



Regional Transportation Authority

BOARD WORK SESSION

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Establishment

- ▶ Arizona Revised Statute 48-5302
 - ▶ The authority may be established in a county with a population of 400,000 or less.
 - ▶ The authority is a public, political, tax levying public improvement & taxing subdivision of this state & a municipal corporation.
 - ▶ The membership consists of each municipality in the county, the county & any other members of the regional council of governments.

Membership

Regional
Transportation
Authority

Pinal County

City of Apache Junction

City of Casa Grande

City of Coolidge

City of Eloy

Town of Florence

Town of Kearny

Town of Mammoth

City of Maricopa

Town of Queen Creek

Town of Superior

Regional Council of Governments

Central Arizona Governments

Powers & Responsibilities

- ▶ Executive Director of the Regional Council of Governments acts as Executive Director for the Authority.
- ▶ Authorized to program & fund all modes of transportation projects.
- ▶ Eligible to apply for transportation-related grants.
- ▶ Responsible for the maintenance & administration of the Regional Transportation Fund.

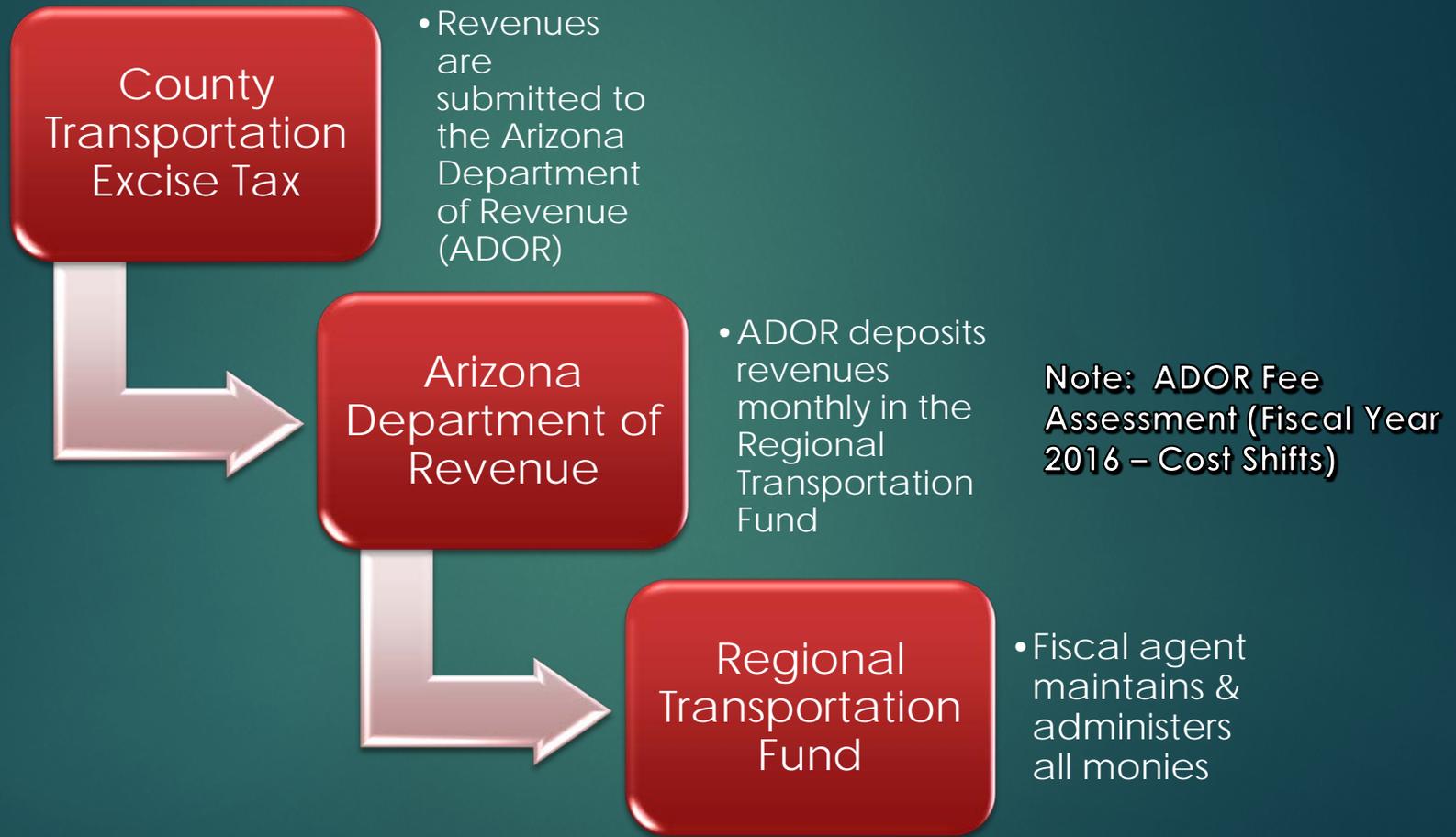
Considerations

- ▶ Provides a strong focus on developing a balanced regional transportation system.
- ▶ Provides mechanism for county, cities, towns, and Indian communities to work collaboratively in developing a seamless countywide system.
- ▶ Requires development of a 20-year Regional Transportation Plan with less programming flexibility or alternative options. Plan is subject to voter approval (A.R.S. § 48-5309).

