time strategically addressing the high property tax issue. In addition, he stated that lowering property taxes is a significant issue in attracting new employers to the region.

Robert Medler pointed out that property tax reduction does begin immediately under this scenario, because the 25 cent road property tax would be repealed in year 1.

Mark Clark stated his support for eliminating the 25 cent road property tax, but is concerned about using the sales tax to reduce property taxes even further because sales taxes are more regressive than property taxes. Mr. Clark explained that many of those who would have to pay additional sales taxes are renters and he is skeptical that landlords would react to reduced property taxes by reducing rent payments. Bob Gugino clarified that a county general sales tax would not apply to unprepared food, prescription medicine and rent. Mr. Huckelberry stated that sales taxes were much more regressive when they applied to food, medicine and rent. Chairman Long asked Mr. Clark if his comments meant that he was more supportive of a short term sales tax for roads with a clear expiration date, to which Mr. Clark responded, yes. Vice-Chair McDonald reminded the Committee that Committee members made suggestions at the last meeting with regard to how sales tax revenues could possibly be used to benefit low income residents (i.e. Larry Hecker's suggestion of funding transit and Kelly Fryers suggestion of procuring road repair contracts such that preferences are provided to women and minority-owned – no longer permitted by state law, but preferences for local small businesses is permitted). The Chair and Vice-Chair asked that this item be included on next meeting's agenda.

Chairman Long asked what the on-going annual road maintenance costs would be after the roads are brought up to a fair condition. Mr. Huckelberry replied \$20 million a year. The County is currently paying \$18 million a year in debt service payments for road capacity expansion projects approved by voters in 1997. These will be largely repaid in 10-15 years, freeing up this revenue to then be spent on regular road maintenance.

9. Pima County Supervisor Steve Christy's "Just Fix the Roads Program"

The Committee invited Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) representatives and cities and towns to attend this meeting and comment on Supervisor Christy's proposal. Jaime Brown and Paul Casertano attended to represent the RTA. Mr. Brown provided a presentation that showed the variety of funding mechanisms used by the RTA and PAG to fund transportation related improvements and services, as well as a white paper

written in 2016 about additional funding mechanisms for road repair, including a half-cent county sales tax.

Dennis Minano and Chairman Long asked several questions regarding the role of RTA in implementing program versus the roles of the County and cities and towns. Mr. Brown, Mr. Casertano, Mr. Huckelberry and Mr. Lueck provided the following responses:

Mr. Brown - The current RTA plan does not include road maintenance. Attorneys representing RTA and the County will provide a legal opinion shortly regarding whether RTA has the authority to implement a road repair program funded by the County. RTA's role is not to actually build roads. RTA currently distributes funding to others with expertise (cities, towns, county) who then contact for the road work. The role of the RTA in the region is to cooperate with the cities, towns and the County. The RTA is trusted in the region and recently had a positive audit from the State.

Mr. Casertano - The approach that Pima County DOT staff has taken in working with the cities and towns regarding the current road repair program is similar to the approach RTA would likely take.

Mr. Huckelberry - RTA's roll is in collection and distribution of funding. If the County was to approve a sales tax, it would be subject to a detailed implementation ordinance that would clearly state eligible expenses and allocation processes – regardless of whether the program is administered by the County or the RTA. It was purely a political decision to propose the RTA as the administrator in order to garner a unanimous vote of the Board. The County could administer the program, reducing the administrative costs that would otherwise have to be paid to the RTA. The County also received high marks from the State's Auditor General for the County's bond program. If involving the RTA helps garner a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors for a sales tax for road repair, then Mr. Huckelberry is in support of it. But if a unanimous vote can't be achieved and legislation is successful in allowing for approval of a sales tax with a majority vote, then Mr. Huckelberry favors the County administering the program to reduce adding an unnecessary layer of administrative costs.

Mr. Lueck - TAC will continue to advise the Board on transportation related issues and their role in prioritizing roads for road repair would have to be determined. RTA's expertise is in data collection, project prioritization, and inter-jurisdictional coordination.

Carmine DeBonis, Deputy County Administrator for Public Works, described two technically sound approaches that DOT staff worked through with TAC regarding prioritizing which roads to repair first in unincorporated Pima County: Worst first and pavement preservation to prevent roads rated in poor condition from falling into a failed condition. DOT staff recommended the pavement preservation approach and the TAC approved that approach for Year 1, with Year 2 to include a mix of poor and failed roads. At the November 28th TAC meeting, the Committee will consider minor changes proposed by members. Average Daily Trips (traffic volumes) were also factored into the prioritization.

Dennis Minano stated that regardless of who administers the program, it is essential that there is a clear line of site from collection of the funding to expending the funding.

Bob Gugino asked if Supervisor Christy's proposal would be on a Board agenda anytime soon. Beth Borozan, Supervisor Christy's Chief of Staff, responded that the proposal was on the Board's last agenda as a basis for requesting the legal opinion.

10. Call to the Audience

No one spoke at this time.

Mr. Eckstrom requested that the motion regarding forming and confirming assumptions approved earlier in the meeting, be placed on the next meeting agenda for reconsideration.

11. Adjournment

MOTION: Robert Medler moved, seconded by Curt Lueck, to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved 13-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

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Pima County Sales Tax Advisory Committee
Meeting

Tuesday January 9, 2018
4 P.M.

El Pueblo Activity Center
101 W. Irvington Road
Tucson, Arizona

SUMMARY OF MEETING

Committee Members Present

Wendell Long, Chair
Vice Chair McDonald, Vice Chair
Allan Cameron
Dan Eckstrom
Bob Gugino
Larry Hecker
Curt Lueck
Robert Medler
Dennis Minano
Rick Price
Anita Smith-Etheridge
Mark Van Buren

Committee Members Absent

Mark Clark
Kelly Fryer
Larry Gibbons
Mark Miller

MOTIONS

MOTION: Dennis Minano moved, seconded by Robert Medler, to approve the November 13, 2017 meeting summary. Motion approved 12-0.

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Welcome

The meeting began at 4:10 p.m. with a quorum.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Audience

David Lutz spoke about the subsidizing of growth in Marana after the pygmy owl was delisted as an endangered species, Twin Peaks and I-10 expansion projects, and the County spending frivolously on soccer stadiums instead of roads and raises for Sheriff deputies.

4. Presentation by Pima County Supervisor Ramon Valadez, District 2

Supervisor Valadez made a presentation regarding a proposed plan and ordinance that he requested be developed by staff detailing uses of a proposed county sales tax. The presentation is posted at www.pima.gov/salestax under the "Resources" tab, Sales Tax Advisory Committee Meeting Materials, January 9, 2018 meeting.

Larry Hecker asked if the sales tax would be assessed on food and prescription medicine, and the response was no.

Dennis Minano asked if the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is willing to administer the program. Supervisor Valadez responded that he sits on the RTA Board and the legal opinion from the RTA attorneys on what the RTA can administer has not yet been released, but that the RTA appears willing if permitted by law.

Chairman Long asked the Supervisor's opinion with regard to which entity should administer the program. Supervisor Valadez responded that he is open to either County or the RTA administering the program, under the parameters permitted by law, so long as people understand that if the RTA administers the program there will be a one percent cost associated with that. Both the County and RTA have received positive audits from the Arizona Auditor General's office (AG), which is a branch of the State Legislature, with the AG audit of the County's bond program stating that the County's bond process should be a model for other local governments.

Chairman Long asked if the Supervisor felt it was possible to mitigate the cost of the sales tax on low-income households. Supervisor Valadez explained the Arizona income tax credit for increased sales taxes, but pointed out that only households with incomes less than \$25,000 were eligible (\$12,000 for single filers), which leaves out low-income households who earn above that amount.

Dennis Minano confirmed that the Supervisor's intent was to ask the Board to approve an implementation plan ordinance first before considering the vote on the sales tax. Mr. Minano also asked whether the Supervisor's proposal would provide the public with a clear contact for road issues. Supervisor Valadez responded that each city and town would be responsible for implementing their own road repair program under IGAs with the County, and the County would administer its own program. Mr. Minano also asked if the County's Transportation Advisory Committee would have a role. Supervisor Valadez responded, yes, that there would definitely be citizen's oversight as the County always provides for such.

Chairman Long asked the Supervisor if there was an alternative in Phoenix. Supervisor Valadez responded that help was not coming from the State legislature or the Federal government. Chairman Long also asked if there was an opportunity to raise the State gas tax. Supervisor Valadez responded that the County has repeatedly made that proposal to the State legislature, with no response. Chairman Long asked about one of the other Supervisors who has stated that there is money in the budget already that could be allocated to roads. Supervisor Valadez responded that the majority of the funds identified by that Supervisor are dedicated for other purposes and legally cannot be spent on roads. A couple of times in the past the County allocated about \$5 million in general funds to road repair, but that was unfair as all county taxpayers fund the general fund, but only those in unincorporated Pima County saw their roads repaired with the general

fund monies. Over 85 percent of Supervisor Valadez's district is in the City of Tucson or Town of Sahuarita and saw no benefit, but paid the taxes. Chairman Long also asked if the Supervisor has the support of the Board for his proposal. Supervisor Valadez responded that he doesn't know as polling the Board would be illegal.

Mark Van Buren asked what percent of sales tax revenue collected by other Arizona counties goes to roads. County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry responded that many Arizona counties have more than one type of sales tax, some collect a sales tax specifically for roads, and others allocate a portion of the general sales tax to roads. Some levy sales taxes for jails or healthcare. Staff will find out how much other Arizona counties allocate from a sales tax to roads.

Rick Price stated that he likes that up to 17 percent of the sales tax revenue would be paid by visitors. Mark Van Buren noted that tourists do pay a sizable hotel-motel tax.

Chairman Long asked Supervisor Valadez to explain the types of transportation improvements that would be funded. Supervisor Valadez stated that the funding is proposed for repairing and maintaining local roads, and arterial and collector roads, not state highways and not for the expansion of roads. Chairman Long also asked why the Supervisor's proposal was to include property tax reduction when the Committee has not heard many requests for property tax reduction. Supervisor Valadez responded that the reliance on one tax, a property tax, is not as stable as relying on two taxes. Both have different up and down cycles. In addition, Pima County has the highest property tax rate of Arizona counties because Pima County does not have a sales tax, and Pima County and the State were previously involved in a law suit over the high property tax rate and its impact on State aid within the Tucson Unified School District. Chairman Long also stated that he's concerned with the impact of the tax on low-income residents while property tax payers like him would be benefiting. Supervisor Valadez responded that low income households often have greater needs during recessions, and that having both a sales tax and a property tax would provide more stability and resources for the County to consistently serve those low income residents. Chairman Long asked how Supervisor Christy's plan differed from Supervisor Valadez's plan. Supervisor Valadez responded that his plan expands upon Supervisor Christy's by providing details that were previously unavailable for the County's responsibilities that cannot be delegated to RTA (how the tax would be collected, deposited into segregated funds and distributed to cities and towns; and identifying which roads in unincorporated Pima County will be treated and when). It also includes property tax relief.

Denis Minano stated that the high property tax is definitely an issue in attracting new businesses.

Curt Lueck asked how much of the County sales tax would stay locally versus revenues from an increase in the state or federal gas tax? Supervisor Valadez responded that all of the County sales tax would be spent locally and perhaps less than half of the state and federal gas tax comes back to this region.

Mr. Huckelberry stated that it is important to remember that low income residents also pay property taxes regardless if they are renters or home-owners.

5. Update from the December 7 and 14th public hearings, feedback forms, and public comments at Board of Supervisor meetings

Summaries of the public hearings and a log of the feedback forms were provided to committee members prior to the meeting. Nicole Fyffe, Assistant to the County Administrator, summarized these and stated that meeting minutes for Board of Supervisor meetings would also be provided as members of the public often comment on issues related to this Committee during Call to the Audience.

6. Approval of November 13, 2017 meeting summary

MOTION: Dennis Minano moved, seconded by Robert Medler, to approve the November 13, 2017 meeting summary. Motion approved 12-0.

7. Forming and Confirming Assumptions

This item was continued from the last meeting to provide an opportunity to revisit the vote taken at that time. No additional action was taken at this meeting.

Dennis Minano presented the main points or "Sign Posts" that he'd provided for the Committee's ongoing consideration. The Sign Posts include issues that the Committee is learning about and hearing from the public and other presenters, and provides a way of keeping track of and summarizing those issues.

8. Impact of sales tax on low income residents

Nicole Fyffe summarized the memo provided to the Committee on this subject on December 8, 2017, including Table 1 of the memo that included estimates for the cost of the half cent tax by income level – ranging from \$36 a year on the lower income end to over \$200 a year on the higher income end.

Vice Chair McDonald stated that he'd provided an addendum to the memo documenting the 155,000 individuals that accessed hunger relief services in one recent year. He explained that many of these low-income individuals make tradeoffs, which may result in paying things like utility bills, and leaving them in need of food assistance. Of these individuals, about half of them need one to three months of food assistance (3-5 days a month), and about half need rent or utility assistance. Vice Chair McDonald stated that the income tax credit assistance was a good idea, but that it will take a lot of work to get those that don't currently file taxes to do so and to take the tax credit. He added that of the 155,000 food insecure individuals cited in the addendum, only about one-third are being served by the United Way's income tax filling assistance program.

Curt Lueck pointed out that one of the public comments received suggested that road repairs be prioritized for low income areas first, which was an intriguing concept.

Larry Hecker stated that one way to address the County's high poverty rate is through increasing job opportunities, and that transportation improvements are high on the list for businesses considering relocating here or expanding.

Mr. Huckelberry stated that Supervisor Valadez has suggested that the County commit to not diminish or reduce funding for low income programs, that staff will continue to work on this issue to provide the Committee with something to include in its recommendations, and that those policies or programs could then be included in the ordinance and institutionalized.

Vice Chair McDonald praised the County's Ending Poverty Now Initiative and acknowledged that handouts are not going to solve the poverty issues. Vice Chair McDonald stated that job creation and the ability for low income individuals to have a voice in community and politics, are essential to reducing the poverty rate. Vice Chair McDonald also stated that Committee member Mark Clark was unable to attend the meeting, but has expressed concerns about the impact of this tax, as has Kelly Fryer, who is not at the meeting and recently announced she's running for Governor. Vice Chair McDonald also stated that it may be that he and other members representing these low-income service organizations cannot sign on to what the majority of this committee recommends. However, he hopes that this does not become a time where poor members of this community are blamed for holding back the community from addressing other community needs.

Chairman Long asked how we get low-income residents to participate in this process. Vice Chair McDonald stated that he's trying but there are many barriers within their daily lives that result in their lack of participation.

Robert Medler estimated the amount a low income household would save in car maintenance costs, if the roads were improved, in comparison to what it is estimated they would pay in extra sales tax, and found that by year three there should be a net benefit. Mr. Medler stated that the Tucson Metro Chamber has identified fixing the roads as the number one priority for local governments because good roads attract businesses and reduce transportation costs for existing businesses, resulting in job growth.

Mark Van Buren asked what the plan will be to maintain the roads after they are fixed. Mr. Huckelberry responded that Supervisor Valadez's 10 year plan for the unincorporated area includes regular maintenance so that the roads never get this bad again. Because it includes both fixing the roads and maintaining them, the cost for the 10 year plan is bigger than the initial \$330 million estimate we first talked about.

Chairman Long asked if the figures in Supervisor Valadez's proposal will be controversial. Mr. Huckelberry responded that funding for the plan includes revenue forecasts and as with any forecasts they involve assumptions, such as no recession during the 10 year period.

9. Update from Transportation Advisory Committee

Carmine DeBonis, Deputy County Administrator for Public Works, reported that the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) met last in November and would meet again in late January. The TAC transmitted its 2 year plan to the Board identifying roads to be treated with the 25 cent property tax revenue. The plan for unincorporated Pima County prioritized roads in poor condition with the goal of preventing those poor roads from falling into a failing condition. The Board did make some modifications. The Department

of Transportation is currently putting bid packages together for the Year 1 roads, with treatments to occur this spring. Year 2 will be bid in the summer with treatments to occur in the fall, pending budget approval, which will include discussion of replacing the property tax with a sales tax. TAC is a long term advisory committee to the Board.

Chairman Long asked if Supervisor Valadez's plan would also do away with the 25 cent property tax. Supervisor Valadez responded, yes.

10. Next meeting and agenda items

The Committee will meet next on February 12, followed by February 28 and March 13 (final meeting). Each meeting will be held between 4-6pm at locations to be determined.

11. Call to the Audience

No one spoke at this time. One comment card was submitted and is attached to this meeting summary.

12. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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STAC meeting
11/9/18

Pima County Sales Tax Advisory Committee
We Want to Hear from YOU!

1. **Should the Pima County Board of Supervisors adopt a half-cent general sales tax?**

YES / NO / NOT SURE (circle one)

Comment: TYPICAL POLITICIAN - NO NEW TAXES!

2. **Should the sales tax revenue be spent on road repair, property tax reduction or some combination of both?**

Road Repair ONLY / Property Tax Reduction ONLY / Combination of Both (circle one)

Comment: NO NEW TAXES!

3. **Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?**

Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment: NO NEW TAXES!

For additional information or to provide comments electronically please visit www.pima.gov/salestax or County Administrator's Office at (520) 724-8661.

C. Williams

Pima County Sales Tax Advisory Committee
Meeting

Monday February 12, 2018
4 P.M.

Oro Valley Town Council Chambers
11000 N. La Canada Drive
Oro Valley, Arizona

SUMMARY OF MEETING

Committee Members Present

Wendell Long, Chair
Allan Cameron
Mark Clark
Larry Gibbons
Curt Lueck
Robert Medler
Mark Miller
Dennis Minano
Anita Smith-Etheridge
Charles Wetegrove

Committee Members Absent

Michael McDonald, Vice-Chair
Dan Eckstrom
Bob Gugino
Larry Hecker

MOTIONS

MOTION: Robert Medler moved, seconded by Curt Lueck, to approve the January 9, 2018 meeting summary. Motion approved 10-0.

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Welcome

The meeting began at 4:05 p.m. with a quorum. Chairman Long welcomed the newest member, Mark Miller, who represents the Pima County Small Business Commission.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Audience

None

4. Approval of January 9, 2018 meeting summary

MOTION: Robert Medler moved, seconded by Curt Lueck, to approve the January 9, 2018 meeting summary. Motion approved 10-0.

5. Draft report summarizing public input

Nicole Fyffe, Assistant to the County Administrator, presented the draft report summarizing the public input received so far, including from hearings, meetings, and on line forms. As there were no questions or concerns voiced about the report, it will continue to be updated until the Committee's last meeting for approval by the Committee.

6. Mike Varney, Outgoing President and CEO of the Tucson Metro Chamber of Commerce

Chairman Long introduced Mr. Varney and Mr. Varney introduced the newly appointed President and CEO, Amber Smith. Mr. Varney was asked to provide the business perspective regarding a potential sales tax for road repair and/or property tax reduction. Mr. Varney explained that the Chamber represents 1,500 business and 160,000 employees of those business, and that these businesses have repeatedly stated strong support for road repair through various surveys conducted between 2014 and 2017. He provided a report summarizing results from a survey of 570 companies in Tucson regarding the advantages and disadvantages of doing business in Tucson (BEAR, March 2014), which included a high degree of criticism concerning poor road conditions, and a copy of the latest Metro Chamber Magazine focused on infrastructure needs. He added that although there will always be concerned voters, the City of Tucson proved through their road bond program that they could deliver more than promised, and the County proved through the Arizona Auditor General's audit of their bond program that they are the gold standard for delivering bond projects as promised. Regarding the need for road repair verses property tax reduction, Mr. Varney responded that the demand for road repair far exceeds what he's heard about the needs for property tax reduction. Regarding how to prioritize capacity improvements over road repair, Mr. Varney responded that it is a balancing act but that he hears light years more concerns about road conditions versus traffic capacity. Mr. Varney did not have much to say about the regressive nature of sales taxes, except to say that the Chamber would undoubtedly come out in favor of a reasonable sales tax proposal for road repair.

Mr. Wetegrove, Ms. Smith-Etheridge, and Mr. Medler made comments with regard to the estimated cost of the sales tax in comparison to potential savings from reducing or eliminating the added costs associated with vehicle maintenance and repair due to poor road conditions. Mr. Clark noted that not all low-income households have access to cars. Mr. Minano added that the Committee discussed this issue at length at the last meeting, staff has suggested potential mitigation measures, and the issue should definitely be given consideration in the Committee's final report. Mr. Miller noted that the recently approved Federal tax bill eliminated many reimbursements for employee expenses, which likely included eliminating the benefit of providing transit subsidies to employees. Mr. Clark added that Pima Council on Aging spends considerable funding provided by the RTA to reimburse volunteers' mileage costs for driving those in need to appointments, etc. This program is offered throughout the metro area and within rural areas.

On a final note, Mr. Varney added that Las Vegas recently raised its gas tax and indexed it to inflation.

7. Steve Huffman, Tucson Association of Realtors, Results of Poll

Mr. Huffman began by explaining that the property tax system in Arizona has been, since statehood, set up to significantly benefit owner-occupied housing, and that low income families that rent are absolutely being negatively impacted by our property tax system. For example, if you have two similarly valued homes next to each other and one is a rental property and the other is owner-occupied, the property taxes on the owner-occupied property will be significantly lower because of a variety of property tax laws, including the 1 percent maximum property tax limit for owner-occupied properties and the limitation on increasing the valuation of owner-occupied homes. Those that own rental properties would most definitely want to cover their costs by including property taxes in the rent, and therefore those renters are paying significantly more than the homeowners who live next door. For Pima County to continue to rely 100 percent on property taxes has major consequences for low-income renters. Having the highest property tax rate in the state is also a major disincentive to attracting new businesses that create jobs. Big businesses, like the mines, lobby for exemptions and special treatment when it comes to property taxes, but the average business cannot afford lobbyists and most employees in Pima County are not working for large businesses.

The Tucson Association of Realtors (TAR) poll included 100 randomly selected high turnout voters in each of the Board of Supervisor's districts between November 27 and 29, 2017, and asked a series of questions concerning a potential County half cent sales tax for road repair and property tax reduction. Presentation slides summarizing the results are posted on the County's sale tax page www.pima.gov/salestaxes under the "Resources" tab.

In summary, the majority responded that:

- Road conditions in Pima County are poor.
- There is a need to increase funding for roads in Pima County.
- Pima County, City of Tucson and RTA are doing a fair to poor job of maintaining and improving roads compared to a good to excellent job.

A slight majority responded in favor of a County half-cent sales tax for road repair and property tax reduction. Those responding from Supervisorial Districts 1, 3 and 5 were slightly more in favor of a sales tax for road repair and property tax reduction than those in Districts 2 and 4.

When asked if certain statements would make them more or less likely to support the sales tax, a majority responded that:

- They were more likely to support the sales tax if the revenue had to be spent in Pima County and could not be taken by the State.
- RTA administering the road repair programs made no difference in support for the sales tax.

When asked if they agree or disagree with certain statements, the majority agreed that:

- The quality of roads play a major role in attracting business investment in Pima County.
- A half-cent sales tax is a small price to pay for better roads and lower property taxes.
- It is not fair that property and business owners are only source of revenue for county services.

- Sales taxes are a good way to lessen the overall tax load on local residents by having visitors and tourists pay their fair share.

15 percent of respondents were renters, and renters showed a higher level of support for a sales tax for road repair and pavement preservation.

Ms. Smith-Etheridge recalled a statement she'd heard recently about always voting no on tax increases because then rents go up. Mr. Huffman responded that it is likely that if property taxes go up, rent would go up. Mr. Clark added that vacancy rates are also a factor in rents. Mr. Minano asked whether businesses ask TAR about the property taxes in Pima County. Mr. Huffman responded that it depends where they are from, because for example if they are from a high property tax state they think ours are low. Mr. Huffman added that one reason Maricopa County has a low property tax rate is that the Palo Verde Nuclear plant has a higher assessed value the entirety of Pima County. Mr. Medler asked if TAR was in favor of a temporary or permanent sales tax. Mr. Huffman responded that if a portion of the sales tax is to be used for property tax reduction then if that sales tax sunsets, that Board would have to go back to the old property tax rates to raise enough revenue once the sales tax revenue is gone. TAR supports a permanent sales tax for both road repair and property tax relief, along the lines of what has most recently been proposed.

8. Update from Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Ana Olivares, Transportation Department Director, summarized the last meeting, which included a report on the property tax local road repair program, the sales tax proposal and 10 year draft road repair plan for unincorporated Pima County, and the Department's proposed budget and reorganization. Mr. Minano asked whether the draft plan include the continuation of TAC. Ms. Olivares and Mr. Lueck responded yes, as it's a long term advisory committee. Chairman Long asked if RTA does much promotion. Ms. Olivares and Mr. Lueck responded no, except for the signage during road projects and the occasional newspaper ad.

9. Draft sales tax implementation plan ordinance and 10 year road repair plan

Ms. Fyffe provided a one-page summary of the draft sales tax ordinance, resolution and road repair plan provided at the request of Supervisor Valadez. Mr. Medler asked about the financing costs associated with the road repair plan. Ms. Fyffe responded that expenditure of the sales tax revenues for road repair would exceed the County's annual expenditure limitation, but to overcome that, the County could issue short term debt as debt service payments are not subject to the expenditure limitation. Ellen Moulton, Deputy Finance Director, added that the County uses interest rates of 4-5% in its planning even though that is higher than today's interest rates, just to be conservative. Mr. Medler asked if the debt could be longer term and Ms. Moulton responded yes, but then the financing costs would be higher. There appeared to be agreement that it's a waste of money to have to borrow just to spend revenues the County would already have, but that it was the only way around the constitutional expenditure limitation. It was noted that there is legislation that is successfully moving through the Arizona Senate, but is on hold in the House, that would permit counties, by a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors and at the request of the RTA, to place a sales tax for road maintenance on

the ballot for a public vote, and that the revenues would not be subject to the expenditure limitation – meaning there would be no need to issue short term debt to spend the revenues under this legislation. Mr. Medler requested a copy of the HURF bond debt repayment schedule showing the debt would be repaid in 10 years and then additional HURF revenue would be available for road repair. Chairman Long asked when the Board would consider the Committee’s recommendations. Ms. Fyffe responded that the Board has asked the County Administrator to place the Committee’s recommendations on a Board agenda when they are complete, which could be a late March or early April Board meeting. This will be timely for the Board’s budget discussions that take place after the County Administrator has submitted his recommended budget in April, with final budget adoption to occur by the third week in June. Mr. Cameron asked about the status of the legislation and Chairman Long asked if there would be enough time if the legislation passed this session to hold an election in November 2018. Ms. Fyffe and Mr. Medler thought there would be enough time, but it would also require the RTA to put together a plan that would be required to be on the ballot with the sales tax increase.

10. Format of final report and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors

Mr. Minano presented the partially completed draft final report for input from the Committee on whether the format was acceptable. As there were no comments or objections, Mr. Minano suggested that he and staff continue to work on drafting the rest of the report for the Committee’s consideration at the next meeting.

11. Next meeting and agenda items

The Committee will meet next February 28 and March 13 (final meeting). Each meeting will be held between 4-6pm. The agenda will be dedicated to deliberation on a final report and recommendations.

Chairman Long asked staff to ask committee members on his behalf if there is any additional information they need on this subject.

12. Call to the Audience

None

13. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Pima County Sales Tax Advisory Committee
Meeting

Wednesday February 28, 2018
4 P.M.

Abrams Public Health Center
3950 S. Country Club Road
Tucson, Arizona

SUMMARY OF MEETING

Committee Members Present

Wendell Long, Chair
Michael McDonald, Vice-Chair
Allan Cameron
Mark Clark
Bob Gugino
Larry Hecker
Curt Lueck
Robert Medler
Dennis Minano
Anita Smith-Etheridge

Committee Members Absent

Dan Eckstrom
Larry Gibbons
Mark Miller
Charles Wetegrove
Mark Van Buren (Alternate)

MOTIONS

MOTION: Curt Lueck moved, seconded by Robert Medler, to approve the February 12, 2018 meeting summary. Motion approved 10-0.

MOTION: Dennis Minano moved, seconded by Bob Gugino, to approve the final report and recommendations with the suggested changes and non-substantive edits to wording. Motion approved 10-0.

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Welcome

The meeting began at 4:04 p.m. with a quorum.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Audience

None

4. Approval of February 12, 2018 meeting summary

MOTION: Curt Lueck moved, seconded by Robert Medler, to approve the February 12, 2018 meeting summary. Motion approved 10-0.

5. Draft final report and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors

Chairman Long thanked Denny Minano, who, with the assistance of Nicole Fyffe, took the lead in drafting the report and recommendations as a place to start and noted that the Committee could certainly make changes.

Mr. Minano explained how the report had evolved from the initial process the Committee agreed to, to the sign posts, to the partially drafted report reviewed by the Committee at the last meeting, to this version. He added that the goal was to avoid a lengthy report and instead extensively footnote the report to show the systematic review of documents and testimony that the Committee had considered. The report is intended to be a basis for action by the Board of Supervisors. It answers the questions they asked and includes our findings and observations. It would be easy to have one recommendation, but there are many related policy issues and therefore it includes three. The core question before the Committee is do we have concurrence on the sales tax limited for 10 years, in the manner outlined in the recommendations.

Curt Lueck stated that the report was excellent and agreed with the format and its recommendations. Mr. Lueck suggested that the recommendations explicitly list the three questions asked by the Board of this Committee with the Committee's responses (Yes to a sales tax, for both road repair and property tax reduction, and for temporary time period of 10 years). Mr. Lueck also requested that the report reference the value of raising local revenues in comparison to how much this region would get back if the state or federal government raised transportation taxes. Mr. Lueck also requested that the recent Arizona Daily Star poll results on this issue be cited in the report.

Bob Gugino also stated support for report and recommendations and said that he specifically liked Supervisor Christy's proposal to eliminate the 25-cent road property tax if a sales tax was adopted, and requested that be included in the recommendations. Robert Medler suggested that eliminating the 25-cent property tax be a standalone recommendation, perhaps recommendation number 2. Mr. Gugino also suggested that the transmittal letter from the Chairman to the Board take the place of an executive summary.

Mr. Gugino asked County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry about the timing for the Board of Supervisors to consider this Committee's recommendations. Mr. Huckelberry replied that he plans on transmitting his recommended budget to the Board by the end of April and would like to have the Board's decision on the sales tax prior to that. The Board has an April 3rd meeting that would be timely, or even possibly the March 20th Board meeting depending on how soon this Committee concludes its work.

Mr. Gugino stated that the Committee may want to consider adopting the report and recommendations now since the Committee has a quorum, which has been difficult to get. Then the only item to bring back to the committee on March 13 would be the executive summary. Chairman Long responded that if the Committee doesn't have an

opportunity to meet again, the report with the additions looks good and there would be no requirement to approve an executive summary/transmittal letter.

Larry Hecker and Anita Smith-Etheridge stated their support for what was suggested.

Mark Clark requested that the word "unanimous" be removed from the recommendations as not all of the Committee members were able to attend this meeting.

MOTION: Dennis Minano moved, seconded by Bob Gugino, to approve the final report and recommendations with the suggested changes and non-substantive edits to wording. Motion approved 10-0.

6. Next meeting and agenda items

March 13, 2018 for the purposes of reviewing the transmittal letter. If a quorum of members is not available, the transmittal letter can be finalized by the Chairman without Committee approval.

7. Call to the Audience

John Backer stated that the roads didn't get in poor condition overnight, that passing a tax doesn't fix the roads, that the general fund portion of the state-shared vehicle license tax revenue should be used by the County to fix the roads, and that Oro Valley and Marana use general funds to fund administration of their transportation departments.

8. Adjournment

Vice-Chair McDonald thanked Chairman Long for his leadership and creating an inclusive environment for Committee members to feel comfortable discussing issues.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

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YES / **NO** / NOT SURE (circle one)

Comment: _____

2. Should the sales tax revenue be spent on road repair, property tax reduction or some combination of both?

Road Repair ONLY / Property Tax Reduction ONLY / Combination of Both (circle one)

Comment: if passed

3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment: if passed

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*See back for additional space to write comments.

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Name: John Backer
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Comments:

Now is Budget time

A. Take unused personnel positions, deduct from Dept. Budgets + use on roads

B. Fund Transportation Dept. Admin. from PC General Fund, use HURF for roads

C. Prioritize Core Services like roads over the special projects of fix the roads

Comments:

ATTACHMENT 4

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11/28/2017 7:03	Carolyn	Classen	No	regressive tax, hurts the poor	Combination of both	both to reduce property taxes, very high in Pima County	Temporary	temporary only please	thank you for this feedback mechanism, can't attend the public meetings
11/28/2017 7:06	Albrecht	Classen	No	You have overtaxed us already, and our taxes so far have not been properly applied.	Combination of both		Temporary		Sales tax is regressive and hurts the majority of us. Cut administrators' salaries instead of raising the taxes.
11/29/2017 13:52	Gil	Baez	Yes	Property tax increase does not provide adequate funding. Refund to home owners.....start over.	Road Repair Only	Lock-box approach, all expenditures shall be tracked.	Temporary	3 years	County residents shall be informed yearly on the amount of additional tax income as a result of the tax increase along with the amount of revenue spent on road repair for the same period. Administrative costs to be included.
11/29/2017 17:21	Scott	Thomas	No	Enough is enough! No more sales taxes for any reason. Cut your expenses.	Property Tax Reduction Only	None No more sales taxes!	Temporary	Should not be a question. Stop already, with raising taxes!	Start cutting expenses. Tucson residents will be paying darn near 10% sales tax if this passes. Not acceptable.
11/29/2017 18:11	David	Papani,olas	Yes	So many county roads are in deplorable. I'm willing to pay whatever it takes in extra sales tax or even extra property tax to get them back in shape.	Road Repair Only	Do whatever it takes to get our roads repaired. I don't care about a property tax reduction.	Temporary	Do whatever it takes to repair our roads. If our roads can all be repaired and then maintained with a temporary sales tax increase, great. If we need a permanent sales tax increase to keep our road system in decent condition, I would be willing to support that.	Please do whatever it takes to get our roads back into decent condition. Sometimes I feel like I'm driving around a third world country. The poor roads take a toll on my cars. I believe they are starting to devalue property that I own. And I also believe that they put a very poor face on our community. I can't imagine that the visible shabbiness of our roadways does not turn people off who may be interested in relocating their families and/or businesses here.
11/29/2017 18:22	Shelley	Lipowich	No	Not without stating exactly how the funds will be used.	Road Repair Only	None of these. The county has other needs. Shouldn't some of the \$\$ be used to increase the funds for the library?	Temporary	Neither. No to the new tax! If I say neither, I should not have to answer the second two questions before I can submit my responses.	No to the new county tax and the proposed uses. Want to see more funds going to the libraries. Want to see exactly how such funds would be allocated BEFORE I vote on the issue. You note property tax reduction as a possible use for the funds...what % reduction? Should have specifics before you put this issue out there!

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11/30/2017 7:47	Stephen and Carol	Bailey	Yes	We need to have good roads. Bad roads cost everyone more in the long run. Delays, vehicle damage, and crashes are a few of the not so hidden costs of bad roads. Ignore the anti tax zealots.	Road Repair Only	We own our home and have been long time residents (off and on) of Tucson.	Permanent	Please have the courage to move on and not fear the anti tax cult. We have to pay for what we need.	Please initiate a permanent sales tax to help fund road repairs.
11/30/2017 12:40	Earl & Mary Rose	Elliott	No	The money you have already taxed should be used better.	Property Tax Reduction Only		Temporary		Stop corruption first. Use money already allocated for road repaid better.
11/30/2017 12:45	John Tim	Holt	Yes		Road Repair Only		Permanent	If only road repair specified	Traffic counts need to be made on Old Spanish Trail as traffic has increased to the point of irritation along with Camino Loma Alta due to increased housing at Del Lago. Also when is Diamond going to complete the Valencia extension to OST?
11/30/2017 13:02	Bart	Kolodziejczak	Yes	If this is the only way you can address the roads, then yes. This money should be used ONLY for road repair. The County needs to come off of it's position of preservation only and start dealing with FAILED ROADS!!!!	Road Repair Only	Let's make it simple, ROAD REPAIR ONLY!!!	Temporary	Temporary. The County has bonds that will be paid off in the next few years. I want to see the County get off the citizens' back ASAP.	I am disgusted with Pima County for many reasons. I would like to see the County do what the Citizens ask for, not what they want to do. This whole thing about not addressing "failed" roads, but only "poor" roads, basically preservation over worst roads rebuilt first is a very bad position to come from. At the very least, there needs to be a balanced approach between preservation of "poor" roads and rebuilding of "failed" roads. The County is directly responsible for all the "failed" roads in the County and has a responsibility to address them and not ignore the Citizens that have homes on those roads who have to deal with those roads on a daily basis.
11/30/2017 14:13	Dale	Schrage	No		Property Tax Reduction Only		Temporary		Taxes are high enough. There is plenty of money in the county budget to deal with roads.

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11/30/2017 14:29	Dianna	Alexander	Yes	Property owners should not bear the full cost of county expenses. Why is it that out of area visitors can enjoy Pima County services/roads and not pay something? When Pima County residents visit elsewhere they pay taxes along the way to their destination and at their destination. Why is Pima County giving others a free ride at our expense?	Combination of both	I would prefer road repair only but I also feel that its time property owners were given a break from carrying the tax burden for the county.	Permanent	If the sales tax is temporary the need will still be there after awhile and we'll need to go down this road again. Just like the burdening property tax, you get used to it after awhile. A half-cent everyone can afford.	This half-cent sales tax increase has been needed for a long time. Because we haven't had it we're on the cusp of a great need just around the corner. Better to plan now than 5-years from now.
11/30/2017 14:50	CHARLES	WOLFF	Yes		Road Repair Only		Temporary		Temporary, until the road maintenance costs are supported by some sort of transportation expenses paid by users. Users of the roads should pay for maintenance. Today a gas tax is the best and should cover 95+% of road maintenance, but as we go electric, a very small sales tax may be a way to obtain the remaining 5%. your "security Measure" stinks. I can not tell of my last attempts to answer your survey was sent. If you want feedback Find an easy way to respond
11/30/2017 15:28	Dempsey	Bogard	No		Property Tax Reduction Only		Temporary		No more taxes

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11/30/2017 18:08	C. Jean	Johnson	Not Sure	I have been fighting for 10 years to get relief for the 38 year old disintegrating streets in Moondance Patio Homes. I have on three occasions received letters from the County Administrator asking that I and my neighbors support tax increases so that we can get our streets replaced. I am a lifelong Democrat who normally votes in favor of taxes for schools, public services and infrastructure. However, the last PCTAC meeting proved to me that political squabbles will prevent my streets from being repaved regardless of what taxes are approved. I and my neighbors have paid taxes for 38 years which one would assume meant that our streets would not be ignored simply to punish a Supervisor that many of us did not even vote for. I will not be voting for any more taxes until there is a plan in place to repair "poor and failing" streets.	Road Repair Only		Temporary	Like all fees and other money raising devices, there should be a measurement of the successful use of the money raised. We should not continue a tax that is not used efficiently to provide results for the taxpayers.	Why do you keep asking for citizen/taxpayer input from anyone in District 1, when they are going to be ignored. If PCTAC members were simply going to approve a DOT plan, ignoring citizen input, you could have saved a lot of time and started implementing the plan six months sooner.
11/30/2017 19:10	Joshua	Scott	Yes	In order to get the roads safe for both vehicles and pedestrians.	Combination of both	Road repair will increase property value and property tax reduction will increase spending money for property owners, allowing for more capital injection into local economy.	Permanent	To continue road improvements around Tucson including widenings.	A half cent raise would be beneficial to local economy and business.
11/30/2017 20:03	Peter	Schlegel	No		Combination of both		Temporary		
11/30/2017 20:21	chuck	Freitas	Yes	To repair roads, only. The language for enactment must be "fool proof" in order to prevent switching funding away from road REPAIR.	Road Repair Only	With "iron-clad" wording to prevent Supervisors and/ or administrators from diverting this funding to other projects or operations, etc, etc..	Temporary	Provide with ten year "sunset" period. A temporary status will assist the public in controlling malfeasance.	I do not trust the supervisors (3 of them) or the County staff when it comes to control of new funding, e.g., bonding.
12/1/2017 5:26	Bruce	Gura	Yes	Our roads are in terrible shape and getting worse! We need them fixed now.	Road Repair Only	Absolutely ROAD REPAIR ONLY!	Permanent	FIX THE ROADS!	

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12/1/2017 5:28	Linda	Touzeau	No	I understand your dilemma but the state should solve the problem by sending more money to Pima County and less to Maricopa County. If we bail them out, they will continue their current policies and we will never get out from under fixing our own roads via sales taxes!		None of the above. No sales tax as answered above.		None of the above. No sales tax as answered above.	
12/1/2017 6:41	Sharon	Groves	Yes		Road Repair Only		Permanent		
12/1/2017 7:14	justin	currie	No	I don't like the idea raising taxes on our poorest (which there area a lot) citizens because Huckleberry and the board of suporvisors can't/won't properly prioritize a budget to reflect the most basic funtions of government and there responsibility. I possibly could be open to this if there were at least 2 years where you spent at least half of the HURF funding you receive on road maintenance and repair because right now I don't trust any of you to do the right thing or spend this money the correct way.					You have no trust in the community and untill you fix that this should never come to a vote. This sales tax increase would generate very little and still pales in comparison to the HURF money you get and choose to spend unwisely. Until there is either a change with the county administrator and/or the board or you start to prioritize the budget to reflect the very basics of government and your job this should never pass.
12/1/2017 7:40	Ruth	Thomas	Yes	Things have to be fixed and kept in good working order. Otherwise, we will become an area of broken everything. Roads are TERRIBLE. and SHAMFUL!	Road Repair Only	Let's fix our roads!	Permanent	Let's keep our city workable with efficient roads....not cheap temporary fixes.With patches so heavy that I can't find the center lines to designate the lane.....good roads with a revolving plan to always keep them in good shape. I am disgusted with Skyline Dr. And many other areas that are so full of patched potholes and streaky black patches...it is unsafe to drive on many of them.	So...."don't worry about the problem.....CONCENTRATE ON THE ANSWER! ". DO IT! Don't just talk about it!
12/1/2017 9:39	Athene	Archer	No		Property Tax Reduction Only		Temporary		
12/1/2017 11:07	Joan	Bolin	Yes	If that is the only way the roads can get repaired then we need to add a general sales tax.	Road Repair Only	Roads are in bad shape. If you don't fix the roads our property values will decrease, and people won't want to live where the roads are falling apart.	Permanent	Roads are an ongoing problem, so money needs to be there to fix them.	Let keep Arizona's roads in good condition. If that means we need more money to fix them, I'm all for an increase of the sales tax.

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12/1/2017 13:31	Jerome	Bodmer	Yes		Road Repair Only		Permanent		It is obvious that the state will never allow HURF money to go to states and municipalities to the level required to build and maintain roads. Therefore, obtaining road funding via sales tax (or any other method) is the only solution. To not act is poor management by the Board of Supervisors. Please do not let this become a political issue. Think of the citizens and take the necessary steps to fix the roads ... and the funding mechanism ... for good. I don't mind paying the extra tax as the poor roads are costing me more in wear and tear on our vehicles than the incremental tax paid. Also, there are some areas of Pima County that we actually avoid due to the poor roads. This is not good for business or attractiveness of the community.
12/1/2017 14:46	Scott	Kadous	No	Do like all the people do in Pima Co. They look at their income and expenses and reorganize their expenses and cut back on what's wanted to get what they need. I have a fixed income. Unlike your unlimited ways of getting income (taxes, regulations, etc.)I don't have those types of resources, therefore I cut spending and in some cases sell some of my items if needed to budget what I need. It's time your manage your dept. and balance your budget for projects and cut the waste and inefficient workers from top to bottom just like we all have to do to exist.		None of the above since no tax should be impose until you can show and verify your spending is in control and unneeded programs are disposed of and quite taking money "ear marked" for one project or program and spend it on another.		None of the above sine no tax should be imposed.	Balance your check book like we all have to do to get the things needed to live in this county, city, state and country.

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12/1/2017 14:50	Robert	Lo Greco	No	Pima County government should live up to its responsibility and use funds that were previously levied and bond issues and funds originally intended for road repair that were diverted to other uses for road repair. The Board of Supervisors has been irresponsible in their allocation of funds. The money was previously allocated but not faithfully used for the purpose designated. Chuck Huckleberry is over paid for especially for the level of mismanagement over which he has presided.		Defund unnecessary spending and use that money for road repairs.	Temporary		How is it that Pima county pays its chief administrator a salary that is equivalent to counties in our nation with twice the population and in return gets so little effective progress?
12/1/2017 15:04	Michasj	Cuthbertson	No		Road Repair Only		Permanent	All county roads should be put on a maintenance schedule in perpetuity.	
12/1/2017 23:24	Michasj	Cuthbertson	Yes	The government needs funds to provide necessary services.	Road Repair Only		Permanent		
12/2/2017 8:25	Nancy	Bodmer	Yes		Road Repair Only		Permanent		It is obvious that the state will never allow HURF money to go to states and municipalities to the level required to build and maintain roads. Therefore, obtaining road funding via sales tax (or any other method) is the only solution. To not act is poor management by the Board of Supervisors. Please do not let this become a political issue. Think of the citizens and take the necessary steps to fix the roads ... and the funding mechanism ... for good. I don't mind paying the extra tax as the poor roads are costing me more in wear and tear on our vehicles than the incremental tax paid. Also, there are some areas of Pima County that we actually avoid due to the poor roads. This is not good for business or attractiveness of the community.
12/2/2017 11:01	Ellen	Barnes	No	Arizona State Retirees have not received an increase in AZ retirement for over 10 years. Utilities, taxes etc have continued to increase. This would be an added burden on AZ State Retirees. Roads need fixing. There is no question there, but another solution is necessary.	Combination of both		Temporary		Above

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12/3/2017 11:27	Samantha	Chmelik	No	If you want to increase taxes, be honest. Say that you want to increase the sales tax to pay for road repair. Don't try to couch it in terms of "we might reduce property taxes" or "the tax will be temporary."	Road Repair Only	Property taxes are rarely reduced, so that's not a real option. If you want the tax, be honest about it and use the money appropriately.	Temporary	Rarely do temporary taxes not become permanent. Either ask for the tax increase or don't.	
12/5/2017 8:24	Tom	Rogers	No		Road Repair Only				I believe that road repairs should be funded by the gasoline tax, which I understand has not been increased from its current \$.18 per gallon amount in over 25 years. We desperately need an increase in the gasoline tax which should have been done years ago to properly maintain our roads. This is a fair tax - if you drive on our roads you pay for it - if you choose not to you do not have any expense. Pressure needs to be put on the Governor and legislature to accomplish this. I also feel that gasoline tax money should only be allowed to be used for roads and funds must not be allowed to be diverted for other uses.
12/7/2017 8:58	aaron	carranza	Yes		Combination of both		Temporary		

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12/7/2017 9:00	Donald	Luke	Not Sure		Road Repair Only		Temporary		<p>since 1994. I have watched as our roads have deteriorated. I have watched as our government agencies have diverted money intended for road repairs to purchase property for soccer fields. I have watched as so-called road repair crews throw shovels of cold patch asphalt into holes and don't tamp it. As the vehicles pass over it it sinks crating a depression. Since it is a cheap fix, with the first rain, the cold patch asphalt breaks up and the pothole reappears. I think the saying goes, "We can't afford to do it right the first time, but can come up with the money to fix it again cheaply, and again, and again. It is evident that the road repairs are definitely going to the lowest bidder as can be evidenced by the debacle created on Camino de Oeste north of Cortaro Farms road recently. Dedicated taxes need to be used for their stated purpose "ONLY" and I continue to see that not happening. Reminds me of the cigarette tax that was enacted in California. Stated intent was for education about the evils of tobacco and programs to help people stop smoking. Government agencies decided to divert</p>
12/7/2017 9:06	Gterry	Nunez vega	No	Wasnt this what the lottery money was suppose to be used for? If its needed so bad let all the city state councils be run by volunteers and use all their yearly incomes for this. I bet with others on the boards there would be a lot less waste.					

