



MEMORANDUM

Date: November 28, 2017

To: Chairman and Members
Pima County Sales Tax Advisory Committee

From: Ramón O Valadez
Pima County Supervisor, District 2

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Ramón O Valadez", is written over the typed name and title.

Re: **Alternative Proposal for Consideration**

As you may be aware, during the Board of Supervisors meeting of Tuesday, November 21st, The Board openly discussed the possible new sales tax for Transportation (see video of Board meeting at http://pima.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=7). During that discussion, we gave the County Administrator direction to return to the Board as well as the Sales Tax Advisor Committee a draft proposal for discussion with the following items:

1. A written plan to complete all pavement preservation and repair of roads in the Region of Pima County. As part of this direction I asked for a detailed plan that can assure County residents that the roads, under county jurisdiction, will be fully repaired in 10 years.
2. Include measured increasing property tax relief which would reduce primary property taxes for all (business and residential) taxpayers over the period of the plan and to continue this tax relief indefinitely.
3. Assure that programs to benefit low income members of our community will continue at their present levels, or increase, and funds for said programs will not be diverted or diminished.
4. Draft an ordinance for Board consideration that would put these policies in effect and void any sales tax revenue increase to fund road repair and property tax relief if this Board or any future Board tries to use funds for any other purpose.

As part of the discussion, my fellow-board members expressed some concern about the administration of this program through the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) and the administrating cost of such. This proposal neither includes nor excludes that possibility, but recognizes

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that Arizona law, to the best of my understanding, does not allow the Board to delegate its authority to collect a sales tax nor decide on its allocation to a third-party.

I applaud Supervisor Christy for advancing this discussion with his plan. I now would like to add to the present discussion this plan. As noted during the meeting I am perfectly willing to add fund components identified by Supervisor Miller in the discussion for your consideration. The purpose of this proposal is to give the Board and your Committee more options for dialogue about a solid and tangible plan.

C: Chuck Huckelberry, County Administrator