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

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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*See back for additional space to write comments.*
1. Should the Pima County Board of Supervisors adopt a half-cent general sales tax?
   - YES / NO / NOT SURE (circle one)
   Comment: IT GOES TO LOGIC!

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. Should the Pima County Board of Supervisors adopt a half-cent general sales tax?
   - YES / NO / NOT SURE (circle one)
   Comment: NOT UNDER THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION

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

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   - Temporary / Permanent (circle one)
   Comment:

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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: **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: 

3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?  
Temporary / Permanent (circle one)  
Comment:  

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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: SEE REVERSE

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: 

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: 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
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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 DECREPIT SITUATION WILL/COULD AFFECT RESALE VALUES.

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
3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent? (circle one)

Comment: As proposed by Mr. Chrisy

Temporary / Permanent / Combination of Both (circle one)

Road Repair ONLY / Property Tax Reduction ONLY / Combination of some combination of both?

Comment: See above Comment

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

Comment: NO / NOT SURE (circle one) / YES

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

Comment: If the recently enacted additional property tax ex

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Sales tax spreads the real expense to all who use.

Rents. Sales tax = no effect (pocket money). Tax also would apply to rentals (over 30 days). Higher takes the poor. This does not make sense. Property supervisors are arguing that property tax unfairly drives more than increased sales tax would some.

Thank you for pointing out that poor payment costs.

See letter I sent to Steve Chisny.

Have RA administrator - they have a good track record.

Must be a quandary of this.

Only use the sales tax for road repairs.

Comments: