

## Pinal County Press Release

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### **Pinal County Seeks Public Comment on Draft Five-Year Transportation Program**

FLORENCE – Beginning today and through July 24<sup>th</sup>, the Draft 2015 Five-Year Transportation Improvement and Maintenance Program for Budget Years 2014-2015 through 2018-2019 is available for public review and comment by visiting the county's website at:

<http://www.pinalcountyz.gov/PublicWorks/TransportationPlanning/Pages/PublicCommentForm.aspx>.

A copy of the program booklet and comment forms are also available for review at the following public libraries:

- Apache Junction Public Library, 1177 North Idaho Road, Apache Junction, 85119
- Vista Grande Branch Library, 1556 North Arizola Road, Casa Grande, 85122
- Arizona City Community Library, 13254 South Sunland Gin Road, Arizona City, 85123
- Kearny Public Library, 912-A Tilbury Drive, Kearny, 85137
- Maricopa Public Library, 41600 West Smith-Enke Road, Building #10, Maricopa, 85138
- Oracle Public Library, 565 East American Avenue, Oracle, 85623
- San Tan Campus Library at Central Arizona College on 3736 East Bella Vista Road, San Tan Valley, 85143 (Telephone Number: 480-677-7844)

For more information on the above-listed libraries including hours of operation, please visit:

<http://pinalcountyz.gov/Departments/Library/Locations/Pages/default.aspx>.

Updated annually, the transportation program identifies potential funding and establishes a tentative schedule for countywide planning, construction, and maintenance projects. After the public comment period, the program will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for final approval in August.

By unanimous vote, the Transportation Advisory Committee approved the draft program in February. The committee is a 10-member panel that is appointed by the Board of Supervisors to annually review, update, and recommend the program of transportation projects. The committee's recommendation is a culmination of a six month planning cycle that included three public meetings, the evaluation of 40 transportation project requests, along with hearing and reviewing extensive public comment.

The committee recommended 16 new transportation projects for Budget Year 2018-2019 that address the program goals of improving safety, increasing paved mileage, and minimizing dust within the county's transportation network.

Transportation Advisory Committee meetings for the next planning cycle are scheduled as follows:

- Tuesday, September 22, 2015
- Tuesday, November 17, 2015
- Tuesday, February 23, 2016

The meetings begin at 2:30 PM and are held in the Ironwood Room of the 1891 Historic Courthouse (Pinal County Administrative Complex), 135 Pinal Street in Florence.

For additional information on the county's transportation program, please contact Kathy Borquez at [kathy.borquez@pinalcountyaz.gov](mailto:kathy.borquez@pinalcountyaz.gov) or 520-866-6406.

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