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12/7/2017 9:48	Delores	Miller	No	I am sick of tax, tax, tax. Pima County and Tucson seems to think that taxpayers are an unending source of more and more money. How many times are taxpayers going to be hit up to "fix the roads" and you simply do not spend the \$ as you should? You spend money on golf courses and soccer fields instead of roads and essential services. No more tax increases! I can't wait to leave this county.	Road Repair Only		Temporary	No New Taxes, temporary or not!!!!	
12/7/2017 10:28	Jacob	Reinert	No	The residents of Tucson and Pima County are taxed enough for road repairs. All the money collected on previous taxes went elsewhere when they were supposed to go to the roads.	Road Repair Only	If it is supposed to be for road repair, that is the only place it should be spent.	Temporary	If the tax is placed on the citizens of Tucson, it should only be in place long enough to pay for the repairs then go away.	The citizens of Tucson and Pima County are over taxed for roads and everything else. Another tax will not fix the bigger problem of failed management, take money wasted on county officials bloated salaries and benefits to fix the roads. They cannot continue to get big paychecks and fail to administer county funds on defunct projects like the world view.
12/7/2017 10:31	Helen	Gardner	Yes	But only if the property taxes are lowered by as much as possible.	Combination of both	Again with the eye of lowering property tax as much as possible and keeping it lower as long as the sales tax is in place.	Temporary	It should be in place as long as the county uses for roads and other improvements and keeps the property tax lower. Once the roads are improved and the property tax can stay lower then get rid of it.	Lower property taxes as much as possible.
12/7/2017 10:42	Dorothy	Parks	Yes	I would much rather see a half cent sales tax than raising property taxes. They are high enough and absolutely every one uses these roads (including visitors) so everyone should pay their fair share not just homeowners.	Combination of both	Help everyone out with better roads and lower property taxes.	Permanent	We all use the roads and all should help pay for them.	I keep waiting for Valencia between Kold and Wilmot to be finished. That road is just hideous and forces me to use an alternate route. Pleas do sometyabkut that stretch of road soon.
12/7/2017 11:12	Larry	Caber	Yes	Sales tax will take some of the burden off property owners. Has any thought been given to raising the gas tax to help fun road repair?	Combination of both		Permanent	A permanent tax will provide continued income for better long term planning of road repairs.	Whichever option is selected these monies must be fenced to be spent on either roads or property tax reduction, nothing else.
12/7/2017 11:16	John	O'Neill	No	The board already has a significant county deficit		n/a	Temporary	No Tax	You haven't been pro-active in managing the degradation of the roads, don't spend enough to synchronize the lights, or improve cross town traffic in the county, e.g., Ina/Skyline/Sunrise. We live in a deflationary world, but all you can think of is more taxes.

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12/7/2017 11:23	Joe	Richards	Yes	Roads in Pima Co. are not only an embarrassment but cause damage expenses to cars. I have had to replace wheels, tires, shocks and windshields because of the poor road conditions. Better roads also=less repairs to cars.	Combination of both		Permanent	There are a lot of dirt roads in Pima Co. That need to be paved.	
12/7/2017 11:39	charles	johnson	Yes	Yes to tax if only used for road repair (pavement preservation only) and reducing property tax.	Combination of both		Permanent	I vote for permanent if money is only used for road repair and property tax reduction.	
12/7/2017 13:28	Brian	Gagnon	Yes		Combination of both		Permanent		My property taxes of \$10,000/yr are ridiculous, an equivalent house in Scottsdale pays \$3000 less. Tucson is no Scottsdale either. Where does my property tax money go, all I see in Tucson is crappy potholed roads Crime, grafitti everywhere, we are considering closing our business and moving away from Tucson. All I want for Christmas is for Tucson embarrassment Raul Grijalva to be gone!!
12/7/2017 13:31	Harmony	Blanco-Serlin	No	NO. We are taxed to death in Pima County! Especially if you are a single earner with no dependents. How about learning to balance a budget sheet properly? Don't spend more than we have. Keep it simple.	Road Repair Only	If you are going to tax us FIX OUR ROADS. All I ever hear and see are promises and no actions.	Temporary	Should be temporary or not at all. We have one of the highest tax rates in the country yet are one of the poorest counties in the nation. Maybe if our roads were fixed businesses would actually want to come here. Parts of Mexico has nicer roads that we do. We should be ashamed of ourselves.	Huckleberry needs to take at least a 50% pay cut. He makes almost as much as our president. Proportionally speaking Huckleberry is obscenely over paid. He has run this county into the ground with poor leadership and management skills. All he ever wants to do is raise taxes. That is not the long term solution to this county's problems.
12/7/2017 14:28	Gail	Jernberg	Not Sure	I'm not sure if this is the best way, but if we will fix some of the roads sooner, I'm in favor of it! I'd be fine with paying a bit more sales tax or higher property taxes or really just about anything in order to get the wretched roads repaired!!!	Road Repair Only	Fix the roads first! As soon as possible!	Temporary	Maybe make it temporary, but open for review.	Please, I beg you, find a way to get some of these roads fixed! And fix the worst first. We have some terrible roads in the county. We live on Rio Altar which is in terrible shape and desperately needs some repairs/replacement. People must be thinking about property tax strikes, as we go on for years and almost NOTHING ever gets done!

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12/7/2017 17:01	Marilyn	Luehrman n	Yes	Please refer to my letter sent to Steve Christy.	Combination of both	Please refer to my letter sent to Steve Christy.	Temporary	Please refer to my letter sent to Steve Christy.	I sent a very thought out letter to Supervisor Steve Christy in early to mid-October. I am unable to find my copy at the moment, however I did urge him to share it with anyone. I urge you to review my thoughts via that letter. Sincerely, Marilyn Luehrmann
12/7/2017 17:56	Linda	Jenson	Yes	Absolutely Especially given the lack of county sales tax now. . This is a no-brainier except I'm sure for Ally Miller. But I like sales taxes over property taxes as it does seem more equitable and more consumption based.	Road Repair Only	I'd say road repai only until things are fixed and normalized.	Temporary	Temporary for the roads only.	
12/8/2017 6:43	Mary	Lattimer	No	First drop county property taxes. Don't tease voters by saying if sales tax passes then some of \$ could be used to lower property tax. You'll ever do it & it makes it sound like you're not really serious @ roads. It's your standard modus operandi: job peter to pay Paul. Down with another tax. I'm tried of being taxed to death.		No more tax. Figure another way to fix the mess you politicians have created over the years.		No more taxes	
12/8/2017 9:46	Elisha	Caywood	Yes		Combination of both		Permanent		
12/8/2017 10:32	Garey	Jernigan	No						For years and years and years, poor roads have been known to exist in Pima County. Why wasn't funding included in the County budget to make the roads better over the many years? Why has this just become a problem? Money was spent in the past on items non-related to roads and road maintenance, money that should have been spent on roads. An increase in taxes is not the answer for incompetent County planning and budgeting. An increase in taxes is an answer to cover up the poor planning and budgeting the County has had for years. If placed on a ballot, I will vote against this measure.
12/8/2017 16:49	Gay	Frank	No	I thought that that's what the 1/2% in Nov election was for besides police, firefighters etc.	Property Tax Reduction Only			Not at all	

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12/9/2017 14:40	Linda	Acheson-Fahey	Yes	I'm in favor of a half cent sales tax if the money is used for it's stated intention. So many times it gets used for other needs and not the one we voted in.	Combination of both	Our Arizona property tax in Tucson/Pima County is very high. We have family that lives in Scottsdale with a similar priced house and their property taxes are \$3,000 less than ours. Our allocation of tax revenue within the state is equally allocated.	Temporary	Hopefully businesses will come back to Tucson and help improve our situation. We need new businesses to pay taxes and employ more people, so that they can contribute to our taxes.	It's very embarrassing for Tucson, AZ to be known as one of the poorest cities in our State and across America. I hope that our elected officials can make decisions that make this a better place to live. So far, our elected officials decision making needs improvement.
12/9/2017 15:16	Tricia	Don	Yes	As our roads disintegrate, putting off repairs will only cost more and more. More repairs in the future at a higher costs. Something needs to be done now.	Road Repair Only	Would love to have a property tax reduction, but road repairs are my main concern.	Permanent		Our current road conditions make attracting new businesses to Tucson a difficult task. Also, the current road conditions are dangerous to drivers and cyclists alike.
12/9/2017 20:27	PETER	FEISTMAN	Yes		Road Repair Only		Permanent		I have a home in Tucson, and one in Vail, Colorado. When I ask my local friends why there is not enough support for tax increases generally, one topic always comes up first - corruption. There is, IMO, a very broadly held view that this is a major problem, and certainly when I compare what I know of Pima County's history of corruption with Eagle County, Colorado, I understand the feeling. I think you need to address that perception HEAD ON, with a program that does everything possible to ensure that the road repair process is free of the corruption that frankly, seems endemic here. A good first step would be a citizens oversight committee with full access to all contracts, books and records, made up of volunteers with some prominence, and impeccable reputations.
12/9/2017 21:25	Ron	Foltz	Yes		Road Repair Only		Permanent		Lived in Tucson for 20 yrs after moving from the east coast(North Carolina). Love it here but the roads are a disaster. If you are really serious about attracting world class businesses, you can't do it with 3rd world roads.

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12/10/2017 8:31	Carol	Koehler	Yes	I live in Pima County within a short distance of the Oro Valley City limits. As soon as I drive into my county I encounter terrible potholes on the road (Lambert Ln.) which the county does little to fix. Our road increased greatly in traffic due to construction on Tangerine and it continues to get worse and worse.	Combination of both	Since moving to my home in 2012 my county taxes have increased every year! For 2017 my taxes on my home have now been raised to \$5,518.40! When I moved here in 2012 my county taxes year were \$3,992.51. That is an increase of \$1525 over five years! I have not seen any benefits at all in these increases! Both my husband and I have retired in the past two years and increases like this will not be sustainable for us to continue to live in this home and this county. I think ALL people in Pima County should share the burden of fixing our roads, not just homeowners!	Permanent	Roads will always need care and maintenance so I feel this should be permanent, BUT it MUST ONLY be used to fix and maintain roads!! I don't want to see these funds be used for something else several years down the road.	PLEASE make sure these increases in sales tax are used wisely. I am concerned since moving here from Texas the amount of corruption I have read about in Pima County. It truly disgusts me that there is such loss of funds due to governmental failures. I know this is a somewhat different subject, but yes, somehow related because TAX PAYERS money paid for it-Raul Grijalva must pay back the \$48,000 dollars of taxpayers money to hush an employee about his hostile work environment and drunken behavior. This kind of hush money paid by TAXPAYERS ANGERS US and makes us feel that our hard earned money is being thrown away.
12/10/2017 9:24	Brian	Jackson	Yes	A sustainable repair funding source must be established beyond simply bonding and increasing property taxes, which are now becoming a burden. We all use the roads, whether in our own cars, on bikes or on buses. A general sales tax would require all who use the infrastructure to pay for it. I would also challenge the "no fix til fail" policy, which is simply a recognition of poor budget decisions over many years. We must get on top of this issue as our poor roads cost us in repairs, wear and tear and reflect poorly on our city relative to businesses relocating here. I suspect these hidden and explicit costs outstrip the cost of the tax increase.	Road Repair Only	While our property taxes in Pima County are double the tax on our Colorado home (which has a valuation nearly double our Tucson home) and exceed comparable Phoenix levels, the need for road funding is extreme. As long as the new funds are fully dedicated to repair, and all other sources of funding remain fully in place (vs redirected to other budget needs) then I support the dedication to repairs.	Permanent	Realistically, this needs to be permanent to enable thoughtful, long term planning. I hate "temporary taxes" which inevitably require a new vote to extend. This long term issue requires a long term solution.	
12/10/2017 9:57	confidential	confidential	No	Instead of getting paid for something never done, how about doing it (repair the roads), It would be much more palatable if the taxpayer could see that you (Pima County elected officials) actually took care of the roads	Road Repair Only	Although property taxes are too high and another source of angst, it would be nice if you fixed the roads. What about all of the revenue already coming in? Prioritize		Stop it!	Fix the roads using the millions and more you're already receiving.

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12/10/2017 11:09	Mary	Newton	Yes		Road Repair Only		Permanent		Tucson Roads are actually dangerously in disrepair. The damage done to our vehicles is bad. It is inexcusable to see the difference in the property tax in Tucson with nothing to show for it and yet, the LOW taxes by comparison in Scottsdale, where the roads are well maintained and the property values higher than Tucson. Ridiculous...makes me wonder why Tucson is like a forgotten step child...might have something to do with the poor representation in Tucson.
12/10/2017 17:33	Marie	McDermott	Yes		Road Repair Only	As a cyclist, road conditions affect the safety of me and all other riders on the road especially when we have to swerve to avoid a pothole or other debris. Also, the first impression many people have of our communities are the roads that drive.	Permanent	We'll always have roads that need to be repaired.	Thank you for taking my comment under consideration. Regardless of the outcome, I hope you will find a way to fix our failing roads!
12/11/2017 7:37	Michael	Levy	Yes	I'm not excited about an additional tax but our property taxes are NOT fixing our roads-and they are despicable!	Road Repair Only	We have some of the worst roads in the country. And, we have a large visitor population who enjoy outdoor activities. I am an avid cyclist and find our roads to be unbearable. My street is one of the worst in Tucson, as I travel all over town by bike.	Temporary		
12/11/2017 15:29	Chris	Rod	No			Neither as I do not support a half cent sales tax. This appears to be a end run around the fact that voters were against any tax increases this year.		Again I am not in support of this measure. Permanent or Temporary.	
12/11/2017 16:14	John	Fitzgerald	Yes	We are in favor of this as long as all the outlying roads in the county are repaired soon. If the money is siphoned off to mostly Tucson projects, forget it. We are in crises here in Green Valley with failed roads and most roads that will soon be failed roads.	Road Repair Only	Definitely road repair only. That is what scares me is that many hands would get into this sales tax revenue and be needlessly spent elsewhere. We have been told that the City of Tucson has its own road budget.	Permanent	This should be permanent to establish a plan to keep roads updated and repaired instead of the crisis that has developed here in Green Valley.	We are in road disrepair crisis here in Green Valley. All the residents know this and experience it every day!
12/12/2017 2:50	Barbara	Favor	Yes		Combination of both		Permanent		
12/12/2017 20:36	David	Moser	Yes	I don't care how you get the money. I'm about to leave Pima County because of the horrible condition of the roads.	Road Repair Only	All the money is needed for the roads!	Permanent	Road repair will be an ongoing problem. The tax should be permanent and used ONLY for road repair.	I'm embarrassed when friends and family visit Tucson and see the horrible condition of our roads. I've really had it and am about to move out of the County.

