



**PIMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(PCTAC)**

**Abrams Public Health Center, 3950 S. Country Club Road
Tuesday, January 23, 2018
Noon**

Members Present: Dan Eckstrom, Rick Price, Amber Smith (arrived late), Lucretia Free, John Bernal, Dan Castro, Tom McGovern, Curtis Lueck, Eric Ponce

Members Absent: Chris DeSimone, Reggie Drout, Bob Gugino, Sergio Arellano

Others Present: Carmine DeBonis (Deputy County Administrator-Public Works), Ana Olivares (PCDOT), Jim Cunningham (PCDOT), David Cummings (PCDOT), Robert Lane (PCDOT), Annabelle Valenzuela (PCDOT), Shara Canez (PCDOT), Vanessa Schmidt (PCDOT)

1. Call to Order - Roll Call

Lucretia Free, Chair of PCTAC, calls the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Shara Canez takes roll call and a quorum is present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

General Items

3. Approval of Meeting Summary for November 28, 2017 Meeting

Chair Free asks if anyone would like to edit/change minutes and no one answers. Tom McGovern makes a motion to approve minutes, Dan Castro seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

4. Regional Pavement Preservation Program Update

Rob Lane presents. **See “Regional Local Road Repair: Program Update” under the “Documents” tab**

5. Sales Tax Committee Update

Carmine DeBonis presents.

The Sales Tax Advisory Committee has held six public meetings throughout Pima County. The seventh meeting will take place tonight from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr. Library in Marana. Thus far, public attendance has varied from five to 25 and attendees have mostly stated their support for a sales tax for road repair while being evenly split between having the sales tax be temporary or permanent. Additionally, the Sales Tax Advisory Committee has held four meetings where they did not solicit public input but, instead, discussed the topic and relevant issues. There are three of these meetings left with the final meeting scheduled for March 13, 2018. By this date, the Committee will finalize a recommendation to set forth before the Board of Supervisors (BOS).

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In addition to the public forums, there are online feedback forms available to the public. Over 100 feedback forms have been submitted and indicate slightly more public support for a sales tax than not. Within those that support the sales tax, there is an even split between those who want the tax to be temporary and those who want it to be permanent. A prominent theme within the “Comments” section of the feedback form is a request for assurance that the sales tax funding be used as intended. To comply with this request, the program could have a separate fund set up that would be subject to audit by the Arizona Auditor General’s office and an independent auditor if so desired. Furthermore, the program can present an ordinance voted on by the BOS that would end the sales tax if funds are used outside of their intended purpose. Establishing Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) would also ensure that monies be appropriately distributed in regards to other jurisdictions.

PCTAC members ask about the impact of a sales tax on low-income communities. **See “Impact of a Possible Half-Cent County General Sales Tax on Low-Income Households” under the “Documents” tab**. To offset the regressive nature of a proposed sales-tax, members discuss possibilities such as prioritizing roadway repair within low-income communities as well as offering tax-credits to low-income individuals.

6. Draft Sales Tax Implementation Plan Ordinance and Road Repair Plan for Discussion

Carmine DeBonis continues presenting.

Staff has prepared a 10-year draft plan for repairing Pima County roads that includes an incremental property-tax relief if the sales tax were to be adopted. This plan will be discussed during the February 6, 2018 BOS meeting. The plan entails improving the conditions of existing poor/failed roadways and incorporating them into a routine maintenance cycle. The \$527 million plan includes the following funding sources: the aforementioned sales tax increase, a natural increase in Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) due to time and population increase and a reduction in debt service payments. \$370 million would be allocated to road repair and the balance would go towards pavement preservation efforts to get roadways back on a normal maintenance schedule.

The sales-tax ordinance would be a precursor ordinance adopted by the BOS that would lead to an eventual vote on the implementation of a sales tax. It would include a provision to cease the sales tax if monies were not used as intended. Currently, enactment of a countywide sales tax does require a unanimous vote from the BOS.

6. Department of Transportation Improvement Plan

Ana Olivares presents. **See “Transportation Improvement Plan & Fiscal Year 2019 Budget” under the “Documents” tab.

7. Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Overview

- **Operational**
- **CIP – Draft Budget Plan**

Ana Olivares presents. **See “Transportation Improvement Plan & Fiscal Year 2019 Budget” under the “Documents” tab.

9. Staff Appreciation Presentation to PCTAC

10. Next Meeting Agenda

The next meeting: Tuesday, February 26, 2018 at noon.

11. Call to the Audience

No one asked to speak.

12. Adjournment

Curtis Lueck makes a motion to adjourn. Eric Ponce seconds. Meeting adjourns at 1:45 p.m.