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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		
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
1/16/2018 19:36	Charles	DownsDowns	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 money responsibly.					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.

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1/18/2018 22:25	Stephanie	Grimes	No		Property Tax Reduction Only		Temporary		
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.
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

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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? There's 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 initiatives 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.	
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	
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.

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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 an 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.