

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO BE HELD IN AND FOR
PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA ON NOVEMBER 7, 2017
AND
SOLICITATION OF ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE PROPOSITIONS

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA:

An election will be held on November 7, 2017 (the “Election”). The Election will be a mailed ballot only election. Ballots will be mailed to qualified electors residing within the County no earlier than 27 days prior to the Election and no later than 15 days before the Election. Designated locations for replacing ballots that have been lost, spoiled, destroyed or not received by the elector are available from the Pinal County Recorder’s Office (the “County Recorder”), 31 N. Pinal Street, Building E, Florence, Arizona 85132, telephone number: (520) 866-7564. The County Recorder will be open until 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Election for the qualified elector to receive a replacement ballot in person. Voters may return completed ballots to Pinal County via U.S. mail, or by dropping it off at the County Recorder office locations noted below. Any qualified elector is eligible for early voting. Early voting materials may be obtained by contacting the County Recorder. The last date to register to vote in the Election is October 9, 2017. No polling places will be provided for the Election.

The purpose of the Election is to submit two separate propositions to the qualified electors of the County regarding the approval of (i) a Regional Transportation Plan adopted by the Pinal Regional Transportation Authority and (ii) the levy of a transaction privilege (sales) tax in Pinal County for twenty (20) years to provide funding for the transportation elements contained in the Regional Transportation Plan.

The propositions to be submitted are as follows:

PROPOSITION 416 (Relating to County Regional Transportation Plan)

Do you approve the Pinal Regional Transportation Plan summarized below?

20-Year Comprehensive Multimodal Regional Transportation Plan Elements to Be Financed with a Transaction Privilege (Sales) Tax for Regional Transportation Purposes

Roadway Element

- A 36-mile North-South Parkway Corridor between the US 60 in Apache Junction, and the Kortsen-Kleck roadway alignment in the City of Coolidge.
- A 4 mile East-West Parkway near San Tan Valley that connects State Route 24 at Ironwood Drive to the future alignment of the North-South Parkway Corridor.
- The development of 164 new Parkway lane miles throughout Pinal County.
- The construction of a Traffic Interchange at Interstate 10 and Kortsen Road.
- Approximately 50 miles of regional roadway improvements for connectivity and economic development.

- The addition of 100 new travel lane miles throughout the Pinal Region for arterial and local roadways.
- The preservation of right of way for a 31-mile West Pinal Freeway corridor between the Pinal-Maricopa County line and Interstate 8, for the construction of a future High-Capacity Corridor.
- The preservation of the remaining 15-mile segment of needed right of way for the construction of the North-South Parkway Corridor between the City of Coolidge and Interstate 10.
- Needed access and capacity to the Region's emerging job centers.

These improvements represent \$591,200,000 or approximately 92.5% of the Pinal RTA funding.

Public Transportation Element

- The construction of Park and Ride facilities located throughout Pinal County.
- The provision of annual funding for Dial-a-Ride services to assist people with disabilities, seniors, and members of the general public; and the provision of annual operational funding for existing transit systems.

These improvements represent \$20,000,000 or approximately 3% of the Pinal RTA funding.

Local Projects and Administrative Costs Element

- The preservation of annual project funding for less populated municipalities in the Region, to be used for local road projects.
- The payment of administrative costs with respect to administering the Pinal Regional Transportation Plan.

These improvements represent \$30,000,000 or approximately 4.5% of the Pinal RTA funding.

PROPOSITION 417 (Relating to County Transportation Excise (Sales) Taxes)

Do you favor the levy of a transportation excise (sales) tax at a rate equal to one-half percent (0.5%) of the gross income from the business activity upon every person engaging or continuing in the business of selling tangible personal property at retail; provided that such rate shall become a variable or modified rate such that when applied in any case when the gross income from the sale of a single item of tangible personal property exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), the one-half percent (0.5%) tax rate shall apply to the first ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), and above ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), the measure of tax shall be a rate of zero percent (0.0%), in Pinal County for twenty (20) years to provide funding for the transportation elements contained in the Pinal Regional Transportation Plan?

In order to vote in the Election, the voter must be a citizen of the United States, eighteen years of age or older, live within the political subdivision, and be registered to vote at least 29 days prior

to the Election (Section 16-121, Arizona Revised Statutes). Those seeking to register to vote may do so by contacting the County Recorder for a voter registration form or by registering online at the EZ Voter Registration page: <https://servicearizona.com/webapp/evoter> to complete a form electronically. Registration forms are also available at all three of the County Recorder office locations:

Florence Office
31 N. Pinal Street
Building E
Florence, AZ 85132

Apache Junction
575 N. Idaho Rd.
Suite #800
Apache Junction, AZ 85119

Casa Grande
850 E. Cottonwood Ln
Suite A-2
Casa Grande, AZ 85122

Solicitation of Pro and Con Arguments. The County hereby solicits the submission of written arguments of no more than 300 words in length for and against either or both propositions for inclusion in the informational pamphlet to be distributed to registered voters in connection with the Election, as required by law. Each argument shall contain the name of each person sponsoring it. Payment of the below-described fee, or reimbursement of the payor of the fee, constitutes sponsorship of the argument. If the argument is sponsored by one or more individuals, the argument shall be signed by each sponsoring individual. If the argument is sponsored by one or more organizations, the argument shall be signed by two executive officers of each organization. If the argument is sponsored by one or more political committees, the argument shall be signed by each committee's chairperson or treasurer. The names of persons who have signed arguments and the names of sponsoring organizations shall appear with the argument in the pamphlet. The person or persons signing the argument(s) shall identify themselves by giving their residence or mailing address and phone number, which information will not be printed in the informational pamphlet.

Such arguments, identifying which proposition to which it relates, must be submitted to the Pinal County Public Works Department (ATTN: Andy Smith) on behalf of the Pinal County Election Department, P.O. Box 727, 31 N. Pinal Street, Building F, Florence, Arizona 85132 and must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on August 9, 2017. A \$75.00 fee payment in the form of cash, check, credit card or money order payable to Pinal County, must accompany each argument submitted to offset a portion of the printing and mailing costs associated with the informational pamphlet.

If you have any questions about the foregoing, please contact Andy Smith, Planning Supervisor, Pinal County Public Works Department, at (520) 866-6407 or Andrew.Smith@pinalcountyaz.gov.

PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA

/s/ Sheri Cluff

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Clerk, Board of Supervisors