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12/12/2017 22:37	Ashley	Judd	No	We already had increases in (city) sales tax for roads and the zoo. All these increases really hurt retailers. Every local Tucson retailer is placed at an 8.6 % disadvantage to out-of-state Internet competition. As a consumer I will be motivated to buy more online, if I can avoid having to pay more for the same item locally. Another increase to sales tax just feels like an easy way out. How do these other cities do it? Have we looked at how Albuquerque, Denver, etc have been able to keep their sales tax down while still repairing their roads?	Property Tax Reduction Only		Temporary	If it does pass, there needs to be an end in sight, that can't go on indefinitely.	
12/13/2017 10:56	Joe	Wilson	Yes		Road Repair Only		Permanent		Will there still be a sales tax hearing in Green Valley on January 17?
12/13/2017 15:59	Robert	deLeeuw	No						This is yet another government bait-and-switch: adopt a sales tax to replace/reduce the property tax. The sales tax gets implemented, but the property tax will stay the way it is. And as for "temporary", no increase in government revenues is ever temporary: remember the "smoker tax" which was supposed to be for tobacco education, and which was supposed to be self-terminating (i.e. when people stop smoking, no more tax would be collected, but it would no longer be needed): a few years later, on the ballot, there was a measure to increase the tax because it wasn't making enough!! I guess we needed to get more funds for that wonderful "Rio Nuevo". First remove/reduce the property tax, then we'll talk about replacing it with a sales tax

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12/14/2017 11:08	Mike	Edwards	Not Sure	Gee, the news says that tax receipts are at an all time high! So Pima Co blew the revenue on give-away programs and forgot about the basics? Why don't we vote on the give-aways and pay for the basics with the revenue we have now? Oooooo, that's right, give-aways buy votes, I forgot.		Neither, see comment above	Temporary	How could government do any tax on a temporary basis?	
12/14/2017 13:24	WILLIAM	DAY	Yes	I'd rather have it on my property tax, but sales tax is ok as long as it is for roads and streets, and can't be swept by the legislature!	Road Repair Only	I don't need a tax reduction, I need a new street surface in front of my home.	Permanent	I don't think we'll ever run out of roads to repair or improve, plus I want a freeway deck on the Rillito from TV to I-10... plus, maybe a few other places.	Tanque Verde Road is getting terrible. I bet most of the roads are no better. Get on with the fixing! Please!!
12/15/2017 1:33	RICHARD	BURNETT	No	ADDING ANOTHER 0.5% TAX TO THE CURRENT 8.7% TAX EQUALS 9.2% SALES TAX. In addition there are public utility taxes, telecommunication taxes and added by at least the city of Tucson (possibly other jurisdictions). You are talking about approaching or exceeding 10% tax!!! It is just getting too expensive to live here!	Combination of both	if the board passes this tax, it should be a combination of the above.	Temporary	Permanent tax should hurt the local economy. taxes would be lower in Pinal and Maricopa counties.	increasing the sales tax hurts the poor the most. if you want to hurt the poor, than pass the tax. more people will order online from out of state businesses to avoid the tax, something everyone on the board currently does! no response needed, I will know if you pass it.
12/15/2017 7:48	Patricia	Fowler	Yes		Combination of both		Temporary	audited every few years to insure funds are going to designated purpose	
12/15/2017 7:49	John	George	Yes		Combination of both		Temporary		
12/15/2017 11:29	Knowl	Gaskin	Not Sure		Road Repair Only		Temporary	Maximum length of 3 years	
12/16/2017 7:21	Lisa & Jim	Smego	No	These are regressive and unrelated to roads. Go to the Legislature with a gas tax increase proposal.	Property Tax Reduction Only	No new sales tax!			
12/17/2017 8:37	Diana	Jones	Yes	I would agree to a 10 cent sales tax if we could fix our roads.	Road Repair Only		Permanent		Thank you for your efforts!
12/19/2017 10:29	Linda	Schultz	No	No more sales tax increases! There is so much waste in our budget. Find the wasted money and use that to improve our roads. You can start by getting \$50,000 back from Raul Grijalva for paying off a whistle blower.					
12/22/2017 21:07	Michael	DiMaria	Yes		Combination of both		Temporary		

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12/30/2017 16:42	Margaret	Nemetz	Yes	We desperately need road improvements, specifically for me, Snyder Road east of Harrison. I realize there are other roads in the County that need repair, but Snyder seems to be put at the bottom of the list. It is so bad that when the bicycle event was to take place in November, the county came out to make temporary repairs to prevent injury to the participants.	Road Repair Only	WE NEED ROAD REPAIR AND PROPERTY TAX IS NOT THAT EXORBITANT. SOON WE WILL HAVE TO CLOSE ROADS BECAUSE THEY ARE BECOMING DANGEROUS TO LIFE AND PROPERTY.	Permanent		
1/8/2018 8:22	David	Jordan	No	The current Arizona / county / city sales tax regime is totally off the rails. Sales taxes are perhaps the most regressive taxes, levying a far higher burden on the poor. I am all in favor of raising money to repair our crumbling roads and other infrastructure, but let's find a less regressive approach. I know folks are all up in arms about property taxes, but, in reality, our property taxes are exceptionally low. So property tax might be one non-regressive approach. Another possibility would be a county income tax, again, a less regressive approach. Come on folks, lets get this done RIGHT!	Road Repair Only	Property taxes are already unreasonably low!	Temporary	It shouldn't happen at all, but if it must, at least make it temporary.	Find another way to raise the money!
1/8/2018 16:09	Lloyd	Windle II	No	Instead, eliminate and reduce the efficiencies that exist in the bloated budget and departments. Reorganize to provide services more effectively and efficiently. Provide the minimum CORE services to serve the citizens and do those extremely well. Rid the government of non-essential services.					You wouldn't have to ask for this if you didn't waste tax dollars on the stupid balloon to outer space ride.
1/9/2018 12:45	Ari	Slater	Yes		Road Repair Only	Repair the roads!!! It's a rolling effort not something to be done and then left to devolve into nothing. Fix the streets! I don't know enough about property tax reduction to say whether the revenues from the sales tax should go toward them.	Permanent		Fix Tucson's roads! Our future depends on it.
1/12/2018 9:14	Kathleen	Jirschele	Yes		Road Repair Only		Permanent		

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1/12/2018 9:17	Daniel	Arthur	No	The proper way to fund our roads is to increase the the revenue for HURF through the Arizona State Legislature. HURF taxes have not been increased in over 30 years. Increase the gas taxes at the pump to cover the inflationary cost of road repairs. The state must NOT sweep these funds! They must be used for our roads! This is the answer, NOT an increase in our city sales tax, which is already too high. Now is the time to do it, while gasoline taxes are low and the economy is improving. Lobby the state to increase HURF funding now!	Road Repair Only			No sales tax.	The proper way to fund our roads is to increase the the revenue for HURF through the Arizona State Legislature. HURF taxes have not been increased in close to 30 years! Increase the gas taxes at the pump to cover the inflationary cost of road repairs. The state must NOT sweep these funds; rather, they must be used for our roads. This is the answer, NOT an increase in our city sales tax, which is already too high. Now is the time to do it, while gasoline taxes are low and the economy is improving. Lobby the state to increase HURF funding now!
1/12/2018 9:34	Susan	Gould	Yes	I believe this is a more fair way to distribute the taxes among all people within Pima County - instead of passing on the taxes totally to property/business owners. Most people within Pima County use our roadways - even by bus, Uber, taxi, or bicycle - so road repair costs should be contributed by all	Combination of both	Property taxes continue to increase even for those on a fixed income so the costs should be more distributed by all and not tax property/business owners each year with additional burdens for trying to catch up on repairs that were allowed to slide over the years.	Temporary	Perhaps try for a period of time 3 - 5 years and determine the effectiveness at that time.	I appreciate the thought out of the box to have more participants rather than the burden solely on home/business owners. Although there needs to be checks and overseers to ensure the tax money is spent where designated and not wasted. The City of Tucson citizens are already taxed high with the state sales tax rate again being increased - so people want to ensure that proper action is taken and tax dollars are wisely spent.
1/12/2018 9:55	Randy	Post	Yes		Road Repair Only			I wish there was a better option for a more sustainable way of funding road repairs. If that were the case, maybe this could be a temporary increase. But realistically, this revenue stream will continue to be necessary or the roads will just fall back into disrepair.	

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1/12/2018 10:33	Lois	Pawlak	No	The sales tax here in Tucson is high enough. The amount of money being raised per year (estimated \$70M) won't be enough to have an impact on the entire county road needs. I also do not trust Pima County administrators to manage the money and spend it wisely. If this were to go to the ballot, workers need to be residents of Pima County and the contractors do too. Monitoring of the contractor's on time delivery and costs needs to be done. All rework of jobs not properly done needs to be the responsibility of the contractors. Contractors with below goal performance need to be terminated right away and another contractor chosen.		This is a moot point for residents who do not believe in the sales tax.	Temporary	Absolutely would have to be temporary with the voters voting on any new tax when this one expires.	Not many people trust government to properly manage our tax dollars. The RTA was supposed to be our ticket to making roads better in Tucson and surrounding areas and the voters were sold a bill of goods as this entity is just another layer of government and is not able to change when the voters and circumstances change (i.e. Broadway widening, Grant Rd. widening). Almost all of our inputs were ignored and the planning team is doing what they want, not what the residents and voters want.
1/12/2018 11:03	BILL	ADAMSON	Yes	1/2 CENT SALES TAX FOR ROAD REPAIRS ADMINISTERED BY RTA	Road Repair Only		Temporary		
1/12/2018 14:24	Kim	Howell	Yes	Maintaining infrastructure is a primary function of government. We need to fund such projects. Every other county in the state has a sales tax. It's time Pima County joined the club.	Combination of both	I really don't care that much which is done, as long as the roads are maintained.	Permanent		
1/13/2018 12:02	Raymond	Frazier	Yes	It's time to bite the bullet and get funds to repair our failing roads as quickly, as the state won't do it	Road Repair Only	Use this tax to eliminate the small property tax enacted that will take forever as more roads fail	Temporary	Term should be until all roads are brought back to good. Maybe 5 or more years	Let me know your final decision, when available
1/16/2018 15:59	Richard	Roberts	Yes		Road Repair Only		Temporary	10 years	A sales tax is the only way we're going to get our roads fixed

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1/16/2018 19:36	Charles	DownsD wns	Yes	Definitely, YES. There should also be a 1/2 cent gas tax to ensure those who use any road/street/alley in Pima County are also paying their fair share of the maintenance. There should also be an increase fares for RTA road use maintenance. It is time for everyone to pay their share of maintenance. Only concern is who will watch over the funds since the County Administration have not had a good record with managing past road funds (bonds/taxes/etc.) and misappropriated the funds for pet projects and over budget projects?	Combination of both	use increased gas taxes & fares increases to balance the funds needed by everyone. Lower property taxes since affordable housing is scare in Pima County. Renters and businesses pay for the high property taxes that seem to be misappropriated for pet projects.	Permanent		
1/18/2018 21:28	Miguel	Mejia	No	Please do not implement a sales tax. The tax is always raided or used for the other projects. Also, the tax never goes away. I moved away from California for those same reasons.		Neither don't implement an additional tax.		Neither, don't implement an additional tax.	
1/18/2018 22:03	Michelle	Feinman	No	Pima needs to spend more responsibly, I moved here about ten years ago and all this county does is ask us to pay more taxes. In the mean while you give raises to huckleberry and don't spend our already given tax Mo eh responsible.					Stop raising our taxes. We already pay through the nose.
1/18/2018 22:11	Kelly	Rhodes	No	We JUST had a sales tax increase and guess what? We are paying MORE in sales tax than CALIFORNIA!!! One of the highest taxed states in the country and we now pay more in sales tax than them and you want MORE? Nope! Greedy government, reduce your salaries or at least spend taxpayer's money properly instead of an over inflated Chuckleberry salary.	Combination of both	Again, we are the highest taxed county for property taxes in all of Arizona! This is out of control!	Temporary	NO NEW SALES TAX. We are getting taxed to death!	Enough with the tax increases. Seniors, those with disabilities and low income people just cannot afford any more. Those in government positions should take cuts in pay and quit mismanaging our money! I have friends and family who won't move to Pima County because of the tax rates. It's insane and out of control. I clicked the yes for a response but anyone who contacts their government representatives know they either will not respond or will send a generic canned response that means nothing. Tired of having our taxes going to waste. Such a joke.
1/18/2018 22:25	Stephanie	Grimes	No		Property Tax Reduction Only		Temporary		

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1/19/2018 9:11	James	MacAdam	No	We already have a half cent transportation tax that goes to RTA. Needs to be repurposed from new building to repairing and maintaining existing roads. County's historic bias for building new roads over maintaining current should not be cause for penalizing the public through sales tax.	Property Tax Reduction Only	Prefer NO sales tax. If it is enacted, property tax should be reduced equivalently.			
1/19/2018 11:24	Garrett	Anderson	Yes		Road Repair Only		Temporary		
1/19/2018 11:55	Janet	Horton	No	Lord knows we need road work, but a sales tax is not the way to do it in my opinion. It will adversely affect those who do not have much and don't drive. This could be accomplished with a smaller increase in sales tax and a surcharge on new car sales and gasoline.	Road Repair Only	I am a property owner and am happy to pay my taxes for schools and roads	Temporary	Nothing is ever permanent. We can see how it goes. Maybe an increase in public transportation would help.	I appreciate all that you are doing to make Pima County a compassionate and healthy place to live. We have too much poverty here to pass the costs of road work on to those less fortunate just to save money for property owners.
1/19/2018 14:57	Judy	McDermott	No	People in Tucson cannot afford any more taxes! Wages are low and it's hard enough to make ends meet. Taxes are very high as it is for the economy here.					
1/19/2018 15:27	Rex	RICHARDSON	No	I like to a comment a man made in our meeting, when I have an issue at home or repair I need to make I can't run to someone requesting a raise or a sudden Rush of money so why can the government think they can just keep raising taxes and raising taxes and raising taxes	Combination of both		Temporary	Too many times temporary taxes become permanent, be careful here, tired of taxes	Many of us believe you can find it in your budget to do repairs, do you want help? We can get a group down there going over the books. PS I live in the Picture Rocks areas driving from here to town and around I find the road just fine it's out here in Picture Rocks where the county does not maintain the roads where we need the help and apparently this sales tax increase would not help with that
1/20/2018 9:19	Lynn	Karabinas	Yes	If this is the most likely way to get sufficient funding to repair our disgraceful road situation then please enact the tax.	Road Repair Only	As much of the income as possible to road repair and the sooner the work starts the more gratifying it will be to people paying the increased sales tax.	Temporary	At least ten years but maybe no more than that.	We have lived off Pontatoc Road in the county for over 35 years and it has never once been milled and repaved. With Catalina High School adding to the traffic on this street it is suffering as are the residents in our neighborhood.

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1/21/2018 13:03	Bob	Tucek	Yes	While taxes are never desired, the state of our roads requires immediate attention. And if it takes a tax to fix them, so be it.	Combination of both	Property taxes should be reduced for homeowners with home values under \$500,000. Those whose homes are above that level, should still pay the current tax rate. If income tax can be progressive, why not property tax?	Temporary	All taxes, laws, and regulations should be temporary in order to give citizen pools the opportunity to amend the situation at such future times as necessary.	I live in the unincorporated portion of Pima County between the towns of Oro Valley and Marana. Their fine roads tend to highlight the despicable state of repair in which the roads between currently exist. I hope any tax increase would be used to fix that state of affairs sooner than later.
1/23/2018 18:53	Susanna	Laundy	Yes		Combination of both		Temporary	I only support the tax for a limited period of time, five years at most, then it should end.	
1/24/2018 13:30	Wolfgang	Knudson	Yes		Combination of both		Permanent		
1/24/2018 13:57	james	hagerman	No	enough already. We have a high enough sales tax. If you cannot operate on what we pay u now through sales and property taxes, resign and let new fiscally responsible people take office. More taxes are not the answer. Cut spending particularly high salaries for county and city officials.		none		none	see above
1/24/2018 14:19	Janelle	Curry	Yes	IF it is specifically set aside for road repairs and NOT for other agenda items that could have resources diverted.	Road Repair Only	Our property taxes are already low. Why would you even suggest trying to lower them she you are broke? Is it just a bad habit of yours to think the way to win with constituents is to offer lower taxes?	Temporary	Use the money wisely, get the job done and then revert back to the old tax structure.	Have you done the metric and due diligence to make sure you can raise the resources you need to get the job done by this increase? Theres nothing worse than raising the tax and not doing what you say with the resources that are specifically allocated for a particular use!! The Tucson citizenry has shown you through failed bond initiates that it doesn't trust you with resources. You want more money? Demonstrate you will do what you say with it.
1/24/2018 16:34	Thomas	Ham	Yes		Combination of both	As our population grows, we need to have decent infrastructure to help us get around in our beautiful area!	Permanent	The roads will always need repair somewhere. Their state is not temporary, and this tax increase should not be, either.	

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1/24/2018 16:44	Ben	Couch	No	Once we start adding taxes, it never stops. We have enough money for our needs, and I am opposed to adding further taxation when we are taxed enough already. Creative problem solving would be much more welcome than an unfriendly hand in my pocket.	Road Repair Only	The way this question is written, I essentially have to approve of the tax to answer it. Has the decision already been made? I am checking road repair, but it is only because I'm forced to "choose" something I don't like, which seems like a theme here. I do not approve of this tax, or any of the proposed reasons for it.	Temporary	Again, there is no option to select for someone who is opposed to this tax. I don't think it should be temporary or permanent. I don't think it should exist at all. But since I have to choose between two things I'm opposed to, I'm selecting temporary.	People love to create taxes rather than make do with what they have. We don't need one more sales tax in our lives, and once it starts it will never stop. Please find a better way than stealing more of the fruits of my labor. More big government will not create workable answers for us. Small, nimble, creative government will be much more cost effective and create more meaningful change.
1/24/2018 17:05	Andrea	Knorr	Yes		Combination of both		Permanent		
1/24/2018 17:45	Matthew	Mozdzen	Not Sure		Road Repair Only		Permanent		Sales taxes unfairly burden the poor. As a homeowner and a driver in Tucson, I would even support a property tax increase for road repair. I would not support a sales tax to pay for my property taxes.
1/24/2018 22:37	Gail	Pye	No	I'm tired of paying, paying, and paying only to learn that the money has trickled through the fingers of those in charge or used for a purpose other than which it was intended.		Why would you increase one tax and use it to reduce another. It doesn't make sense.		There shouldn't be a sales tax increase, period.	
1/25/2018 9:25	Valery	Daemke	No	taxes just keep going up and up and the roads get worse and worse. where is the fiscal responsibility? why don't you put your constituent's interests where they belong - first on your list of consideration. we pay and pay and fall further and further behind. get it together		there should NOT BE A SALES TAX INCREASE.		There should NOT BE A SALES TAX INCREASE; fix the way the money is spent and show some fiduciary responsibility and we wouldn't be in the mess we're in!!!!	I live on a budget - pretty much 95% of your constituents live on a budget. When we don't have enough money to go around, we have to cut back. I just paid for a dental visit for my cat which pretty much means that I DIDN'T get to go to the dentist myself. That's how these things work. If you demonstrated that sense of responsibility to the budget of our county, you wouldn't come to us every year with your hand you asking for us to give more and more and receive less and less.
1/27/2018 20:26	Michael	Sergeant	Not Sure	As stated below, it is important that cost and benefit apply equally to all.	Road Repair Only	It would be unfair for a sales tax, which impacts everyone, to disparately benefit just those who own property. Everyone, essentially, uses the roads.	Temporary	Lets see how the money is spent	

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1/29/2018 11:40	Jerry	Ford JR	Yes	I do not agree that property taxes should be used to the extent they are to cover County costs. All who live, visit, or pass through the county and use services, purchase goods should participate in the costs, NOT just those who own houses. Use the new tax to reduce property taxes!	Property Tax Reduction Only	I believe property taxes should be reduced first. If the reduction allows the County to cover costs and new home properties are stimulated, then use part of the taxes for road repairs.	Permanent	If all of the board can agree make it permanent, don't continue to go to the well too many times; besides Tucson continues to grow so costs continue exist/grow.	Stop uses property taxes as the answer for County income, sickening! All persons using County services, attending events, visiting, eating out, etc. should participate in the cost of living in the County, NOT just those who own homes in the County.
2/2/2018 9:35	Cheryl	Opalski	Yes		Road Repair Only	I would recommend road repair only for 10 years and then look at property tax reduction after the roads are fixed.	Permanent		I was at the presentation by Nicole in Ajo last night. She was great. Clear and professional. We need to fix our roads. I think there should be a reevaluation of the prioritizing that takes into account the need to address the roads in entire neighborhoods or communities so as to be most cost effective in the moving of staff and equipment. Yes, fix the worst roads first, but fix the entire neighborhood with the worst roads.
2/8/2018 15:44	Nancy	Maryott	No	Why would I give you more money when you haven't repacked the roads in my community since I've lived here? (1982)	Road Repair Only				No new money until you repair some roads. M5198Q
2/24/2018 13:54	Reta	Neff	Yes		Road Repair Only		Permanent		
2/27/2018 21:15	Pat	Smylie	Yes		Road Repair Only		Permanent		We support "user pay"
2/28/2018 13:38	Charlotte	Kostick	Yes		Road Repair Only		Permanent		

ATTACHMENT 5

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Pima County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at their regular meeting place in the Pima County Administration Building (Hearing Room), 130 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona, at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

Present: Sharon Bronson, Chair
*Richard Elías, Vice Chair
Ramón Valadez, Acting Chair
Ally Miller, Member
Steve Christy, Member

Also Present: Chuck Huckelberry, County Administrator
Andrew Flagg, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board
Charles Lopiccolo, Sergeant at Arms

*Supervisor Elías participated telephonically until leaving the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

1. **INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Lady Carol Garr, Mother Earth Ministries.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **PAUSE 4 PAWS**

The Pima County Animal Care Center showcased an animal available for adoption.

PRESENTATION/PROCLAMATION

4. Presentation of a proclamation to Major George Ophoff, Commander of the Arizona Ranger's Madera Company, proclaiming the day of Wednesday, November 22, 2017 to be: "ARIZONA RANGERS DAY"

It was moved by Chair Bronson, seconded by Supervisor Miller and unanimously carried by a 5-0 vote, to approve the item. Supervisor Christy made the presentation.

5. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

The following speakers addressed the Board in support of the Central Pet Partners, L.L.C. contract for the Pima Animal Care Center (PACC):

- Barry Gillaspie, Animal Care Advisory Committee
- Jack Neuman, Volunteer

They offered the following comments:

- Thousands of animals are processed through PACC each year and the Animal Care Advisory Committee takes pride in ensuring that funds are spent efficiently and wisely.
- Volunteers volunteer over 70,000 hours each year and they continue to be watchdogs for the public's interest.
- PACC was a model facility that other states would like to emulate and learn from.
- Cleanliness was not achieved with the contract using inmates and disease control was also an issue.

Keith Van Heyningen addressed the Board regarding Project Curvature, World View, roads, and the appointment of Ray Carroll to JP7.

Gerri Ottoboni addressed the Board regarding overtaxed seniors and the 30-day challenge to find the County's HURF funds.

Christopher Cole, Libertarian Party, addressed the Board regarding property taxes, Tucson being the fifth poorest metropolitan area in America, and acknowledged Veteran's Day.

Russell Trask addressed the Board regarding transparency for RICO spending and supported the half-cent sales tax for road repair.

Paul Parisi, 4Tucson, addressed the Board regarding Election Day and invited the Board to attend 4Tucson's Reception Blessing Breakfast for elected officials and first responders in January.

Paula Hughes addressed the Board protesting the road repair tax on her property tax statement and requested a refund.

Dru Heaton addressed to the Board regarding the invocation agenda item, McDonald v. Napier legal opinion, criminal intelligence analyst job classification and the Jose Guerena case settlement.

Brian Bickel addressed the Board regarding the distribution of Vehicle License Tax (VLT) funds per Arizona statute and compared the distributions for Maricopa County and Pima County.

Bob Dorson addressed to the Board regarding the 35th El Tour de Tucson and urged everyone on the roads to be careful with bicyclists.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING MINUTES

The Pima County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at their regular meeting place in the Pima County Administration Building (Hearing Room), 130 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona, at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2017. Upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

Present: Sharon Bronson, Chair
Richard Elías, Vice Chair
Ramón Valadez, Acting Chair
Ally Miller, Member
Steve Christy, Member

Also Present: Chuck Huckelberry, County Administrator
Andrew Flagg, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board
Charles Lopiccolo, Sergeant at Arms

1. INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Pastor Mark Rhoades, Emmanuel Baptist Church.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PAUSE 4 PAWS

The Pima County Animal Care Center showcased an animal available for adoption.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Edward Cizek addressed the Board in support of the proposed Internet Neutrality Resolution.

Christopher Cole, Pima County Libertarian Party, addressed the Board regarding Internet neutrality and corporate welfare.

Wendell Long, Chair, Pima County Sales Tax Advisory Committee, urged the Board to invite constituents to upcoming Sales Tax Advisory Committee meetings.

Roger D. Score addressed the Board regarding sales taxes and their negative effect on local businesses.

Brian Bickel addressed the Board regarding the equity and distribution model of shared revenues.

Gerri Ottoboni addressed the Board regarding Oro Valley Mayor Hiremath.

The following speakers addressed the Board regarding the Regional Road Repair Program recommendation:

- Reggie Drout
- John Fitzger
- Don Weaver, Green Valley Day
- Thao Tiedt, President, Soledad Homeowners Association
- Russell Trask
- Noreen Nelson, President, Hidden Valley Homeowners Association
- Anne Cavanagh
- Jessica Schiff
- Walli S. Watson
- Mia Tittle
- Tony Gleadhill
- Dick Roberts
- Christi Heintz
- Martha Michaels
- Linda Leedberg
- Stan Caldwell
- Bob Mayfield
- Marian S. Miskell
- Christopher Arundell
- Karen Thorton
- Hyatt Simpson

They offered the following comments:

- Road maintenance and repairs should be a priority.
- A countywide sales tax should be implemented for road repair and maintenance.
- The Transportation Advisory Committee's plan did not fairly distribute tax dollars for Green Valley.
- Roads are community tools.
- A sales tax with a 10-year time limit and administered by the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is the only way the roads could be fixed.
- Road maintenance and citizen safety are Pima County's fiduciary responsibilities.
- Money should be spent on failing roads.
- Fair policies are a right of all citizens.
- The road repair plan presented by Supervisor Christy is fair, equitable, and a balanced plan.
- Failed roads are hazardous to the community.
- Unsafe roads devalue property.
- The quality of roads has a negative impact on safety, quality of life and property values.

- A countywide sales tax is the logical and practical way to fix the roads.
- Pressure on the state legislature should continue so funds are distributed back to local governments for road repairs.

5. **CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved by Supervisor Elías, seconded by Supervisor Valadez and unanimously carried by a 5-0 vote, to convene to Executive Session at 10:30 a.m.

6. **RECONVENE**

The meeting reconvened at 11:12 a.m. All members were present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. The Board of Supervisors on November 7, 2017, continued the following:

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A) (3) and (4), for legal advice and direction regarding a Petition for Waiver of Real Property Taxes by the Rialto Theatre Foundation for tax year 2017 for Parcel Nos. 117-06-168C and 117-06-177B under A.R.S. Section 42-11153(B).

This item was for information only. No Board action was taken.

8. Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A) (3) and (4), for legal advice and direction regarding Paradigm DKD Group, L.L.C., et al. v. Pima County and the Pima County Assessor, et al., Pima County Superior Court Case No. C2014-1150 and Arizona Court of Appeals Case No. 1-CA-CV 17-0672.

Andrew Flagg, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney, stated that the County Attorney's Office sought direction on whether to proceed to oppose collection efforts as discussed in Executive Session

It was moved by Supervisor Elías, seconded by Supervisor Miller and unanimously carried by a 5-0 vote, to proceed as discussed, in Executive Session.

9. Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A) (3) and (4), for legal advice and direction regarding a settlement offer and Pima County Finance's recommended response in Tucson Mather Plaza, L.L.C., v. Pima County (TX2014-000736, TX2015-000944, and TX2016-001263 consolidated and TX2017-000149).

Andrew Flagg, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney, stated that the County Attorney's Office sought direction on whether to proceed as discussed in Executive Session.

It was moved by Supervisor Elías, seconded by Supervisor Miller and unanimously carried by a 5-0 vote, to proceed as discussed, in Executive Session.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING MINUTES

The Pima County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at their regular meeting place in the Pima County Administration Building (Hearing Room), 130 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona, at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 19, 2017. Upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

Present: Sharon Bronson, Chair
Richard Elías, Vice Chair
Ramón Valadez, Acting Chair
Ally Miller, Member
Steve Christy, Member

Also Present: Chuck Huckelberry, County Administrator
Andrew Flagg, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board
Charles Lopiccolo, Sergeant at Arms

1. INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Rabbi Michael LaPoff, Congregation Beth Sar Shalom.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Supervisor Elías recognized the passing of Frank Aguilar and spoke of his dedication to the community and his involvement with horseracing.

4. PAUSE 4 PAWS

Dr. Francisco Garcia, Assistant County Administrator for Community and Health Services, updated the Board on the new Pima Animal Care Center facility and the relocation of animals to the new shelter.

PRESENTATION

5. Recipients of Bronze Awards

Recognition of Pima County's Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department and Fleet Services Department for being recipients of Bronze Awards, received from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality's Voluntary Environmental Stewardship Program. (District 3)

It was moved by Chair Bronson, seconded by Supervisor Elías and unanimously carried by a 5-0 vote, to approve the item. All members of the Board made the presentation.

PRESENTATION

6. **2017 Southern Arizona Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers' Community Safety Award**

Presentation of the 2017 Southern Arizona Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers' (SAASSE) Community Safety Award by Mark Grushka to the Pima County Board of Supervisors in recognition of the Board's efforts to reduce the hazards of distracted driving. (District 3)

It was moved by Chair Bronson, seconded by Supervisor Elías and unanimously carried by a 5-0 vote, to approve the item. Mark Grushka, American Society of Safety Engineers member, made the presentation to the Board.

PRESENTATION/PROCLAMATION

7. Presentation of a proclamation to Francie Merryman, proclaiming the day of Tuesday, December 19, 2017 to be: "FRANCIE MERRYMAN DAY"

It was moved by Chair Bronson, seconded by Supervisor Miller and unanimously carried by a 5-0 vote, to approve the item.

8. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

The following speakers addressed the Board regarding sales tax and property tax for the Road Repair Plan:

- Joe Wilson
- Gerri Ottoboni
- Russell Trask
- Steve Foley
- Lou Sampson
- Joe McCalpin, Esperanza Estate Homeowner's Association
- Martha Michaels
- Stan Caldwell
- Linda Leedberg
- Mia Tittle
- Norie Nelson, President, Hidden Valley Homeowner's Association

They offered the following comments:

- Supported sales tax to fix County roads.
- Opposed a sales tax for the citizens of Oro Valley.
- There was a lack of money to fix the roads and stop raising taxes.
- Concerned that roads would never get fixed.

- Concerned with the condition of Territory Drive.
- Urged the Board to fix and maintain the decaying roads.
- La Cañada Road in Green Valley was badly decayed, from Esperanza to Continental, and it was supposed to be fixed but was not.
- Safety concerns caused by potholes not being fixed.
- Advocated for Sabino Town and Country Estates and funds being diverted.
- Transportation Advisory Committee should reconsider vote for Sabino Town and Country Estates.
- Opposed to the approval of District 4's road repair plan only.
- Roads needed to be fixed.

The following speakers addressed the Board regarding Rialto Theatre Foundation's petition for Real Property Taxes waiver for tax years 2016 and 2017:

- Michael McGrath, Counsel for the Rialto Theatre
- Christopher Volpe, Vice-President, Rialto Theatre Foundation
- Curtis McCreary, Executive Director, Rialto Theatre Foundation

They offered the following comments:

- The Theatre's property taxes for 2016 and 2017, should be exempt.
- The County Assessor's reclassification of the property should be non-profit theater.
- The taxes levied by the Assessor's Office should be refunded.

The following speakers addressed the Board in support of Resolution No. 2017-97:

- Joe Watson, American Friend's Service Committee Arizona Office
- Caroline Isaacs, Program Director, American Friend's Service Committee Arizona Office

They offered the following comments:

- Opposed to the privatization of detention facilities.
- Cited documentation on the systemic problems associated with for profit prisons, jails, and immigrant detention centers across the nation.

Robert Cook, Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), Reauthorization Taskforce and Planning & Zoning Commission member, addressed the Board regarding the Broadway widening project.

Edward Cizek addressed the Board on internet neutrality, telecoms and government intervention.

Dylan Smith, Vice President, Arizona Press Club, addressed the Board regarding the Brick Wall Award recipient and the public records request policy.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING MINUTES

The Pima County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at their regular meeting place in the Pima County Administration Building (Hearing Room), 130 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona, at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2018. Upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

Present: Sharon Bronson, Chair
Richard Elías, Vice Chair
Ramón Valadez, Acting Chair
Ally Miller, Member
Steve Christy, Member

Also Present: Chuck Huckelberry, County Administrator
Andrew Flagg, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board
Charles Lopiccolo, Sergeant at Arms

1. **INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Reverend Peter Helman, St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Chair Bronson offered her condolences to Mayor Rothschild and his family on the passing of the Mayor's father.

4. **PAUSE 4 PAWS**

Jan Leshner, Chief Deputy County Administrator, expressed her gratitude to those who attended the grand opening of the new Pima County Animal Care Facility and she invited the community to visit.

5. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Roger Score addressed the Board regarding World View's potential for accidents and injuries, and taxpayers' liability.

Albert Lannon stated that he would be lodging a formal complaint pursuant to the Pima County Regulatory Bill of Rights regarding the County Administrator's disregard for Resolution No. 2007-343. Mr. Lannon expressed his opposition to I-11.

Geri Ottoboni addressed the Board regarding the Arizona Daily Independent's World View article, asked that the Board investigate the explosion at World View, and commented on taxpayer liability.

Keith Van Heyningen expressed his concerns regarding corruption, roads and World View.

Christopher Cole, Chairman, Pima County Libertarian Party, addressed the Board regarding World View and requested that the Board fix the roads.

Russel Trask addressed the Board regarding monetary spending.

Edward Cizek spoke to the Board regarding the County Attorney's Office and the Sheriff Department's budget expenditures, the inequality of prison sentences and the need to fix County roads.

Michael McGrath, Counsel for the Rialto Theatre Foundation, addressed the Board regarding the Rialto Theatre's assessed 2016 and 2017 taxes and thanked the Board for their willingness to reconsider the exemption requests.

Brian Bickel addressed the Board regarding funding for road repairs. He asked the Board to include ongoing road repairs in the budget instead of adding new infrastructure.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

6. Discussion/Action

- A. Discussion/action regarding whether to waive the attorney-client privilege regarding the Pima County Attorney's Office's legal advice regarding the Rialto Theatre Foundation's Petition for Waiver of Real Property Taxes for tax years 2016 and 2017 for Parcel Nos. 117-06-168C and 117-06-177B under A.R.S. §42-11153(B).

It was moved by Supervisor Elias and seconded by Chair Bronson to waive the attorney-client privilege. No vote was taken at this time.

Supervisor Miller asked whether waiving the attorney-client privilege included the Executive Session discussion.

Andrew Flagg, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney, explained that the waiver of the attorney-client privilege would allow the Board to discuss the subject in public, but it did not waive the privilege of what was discussed in Executive Session, which was protected by statute.

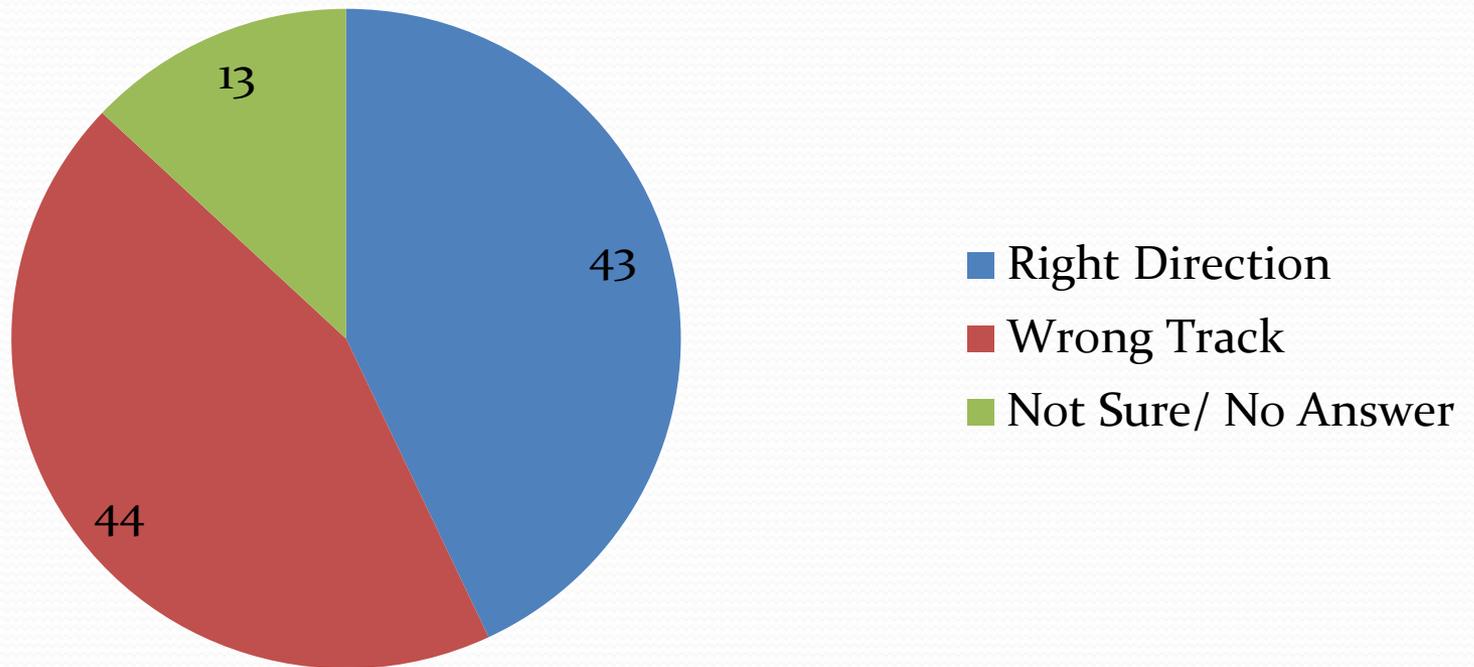
Upon the vote, the motion unanimously carried 5-0.

ATTACHMENT 6

**Tucson Association of REALTORS®
Pima County Sales Tax Proposal
November 27-29, 2017**

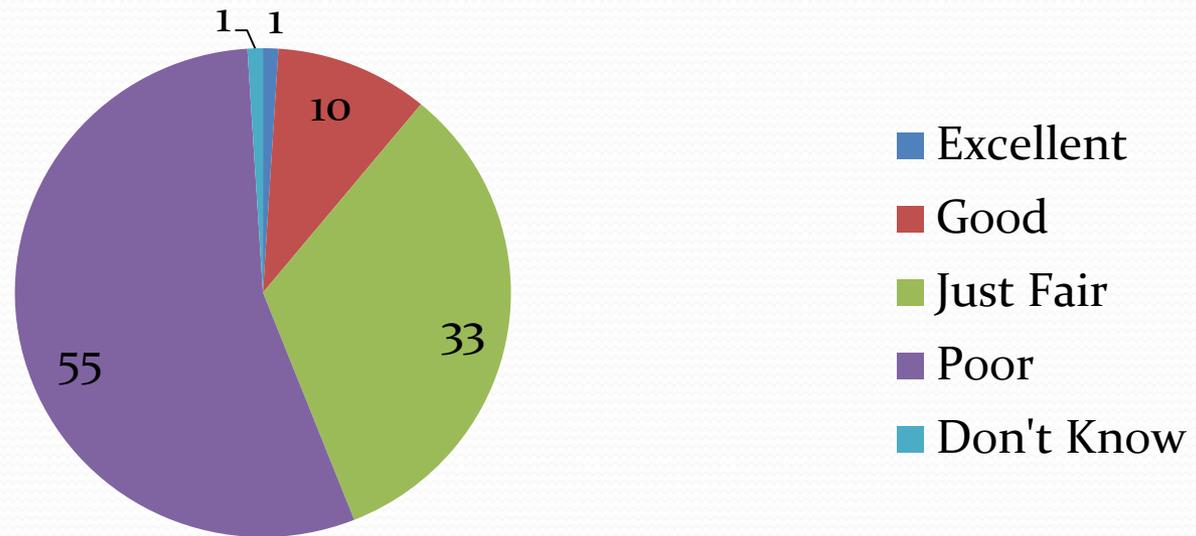
Generally speaking, do you think that things in Pima County are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?

Right Direction / Wrong Track



In general, how would you rate the condition roads and bridges in Pima County- are they in excellent, good, just fair or poor condition?

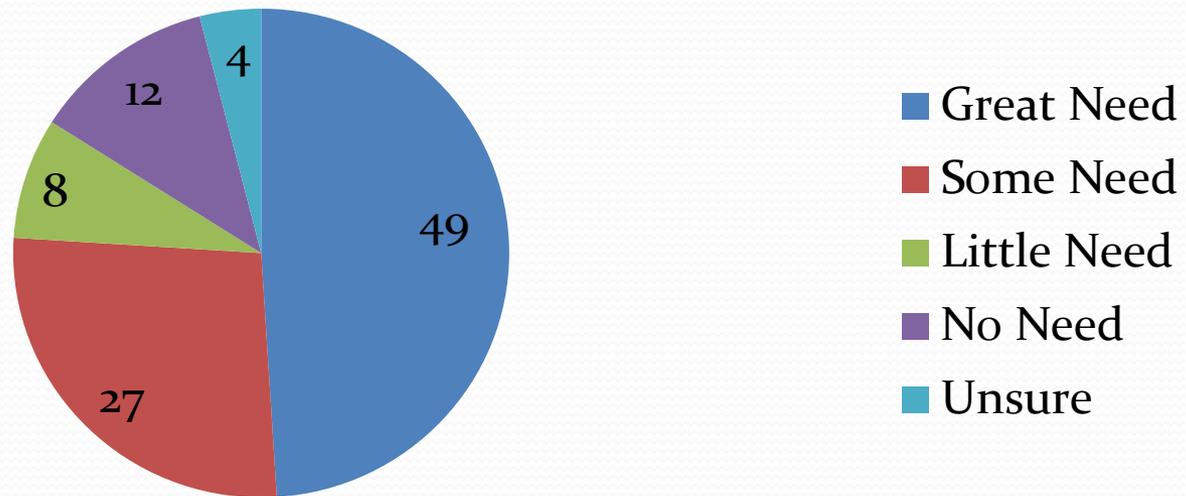
Condition of Pima County Roads



$$\text{Excellent/Good (11)} - \text{Just Fair/Poor (88)} = -77$$

Would you say there is a great need, some need, a little need or no real need to increase the current level of funding for roads and highways in Pima County?

Increase Funding For Roads



Great / Some Need 76% - Little / No Need 20% = 56

Now let me ask you about several agencies responsible for improving and maintaining roads in Pima County. Are they doing an excellent, good, just fair or poor job maintaining and improving roads in Pima County?

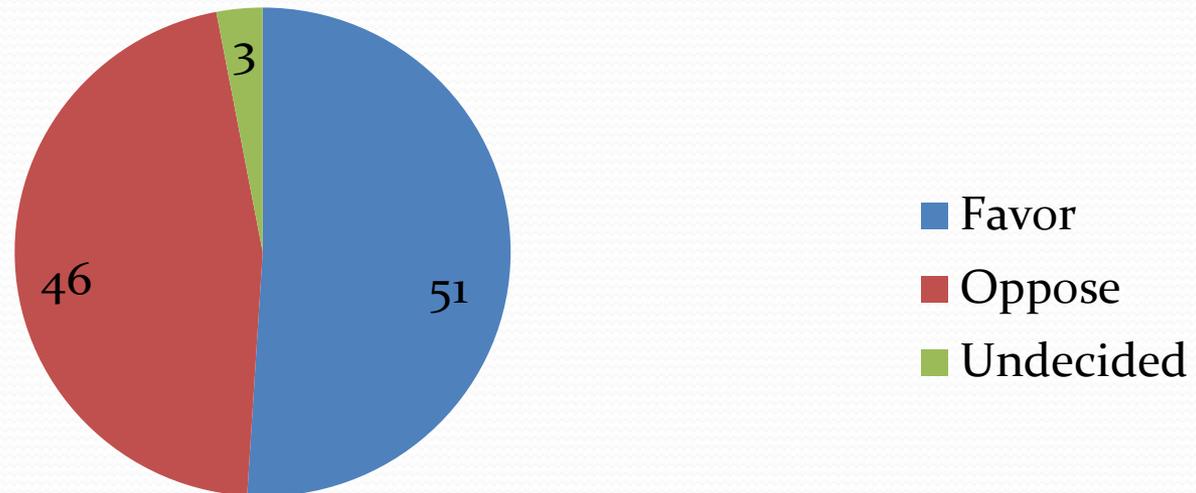
	Excellent	Good	Just Fair	Poor	Don't Know	Ex/Good	Fair/Poor	E/G-F/P
Pima County	0	20	40	38	2	20	78	-58
City of Tucson	1	17	41	37	4	18	78	-60
RTA	2	19	34	29	17	21	63	-42

- Opinions on Pima County, City of Tucson and RTA job performance on road repair appear to be tied to the broad dissatisfaction with the condition of our roads
- The RTA has a much higher rate of no opinion suggesting respondents are not as familiar with the RTA and what exactly they do.

Switching gears a bit, as you may know, there is a proposal before the Pima County Board of Supervisors to create a one-half cent county sales tax. The revenue from the sales tax would be dedicated to road repair and maintenance and to reducing Pima County property taxes. The one-half cent sales tax would raise an estimated eighty-five million dollars a year.

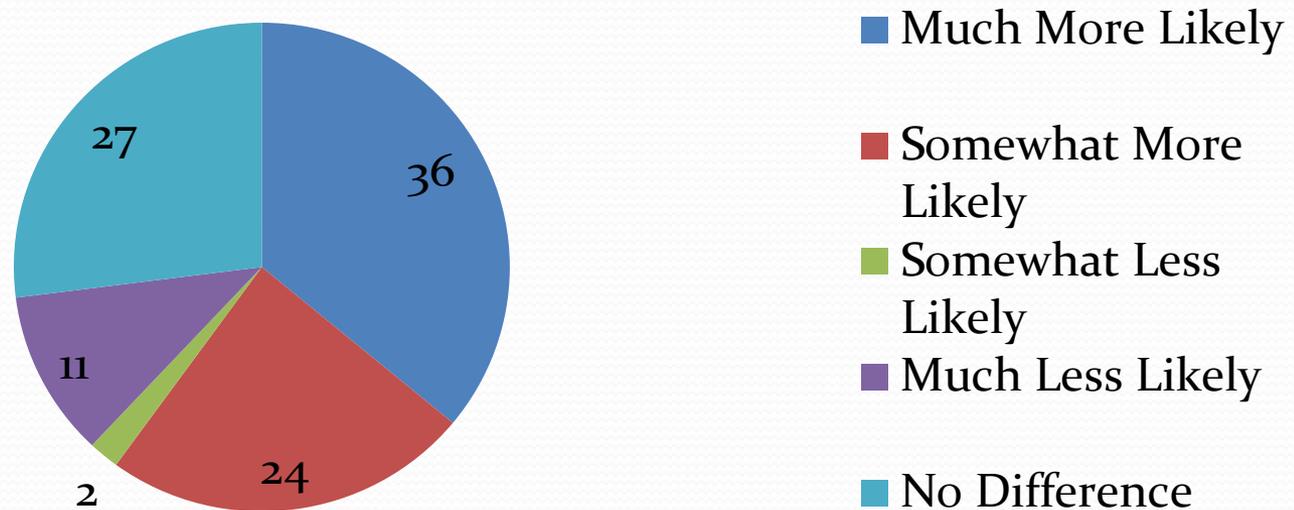
How about you? Would you favor or oppose this proposal for a one-half cent sales tax to pay for road repair and property tax reduction?

Sales Tax For Roads and Property Tax Reduction



The money raised by the sales tax can only be used in Pima County for road maintenance and property tax reduction. The revenue cannot be taken by the state.

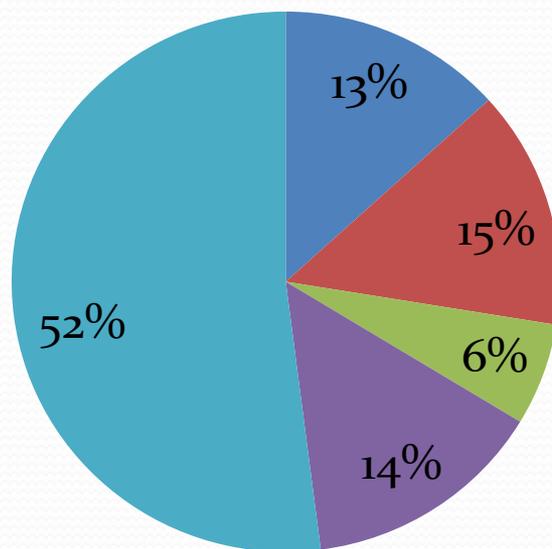
More or Less Likely To Support



More Likely (60) - Less Likely (13) = 47

The Pima County Regional Transportation Authority would administer and oversee all road repair projects paid for with the half cent sales tax revenue.