Considerations Cont.

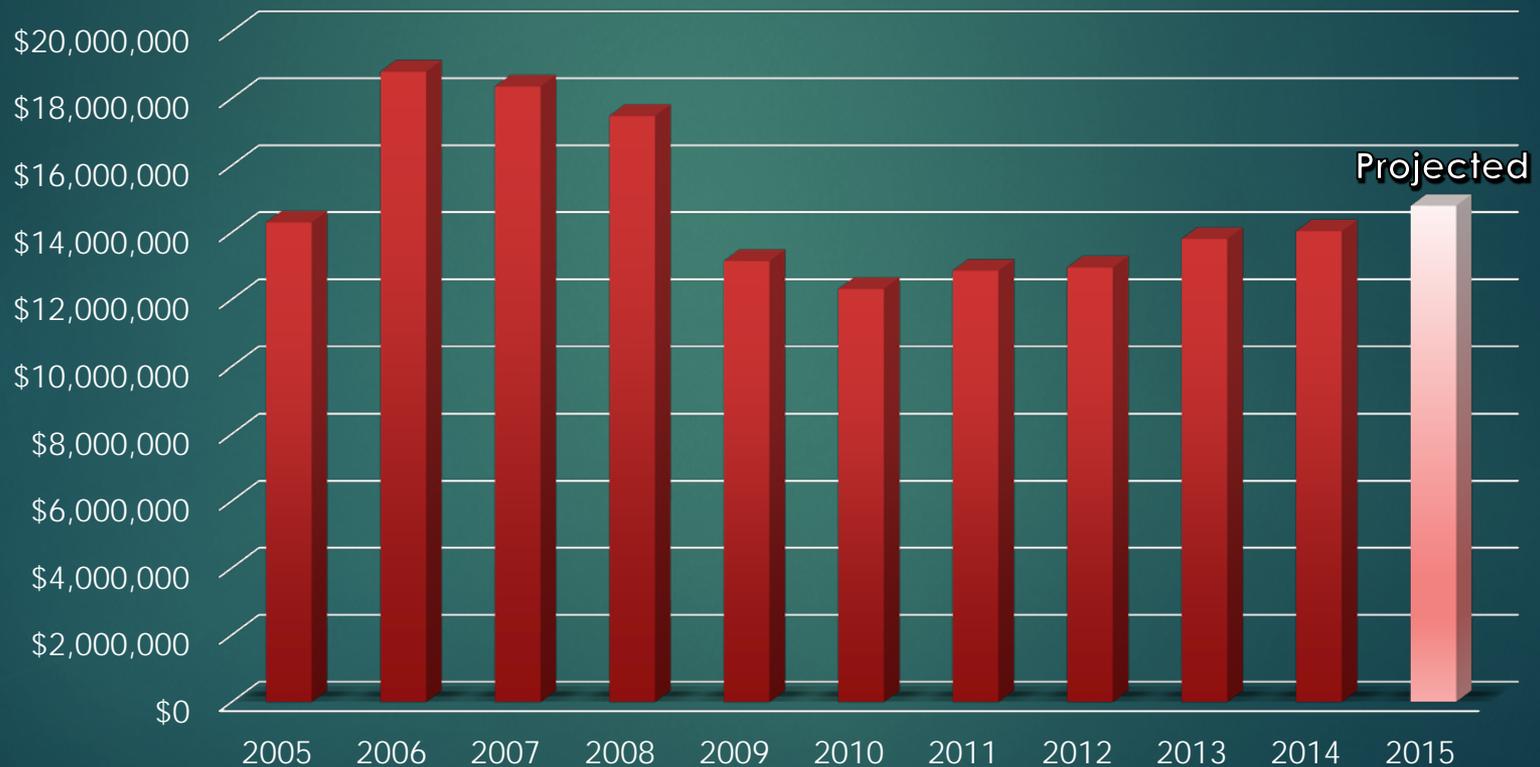
- ▶ Provides the opportunity to fund all modes of transportation.
- ▶ Excise Tax under A.R.S. § 42-6106 must be approved in a county wide election with extensive information requirements A.R.S. § 48-5314B.
- ▶ Tax levy begins January or July 1 after voter approval and cannot last longer than 20 yrs.
- ▶ Reduces local influences due to shifting of responsibilities and regional focus.
- ▶ Does not address multiple counties of existing Regional Council of Government.

Funding



County Transportation Excise Tax

Annual Revenues



Note: Chart revenues are derived from the existing Pinal County Transportation Excise (1/2 Cent Road) Tax

Typical Construction Costs



\$1.33 - \$1.67
Billion

4-Lane Full Access Controlled
Freeway

Approximately 25 Miles Long



\$2.39 - \$3.01
Billion

4-Lane Full Access Controlled
Freeway

Approximately 45 Miles Long



\$375 - \$495
Million

6-Lane Arizona Parkway

Approximately 25 Miles
Long

Note: Typical costs are for planning purposes only and do not include right-of-way, bridges or any other specialized infrastructure