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**

- **Right Direction**: 43
- **Wrong Track**: 44
- **Not Sure/ No Answer**: 13
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**

- **Excellent**: 55
- **Good**: 10
- **Just Fair**: 33
- **Poor**: 1
- **Don't Know**: 1

Excellent/Good (11) – 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?

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- 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**

- **Favor**: 51
- **Oppose**: 46
- **Undecided**: 3
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**

- Much More Likely: 36
- Somewhat More Likely: 24
- Somewhat Less Likely: 27
- Much Less Likely: 11
- No Difference: 2

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 Likely To Support

- **Much More Likely**: 13%
- **Somewhat More Likely**: 15%
- **Somewhat Less Likely**: 6%
- **Much Less Likely**: 14%
- **No Difference**: 52%

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

Note: 52% RTA Control Makes No Difference In Their Opinion
70% of roads in Pima County are in failing condition according to the Pima County Transportation Department.

**More or Less Likely To Support**

- **Much More Likely**: 36%
- **Somewhat More Likely**: 29%
- **Somewhat Less Likely**: 20%
- **Much Less Likely**: 11%
- **No Difference**: 4%

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

Agree (64) – 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
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Opinions of Renters
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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?

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

Owners Great/Some Need (76) – Little/No Need (19) = 57
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Renters favor proposal by +15 vs. +3 for homeowners
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Renters More Likely (71) – Less Likely (7) = 64

Owners More Likely (58) – Less Likely (14) = 44
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Owners More Likely (48) – Less Likely (16) = 32
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