More or Less Likely To Support



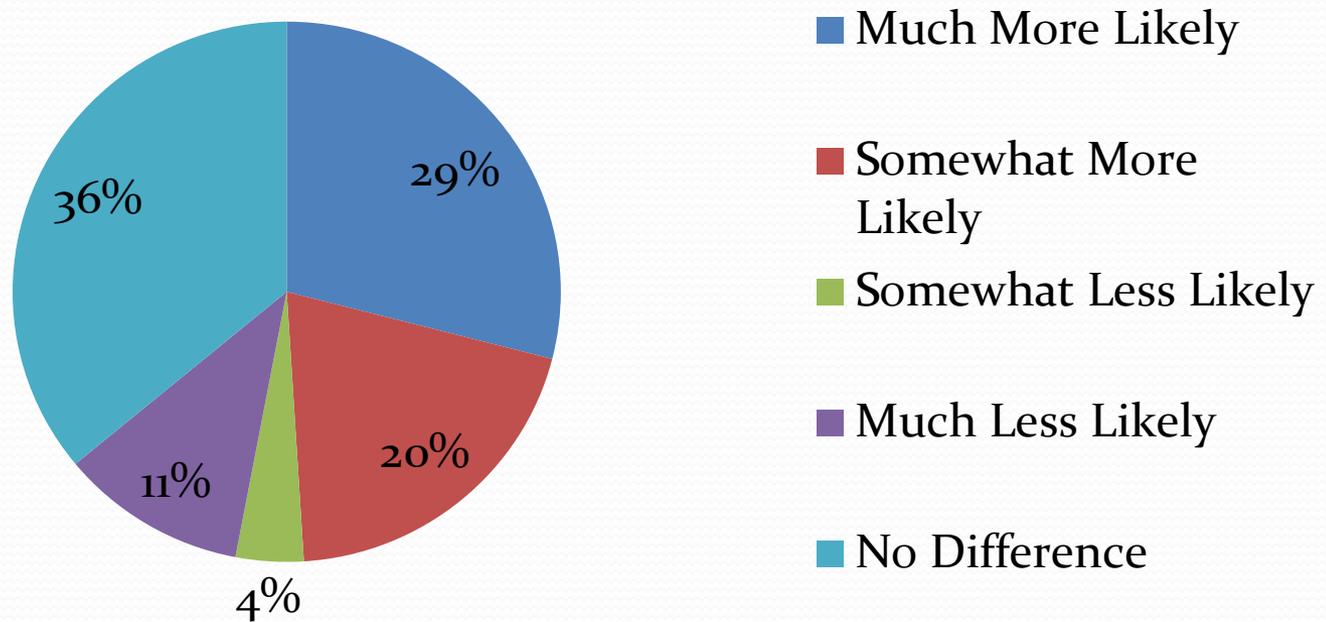
- Much More Likely
- Somewhat More Likely
- Somewhat Less Likely
- Much Less Likely
- No Difference

More Likely (28) – Less Likely (20) = 8
Their Opinion

Note: 52% RTA Control Makes No Difference In

70% of roads in Pima County are in failing condition according to the Pima County Transportation Department.

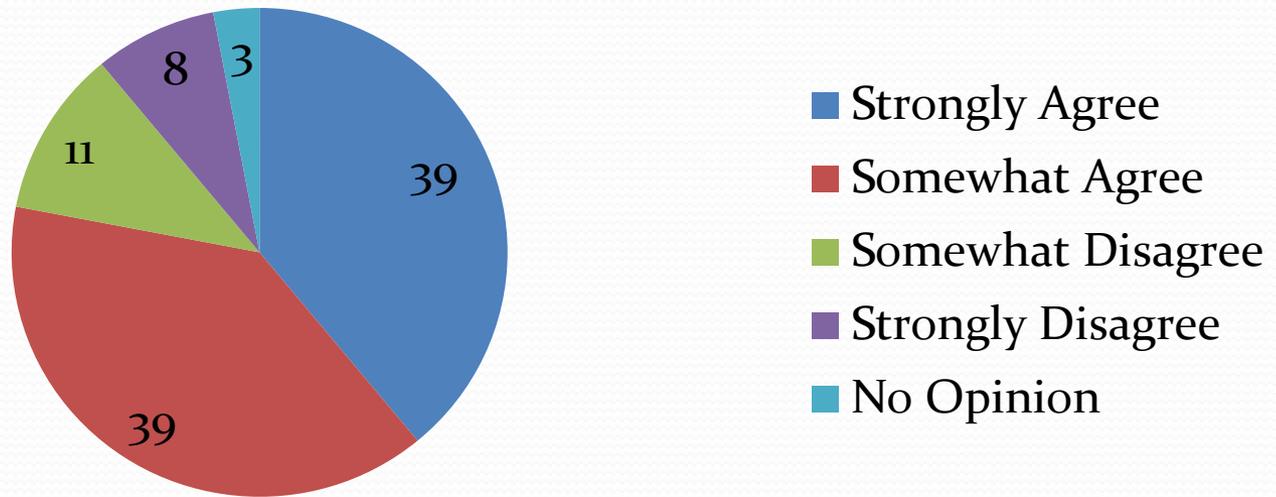
More or Less Likely To Support



More Likely (49) - Less Likely (15) = 34

The quality of Pima County's roads and highways plays a major role in attracting business investment to the county.

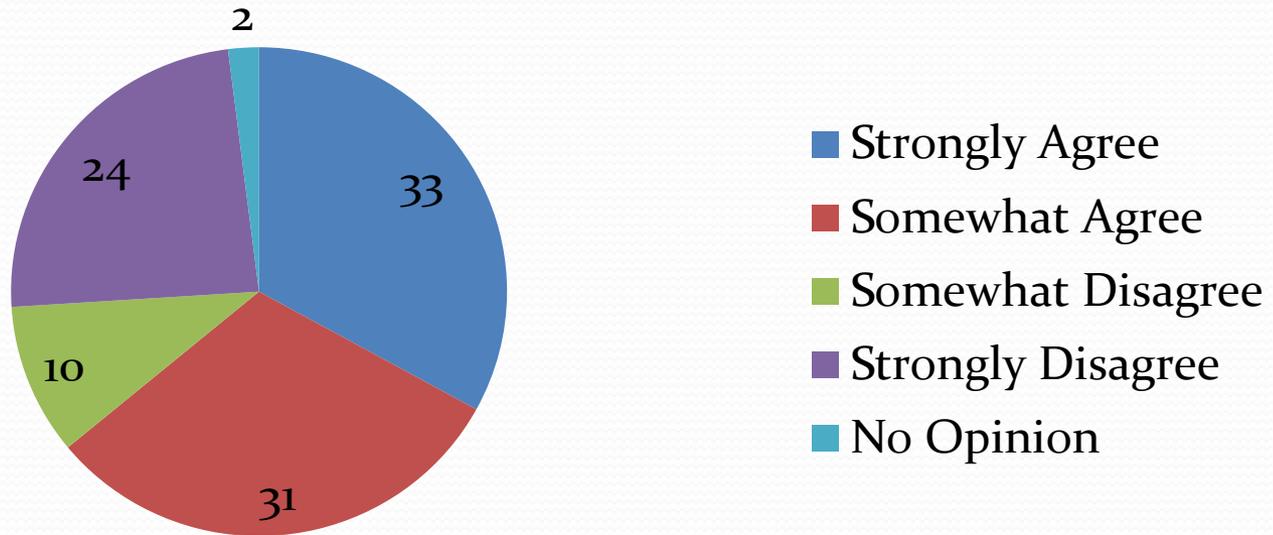
Agree or Disagree



Agree (78) – Disagree (19) = 59

A half-cent sales tax is a small price to pay for better and safer roads and lower property taxes in Pima County.

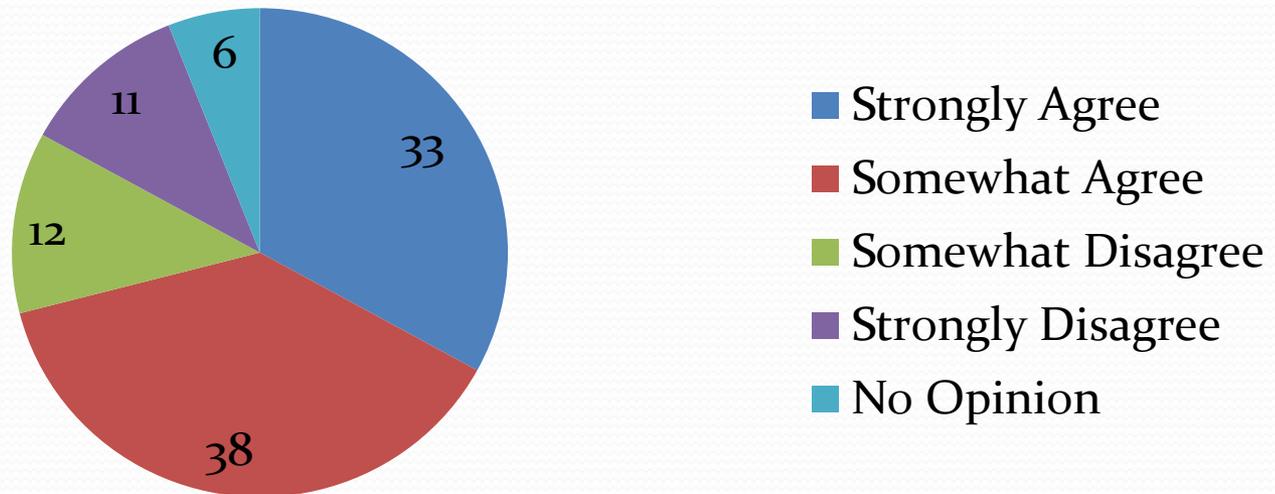
Agree or Disagree



$$\text{Agree (64)} - \text{Disagree (34)} = 30$$

It's not fair that property and business owners are the only revenue source for county services. We need to diversify the county tax base.

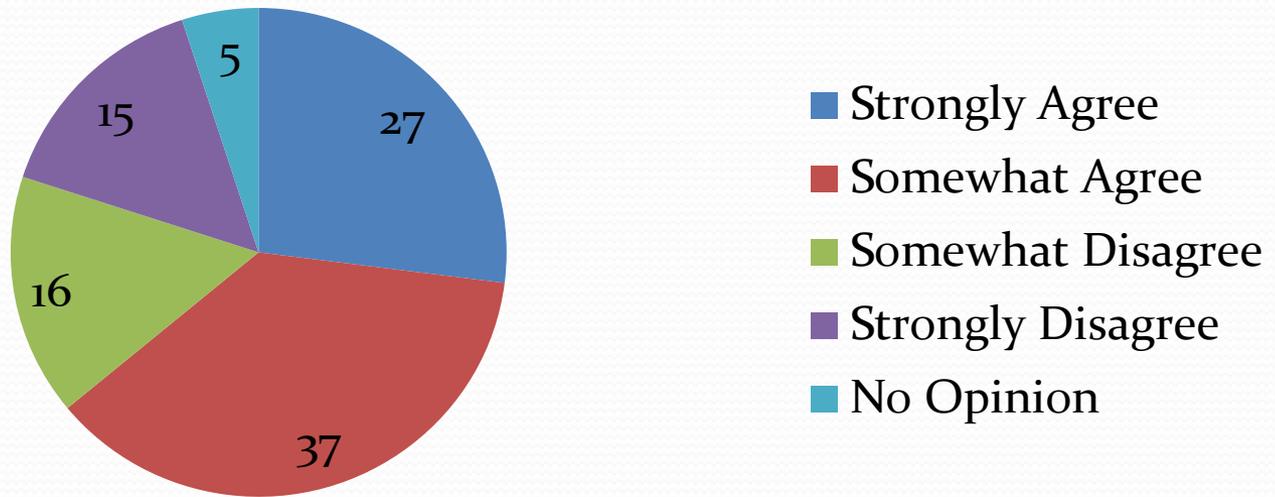
Agree or Disagree



Agree (71) – Disagree (23) = 48

Sales taxes are a good way to lessen the overall tax load on local residents and have tourists and visitors pay their fair share.

Agree or Disagree



Agree (64) – Disagree (31) = 33

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Pima County Sales Tax Proposal
November 27-29, 2017**

Opinions of Renters

In general, how would you rate the condition roads and bridges in Pima County- are they in excellent, good, just fair or poor condition?

	Excellent	Good	Just Fair	Poor	No Opinion
Rent	1	10	41	48	0
Own	1	10	31	57	1

Renters Ex/Good (11) – Fair/Poor (89)= -78

Owners Ex/Good (11) – Fair/Poor (88) = -77

Would you say there is a great need, some need, a little need or no real need to increase the current level of funding for roads and highways in Pima County?

	Great Need	Some Need	Little Need	No Real Need	No Opinion
Rent	54	27	8	9	2
Own	49	27	7	12	5

Renters Great/Some Need (81) – Little/No Need (17)= 64

Owners Great/Some Need (76) – Little/No Need (19) = 57

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How about you? Would you favor or oppose this proposal for a one-half cent sales tax to pay for road repair and property tax reduction?

	Favor	Oppose	No Opinion
Rent	55	40	5
Own	50	47	3

Renters favor proposal by +15 vs. +3 for homeowners

The money raised by the sales tax can only be used in Pima County for road maintenance and property tax reduction. The revenue cannot be taken by the state.

	Much More Likely	Somewhat More Likely	Somewhat Less Likely	Much Less Likely	No Difference
Rent	32	39	1	6	22
Own	37	21	2	12	28

Renters More Likely (71) – Less Likely (7) = 64

Owners More Likely (58) – Less Likely (14) = 44

70% of roads in Pima County are in failing condition according to the Pima County Transportation Department.

	Much More Likely	Somewhat More Likely	Somewhat Less Likely	Much Less Likely	No Difference
Rent	34	22	5	3	36
Own	28	20	4	12	36

Renters More Likely (56) – Less Likely (8) = 48

Owners More Likely (48) – Less Likely (16) = 32

The quality of Pima County's roads and highways plays a major role in attracting business investment to the county.

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
Rent	50	37	9	4	0
Own	38	39	12	8	3

Renters Total Agree (87) – Total Disagree (13)= 74

Owners Total Agree (77) – Total Disagree (20) = 57

A half-cent sales tax is a small price to pay for better and safer roads and lower property taxes in Pima County.

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
Rent	34	35	10	16	5
Own	33	30	10	24	3

Renters Total Agree (69) – Total Disagree (26)= 43

Owners Total Agree (63) – Total Disagree (34) = 29

It's not fair that property and business owners are the only revenue source for county services. We need to diversify the county tax base.

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
Rent	37	41	10	12	0
Own	33	37	13	10	7

Renters Total Agree (78) – Total Disagree (22) = 56

Owners Total Agree (70) – Total Disagree (23) = 47

Sales taxes are a good way to lessen the overall tax load on local residents and have tourists and visitors pay their fair share.

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
Rent	26	42	18	9	5
Own	28	36	16	15	5

Renters Total Agree (68) – Total Disagree (27) = 41

Owners Total Agree (64) – Total Disagree (31) = 33

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YES / NO / NOT SURE (circle one)

Comment: _____

2. Should the sales tax revenue be spent on road repair, property tax reduction or some combination of both?

Road Repair ONLY / Property Tax Reduction ONLY / Combination of Both (circle one)

Comment: gr combo

3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment: _____

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Comment: MONEY MUST BE earmarked FOR ROADS ONLY - CANT BE DIVERTED

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Comment: _____

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Comment: ROAD NEED CONSTANT UPKEEP

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Comment: Vote APPROVED Renewal

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YES / NO / NOT SURE (circle one)

Comment: Unfamiliar with the sales tax push.

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Road Repair ONLY / Property Tax Reduction ONLY / Combination of Both (circle one)

Comment: Roads need to be repaired and property tax reduction could help the local community spend money locally.

3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment: _____

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Comment: If the recent property tax increase for road repair is rescinded.

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Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment: _____

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Comment: _____

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Comment: _____

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Comment: TIME CAP & REVISIT LATER

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Comment: _____

SNOWBIRDS USE OUR ROADS MONEY going to RTA

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Comment: _____

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Comment: _____

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Comment: Road repair first, property tax reduction 2nd

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Comment: _____

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Comment: _____

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Comment: We need to be proactive and plan for a permanent revenue source.

3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment: Roads will need maintenance on a permanent basis. Roads will always need to be upgraded & new roads designed.

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Comment: _____

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Comment: _____

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Comment: _____

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Comment: _____

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Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment: For Road Maintenance

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Comment: _____

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Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

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YES / NO / NOT SURE (circle one)

Comment: For Roads

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Road Repair ONLY / Property Tax Reduction ONLY / Combination of Both (circle one)

Comment: Roads only

3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment: with oversight

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