



MEMORANDUM

Date: March 22, 2012

To: Chairman and Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

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Re: **History and Status of Planning for a Future Bond Election**

The Bond Advisory Committee (BAC) has been involved in planning for a future bond election since 2006. However, the date of the next bond election has been deferred several times due to economic conditions, changes in State law that impacted when bond elections could be held, and local voter defeat of tax related ballot measures. Below is a summary of planning efforts to date.

History of Future Bond Election Planning 2006-2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
August-September 2006	County departments and other jurisdictions submitted requests for future bond projects totaling \$3.2 billion.
September 22, 2006	Discussed with BAC the possibility of future bond election and forwarded list of bond project proposals. Chairman requested public input through open houses and presentations.
October-December 2006	Held seven open houses around the County, plus presentations to four neighborhood associations and community groups; began gathering comments via letters, email and comment cards.
November-December 2006	Expanded membership of BAC from 19 to 25.
December 2006	Discovered that State Legislation restricted bond elections to November only.
January 12, 2007	BAC recommended November 2008 for bond election and formed subcommittees to review proposals.

February-September 2007	Subcommittees met and developed recommendations. Vail Town Hall held on April 19, 2007 with approximately 300 participants.
September 19, 2007	Memorandum to BAC regarding decline in building permit activity, impact on assessed value, impact on timing and amount of bond election.
October 26, 2007	Subcommittee written recommendations to BAC \$1.35 billion General Obligation (GO), \$565 million Sewer, \$1.9 billion total. Memorandum to BAC – Timing of Bond Election, Issues and Options: \$600-\$700 million could be authorized in 2008 if not sold until 2011.
January-April 2008	Presentations of subcommittee recommendations to BAC.
May 23, 2008	BAC recommended deferring bond election to 2009 and sent letter on June 11, 2009 to Board of Supervisors with recommendation.
November 14, 2008	Per request from BAC, County Administrator provided memorandum with list of recommended projects, and BAC discussed at December 12, 2008 meeting.
December 12, 2008	BAC recommended 2009 for Sewer Revenue bond election.
February 2009	County surveyed public on level of support for timing of a 2009 bond election and types of projects.
March 20, 2009	BAC recommended deferring GO bond election to 2010. As requested, a memorandum was provided to the BAC comparing County Administrator recommendations to subcommittee recommendations.
May 1, 2009	BAC recommended deferring Sewer Revenue bond election to 2010 and approved planning timeline for 2010 election.

August 2009- January 2010	BAC deliberated and voted on proposed projects; began developing a list of "Tentatively Approved Projects."
February 2, 2010	Board of Supervisors, as requested by the BAC, considered the issue of when to hold the next bond election, decided against holding a 2010 bond election, and asked that the Committee continue working towards a 2011 election date.
March 19, 2010	BAC recommended the County pursue non-voter approved sewer revenue obligations to fund the required sewer system improvements, eliminating the need for a sewer revenue bond election.
March-November 2010	BAC continued to deliberate and vote on proposed projects, developing a list of Tentatively Approved Projects. BAC continued to receive information on economic conditions, bonding capacity and the County's debt management.
November 19, 2010	BAC recommended the Board of Supervisors postpone a 2011 bond election based on continuing economic concerns and recent voter defeat of several tax-related ballot measures.
June 2011	BAC continued to deliberate and vote on proposed projects, developing a list of Tentatively Approved Projects.
August 2011-January 2012	BAC heard presentations and discussed proposed transportation and other infrastructure projects on Tucson's south side to promote job growth. BAC continued to receive information on economic conditions, property value projections, and the County's debt management.

Public Outreach and Involvement

The BAC has met 37 times thus far regarding future bond election planning. In addition, the BAC formed subcommittees to review and prioritize these projects, and these subcommittees held a total of 50 meetings. All of these meetings were open to the public. Staff also held open houses and attended neighborhood meetings where 280 members of the public participated. A town hall style meeting was held in Vail in 2007 that involved

about 300 members of the public. In all, the County now has a database of 2,800 individuals who have participated in this planning process. This does not include 2,576 responses to a 2009 online survey regarding timing and project preferences.

