



## Transportation Advisory Committee

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June 10, 2019

Honorable Chair and Members  
Pima County Board of Supervisors  
130 W. Congress Street  
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### **RE: Board of Supervisors (BOS) Requests for Pima County Transportation Advisory Committee (PCTAC) Meetings in Individual Districts**

Dear Honorable Chair and Members:

In the early months of PCTAC's formation, committee members discussed an appropriate, consistent location for the meetings. The committee members agreed that our meeting location would be in a County facility (no room fees with insurance requirements and adequate parking needs met), and that room be able to accommodate 100+ people. We also agreed that the meeting location needed to have teleconferencing capabilities and be audio friendly to the County IT Department. After much discussion, the Abrams Public Health Center was decided upon by unanimous vote.

In the interest of reaching as many constituents as possible, we invite you to work with your PCTAC appointee to have meetings in your District, if you deem appropriate. Once we have received any requests, County staff will assist in finding a location that meets the guidelines we agreed upon.

Additionally, at our May 28, 2019 meeting, we received a request to consider holding evening meetings twice a year. After thoughtful deliberation, the overwhelming majority of committee members voted 5 to 2 to keep the regularly scheduled day meetings.

Please let me know if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,



Lucretia Free

Chair

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**RE: Meeting Schedule Issues of the Pima County Transportation  
Advisory Committee (PCTAC)**

Dear Mr. Elias:

As a member of this advisory committee since December of 2018, I have been unable to win a majority vote of its members on issue recommendations to forward to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for consideration, so I am taking the liberty to send recommendations regarding PCTAC meeting schedules directly to the BOS.

At the recent 4/23/19 PCTAC meeting held at the County's Parks and Recreation Department's headquarters at its 3500 W. River Rd. location, we had a tremendous citizen turn out to express their serious concerns about the poor County road conditions and to ask for significant increased funding to address these problems. The positive turn out was due to a large degree to the location of the meeting that provided easy access for the citizens of District 1 in the northwest part of the County. The meeting was taken to the citizens rather than asking citizens to travel all the way to south Country Club Rd. to have their voices heard.

Since this meeting was so successful with its location held closer to the citizens, I raised the issue, at the 5/28/19 PCTAC meeting, of rotating PCTAC meetings at other Board Districts' locations to encourage more citizen participation throughout the entire County. However, the PCTAC committee feels reluctant to initiate any action about the PCTAC without it first being sent to them by the BOS, including something as simple as setting meeting locations. I feel this reluctance to independently initiate any action defeats the purpose of any advisory board or committee. In my many years of public agency service, including participation on other advisory committees, it has always been my perception that the purpose of these committees is to raise new issues and generate new recommended actions as well as act on issues sent to them by the governing body.

A second related meeting issue was also discussed at the 5/28/19 PCTAC meeting. In addition to holding meetings at all the board districts, we also discussed the need to occasionally hold evening meetings to make it easy for working people to attend after work. Again, the committee was afraid to set any evening meetings without first being told to do so by the BOS. So, a motion was made and failed to pass to schedule just two evening meetings a year.

If an advisory committee feels unable to perform such a basic and simple task as setting their own meeting schedule and location, then I question the committee's purpose. Therefore, I am asking the BOS to encourage their PCTAC representatives to avoid the fear of generating their own independent issues, and instead to feel free to generate new issues and send the related recommendations to the BOS for consideration. Specifically, I am asking the BOS to inform their PCTAC representatives that they do in fact have the inherent decision-making "authority" to set the locations and times of the PCTAC meetings without the need to rewrite the bylaws or to ask "permission" from the BOS.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,



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