Tentatively Approved List of Projects

The current working list of Tentatively Approved Projects includes 95 projects totaling just under \$650 million and includes libraries, parks and recreational facilities; affordable housing and neighborhood reinvestment; museums, education and training facilities; health clinics; court facilities; flood control improvements; and the conservation of natural open spaces and cultural sites. The current Tentatively Approved Projects list is attached.

Additional Projects

Over the last few months, the BAC has been receiving information and presentations on transportation and other infrastructure improvements for Tucson's south side for the purposes of promoting job growth. The proposals continue to be refined, and the BAC has not yet taken action on these.

Staff from several departments continue to refine a series of projects for the Corazón de los Tres Rios del Norté project area. Some of these projects are already on the BAC's Tentatively Approved List. Others would be new proposals.

As the planning process continues, it is inevitable that new projects will be proposed, and existing projects will continue to be refined. Some projects may also no longer be necessary. Over the past several months, County staff and staff from the various jurisdictions undertook an effort to update the project description sheets so the scopes of the projects meet the dollar amounts approved by the BAC. During this process, it became evident some projects are no longer needed. I believe it would be beneficial for the BAC to request that staff develop recommendations for updates to the Tentatively Approved Projects list for a September 2012 meeting.

Bond Advisory Committee's Role Continues to be Integral to the Planning Process

The Board and I continue to value the time, effort and expertise the BAC has contributed to this planning process. Please continue to communicate with us regarding any additional information you need or additional steps you believe are appropriate for this process.

CHH/mjk

Attachment

c: The Honorable Chairman and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors
Nicole Fyffe, Executive Assistant to the County Administrator
Diana Durazo, Special Staff Assistant to the County Administrator

Tentatively Approved Projects Summary

2012 Bond Election Planning Bond Advisory Workbook

Tentatively Approved Recommendations Summary	Funding Allocation
Question 1 - Open Space, Historic & Cultural Conservation	\$155,050,000
Question 2 - Public Health, Libraries, & Community Facilities	220,050,000
Question 3 - Public Safety & Justice	50,000,000
Question 4 - Flood Control & Water Conservation	14,000,000
Question 6 - Parks & Recreation	210,702,000
Total	\$649,802,000

TENTATIVELY APPROVED PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS

Dept	ID	Question 1 - Open Space, Historic & Cultural Conservation	Funding Allocation	Committee Approval Date
FC	2	Floodprone and Riparian Land Acquisition (Combined w/ FC52 and PR219)	\$10,000,000	21-May-10
HP	103	Archaeological Site Acquisitions: Marana Mounds, Cocoraque Butte	1,500,000	4-Jan-10
HP	107	OS Repair and Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings	500,000	17-Jun-11
HP	108	Site Interpretation/Preservation	2,000,000	4-Jan-10
HP	109	Vail Area Historic Sites	250,000	4-Jan-10
HP	111	Steam Pump Ranch Rehabilitation	2,000,000	16-Oct-09
HP	115	Historic Ft. Lowell Park - Master Plan Implementation	5,000,000	16-Oct-09
HP	125	Ajo Curley School Gym & Town Plaza	1,300,000	16-Apr-10
HP	126	Dunbar School Rehabilitation	1,500,000	16-Apr-10
HP	128	Performing Arts Center Rehabilitation	1,000,000	16-Apr-10
OS	1	Davis Monthan Approach Corridor Open Space Acquisitions	5,000,000	4-Jan-10
OS	2	Habitat Protection Priorities & Associated Lands	110,000,000	16-Apr-10
OS	3	Community Open Space	10,000,000	16-Apr-10
PR	80	Canoa Ranch Historic Interpretive Center (Parks and CR project)	5,000,000	4-Jan-10
Total			\$155,050,000	

Dept	ID	Question 2 - Public Health, Libraries & Community Facilities	Funding Allocation	Committee Approval Date
CD	1	Affordable Housing Program	\$30,000,000	4-Jan-10
CD	2	Neighborhood Reinvestment Program	30,000,000	4-Jan-10
CD	3	Pima County Comprehensive Housing Center	1,000,000	19-Mar-10
FM	1	One Stop Career Center	4,500,000	16-Oct-09
FM	8	Arizona Sonora Desert Museum - Education Facility Phase III	2,000,000	16-Oct-09
FM	9	Green Valley Government Center Master Plan Implementation	2,000,000	19-Mar-10
FM	11	Pima County Community College Health Education Campus	40,000,000	19-Mar-10
FM	34	LSB - Asbestos Abatement and Fire Sprinklers	2,000,000	19-Mar-10
FM	35	West Valencia Branch Library	6,000,000	19-Mar-10
FM	45	Sahuarita Branch Library	6,675,000	16-Oct-09
FM	48	Joyner-Green Valley Library Renovation and HVAC	1,660,000	16-Oct-09
FM	49	Eckstrom-Columbus Library Expansion and Remodeling	2,100,000	16-Oct-09
FM	51	Flowing Wells Branch Library	2,910,000	16-Oct-09
FM	54	Pima County Animal Care Center (PACC) Improvements	22,000,000	18-Dec-09
FM	77	Fairgrounds Infrastructure Improvements	3,000,000	16-Oct-09
FM	79	Colossal Cave Mountain Park	535,000	21-May-10
FM	84	Marana Health Center Expansion	3,000,000	19-Mar-10
FM	92	Ajo Community Golf Course	320,000	19-Mar-10
FM	96	Art of the American West - Tucson Art Museum	5,000,000	19-Mar-10
FM	97	Theresa Lee and Tuberculosis Clinic Relocation	4,000,000	19-Mar-10
FM	104	Catholic Comm Services - Sahuarita-Green Valley Clinic	700,000	16-Oct-09
FM	105	Catholic Comm Services - Vail Area Clinic	700,000	16-Oct-09
FM	106	Catholic Comm Services - Quincy Douglas Center	700,000	16-Oct-09
FM	107	Tucson Children's Museum - New Museum	5,000,000	19-Mar-10
FM	108	East Side Government/Comm. Ctr: Library, Park, Sheriff	14,000,000	16-Apr-10
FM	109	Pima Air and Space Museum - Cold War Hangar	4,000,000	21-May-10
FM	110	Elections Equipment	5,000,000	16-Apr-10
PR	75	Green Valley Performing Arts/Learning Center III	16,000,000	19-Mar-10
PR	106	New Tucson Girl's and Boy's Chorus Building	1,250,000	19-Mar-10
PR	235	Freedom Park Adult Learning Center	4,000,000	21-May-10
Total			\$220,050,000	

TENTATIVELY APPROVED PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS

Question 3 - Public Safety & Justice			Funding Allocation	Committee Approval Date
Dept	ID			
FM	112	Joint Municipal and Justice Courts Facility	\$50,000,000	21-May-10
		Total	\$50,000,000	

Question 4 - Flood Control & Water Conservation			Funding Allocation	Committee Approval Date
Dept	ID			
FC	44	Reclaimed Water to Protect Cienega Creek	\$4,000,000	16-Oct-09
FC	58	Santa Cruz River: Rillito and CDO Confluence	10,000,000	21-May-10
		Total	\$14,000,000	

TENTATIVELY APPROVED PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS

Dept	ID	Question 6 - Parks and Recreation	Funding Allocation	Committee Approval Date
PR	4	Udall Park Expansion (Tier 2)	\$4,000,000	16-Oct-09
PR	5	Jacobs Park Recreation Center (Tier 1)	4,000,000	16-Oct-09
PR	6	Reid Park Zoo Africa Expansion (Tier 2)	3,750,000	16-Oct-09
PR	13	Southeast Regional Park (Esmond Station Regional Park) (Tier 2)	2,400,000	18-Dec-09
PR	18	El Pueblo Center Improvements (Tier 1)	2,000,000	16-Oct-09
PR	19	Freedom Center Expansion (Tier 2)	2,000,000	16-Oct-09
PR	20	Reid Park Improvements (Tier 3)	2,000,000	16-Oct-09
PR	28	Lincoln Park Improvements (Tier 3)	1,500,000	16-Oct-09
PR	29	Purple Heart Park Expansion (Tier 1)	1,500,000	16-Oct-09
PR	34	Urban Greenways - City of Tucson (Tier 3)	15,000,000	19-Nov-10
PR	35	City of Tucson Sports Fields and Lighting (Combined w/ PR47) (Tier 3)	10,000,000	15-Oct-10
PR	77	Shooting Sports Program Site Improvements (Tier 2)	3,000,000	16-Oct-09
PR	86	Lawrence Community Center and Swimming Pool (Tier 1)	6,500,000	16-Oct-09
PR	93	Yaqui Park Community Center (Tier 1)	2,350,000	18-Dec-09
PR	95	Flowing Wells, Kino and Other Swimming Pool Renovations (Tier 1)	1,500,000	16-Oct-09
PR	96	Model Airplane Parks (Tier 3)	1,500,000	16-Oct-09
PR	97	Avra Valley Watchable Wildlife Site (Tier 1)	750,000	16-Oct-09
PR	103	Rillito Race Track Conversion (Tier 1)	14,000,000	18-Dec-09
PR	105	River Bend Conservation Education Center at Brandi Fenton Memorial Park	1,000,000	17-Jun-11
PR	109	Curtis Park Skateboard Park and Improvements (Tier 1)	1,600,000	16-Oct-09
PR	110	George Mehl Family Foothills Park (Tier 1)	4,000,000	16-Oct-09
PR	115	Ted Walker Park Sporting Dog Training Site (Tier 1)	2,500,000	16-Oct-09
PR	116	Lawrence Park Improvements (Tier 1)	3,000,000	18-Dec-09
PR	137	BAJA Seniors Sports Complex (Tier 1)	4,000,000	16-Apr-10
PR	138	Benson Highway Park Development & Land Acquisition (Tier 1)	5,400,000	18-Dec-09
PR	140	Ajo Detention Basin Park (Tier 1)	2,200,000	17-Jun-11
PR	141	Robles Community Park (Tier 1)	1,630,000	16-Oct-09
PR	181	Sahuarita Pool and Recreation Complex /YMCA (Tier 1)	12,652,000	16-Apr-10
PR	201	Oury Pool Renovations (Tier 2)	620,000	21-May-10
PR	210	Bureau of Reclamation Sports Park (Tier 2)	10,000,000	16-Apr-10
PR	217	James D. Kriegh Park Upgrades (Tier 2)	1,000,000	16-Oct-09
PR	220	Adaptive Recreation Center Expansion (Tier 2)	12,000,000	15-Oct-10
PR	225	El Casino Park (Tier 2)	850,000	17-Jun-11
PR	226	JVYC/Ochoa Gym (Tier 1)	1,000,000	16-Oct-09
PR	228	Lawrence Hiaki Pathway (Tier 1)	500,000	15-Oct-10
PR	231	Arizona Velodrome Center - Kino Campus (Tier 3)	5,000,000	19-Nov-10
PR	237	Flowing Wells District Park Expansion (Tier 2)	1,200,000	16-Oct-09
PR	262	Altar Valley Watershed Restoration Project (Tier 1)	1,500,000	15-Oct-10
PR	266	PC Southeast Regional Park (Fairgrounds) - Horse Racing Facility (Tier 3)	6,500,000	16-Oct-09
PR	267	Sentinel Park - A Mountain Park Improvement Project (Tier 1)	2,500,000	16-Oct-09
PR	273	Kory Laos Freestyle Memorial BMX Park (Tier 3)	1,300,000	16-Oct-09
PR	274	Indoor Sports Complex Curtis Park - formally Kino Regional Park (Tier 3)	9,000,000	16-Oct-09
PR	277	Pima County Softball Tournament and Recreation Park (Tier 1)	5,000,000	16-Apr-10
PR	278	River Park Acquisitions and Development Countywide	20,000,000	15-Oct-10
PR	280	School District Partnerships	15,000,000	17-Jun-11
PR	281	Public Natural Park Trail Access	2,000,000	15-Oct-10
		Total	\$210,702,000	

GROUP 3 - SUBCATEGORY A
Projects not heard by Subcommittee but recommended by County Administrator

Dept	ID	Question 5 - Economic Development	Subcommittee Recommendations	County Admin September 2011	Committee Recommendations
TR	3	Old Vail Road Connection, Nogales Highway to Interstate 10	-	\$75,500,000	
TR	4	Alvernon Way Bypass, Interstate 10 to Old Vail Road Connection	-	35,100,000	
		Total	\$0	\$110,600,000	