

2nd Quarterly Progress: June 30, 2016

Pima Prospers is Pima County's 10-year Comprehensive Plan that guides the County through delivery of services, economic development, future growth and conservation efforts. The four major chapters of Pima Prospers – Use of Land, Physical Infrastructure, Human Infrastructure and Economic Development – contain more than 700 implementation items created to achieve goals and guide policies. The Economic Development Plan 2015-2017 also includes short-term actions designed to assist in achieving the goals.

The Pima Prospers Steering Committee created an annual work plan of high priority projects and is tracking the progress on all implementation items. The teams and departments assigned these tasks report quarterly on their progress.

For a complete view of the plan and its implementation, please visit www.pimaprospers.com.

Top 10 Priority Projects for 2016 (in Order)



1. Aerospace, Defense and Technology Business and Research Park Lead: John Moffatt

Econ. Development Plan, 2015-2017, Ch. 1 Primary Job Center Development, and Pima Prospers 3.2(5-6) (c) and 6.1(2)(d),

Key Actions:

- Coordination efforts are underway for the final locations of parcel conveyance to accommodate the Raytheon entry control and badging facility.
- A development plan for a utility corridor along Old Vail Connection was coordinated with Union Pacific Railroad and other local utilities. Union Pacific is also reviewing plans that RWRD submitted for a siding and rail service to the Park.
- Installation on County property of a joint trench for utilities and communication conduit along the Aerospace Parkway providing utility access through the middle of the Park with potential for extension eastward onto TAA property.
- Construction of the World View manufacturing facility and the SpacePort Tucson launch pad has begun with completion expected by December 1, 2016.
- South Hughes Access Road was renamed Raytheon Parkway.
- Tucson Water is finalizing plans for a 5-acre water "finishing" plant along the west edge of the Park.



2. Sonoran Corridor Lead: John Moffatt

Econ. Development Plan, 2015-2017, Ch. 2 Regional Infrastructure Investment for Job and 6.1(2)(c)

Key Actions:

- The Arizona Department of Transportation has issued a proposal for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) consultant. Proposals are due July 22. After selection of the consultant, initial scoping meetings for the EIS are planned in early 2017, with completion expected in three years. The scope of the study was expanded south to Duval Mine Road at the request of the Town of Sahuarita.
- Discussions with Union Pacific Railroad continue along with utility and infrastructure planning in the corridor.



3. Trail System Expansion Lead: Steve Anderson

Trails Element 4.8(1-2)

Key Actions:

- A stakeholder and community meeting will be held in July to obtain input from interested user groups on how to improve the implementation of the existing Board-adopted Trails Master Plan to reflect current and anticipated future community needs and desires.



4. Animal Spay and Neuter Programs Lead: Justin Gallick

Animal Care Element 5.7(1)(h)

Key Actions:

- Pima County continues to fund \$600,000 annually for spay and neuter service contracts with community partner agencies and by ensuring that the pets that leave our facility have been altered by our veterinary team. We also support the work of community partners like Altered Tails spay and neuter clinic, which recently opened a facility on the south side of Tucson. Asavet's (Santa Cruz vet clinic's nonprofit) also is up and running with a mobile spay and neuter van.



5. Homeless Reduction: Social Impact Bond Program

Lead: Margaret Kish

Housing / Community Design Element 3.5(5)

Key Actions:

- In June 2016, Pima County was the sub-recipient of a \$1.3 million grant from HUD/DOJ awarded to the University of Utah Sorenson Impact Center. The grant will fund a feasibility study and program development of Pay for Success/Permanent Supportive Housing. The program will address permanent supportive housing for populations at risk from the mutually intensifying problems of homelessness, recidivism and behavioral health.



6. Workforce Development: Ending Poverty Now

Lead: Bonnie Bazata

Our People as an Economic Driver 6.4(1) and Econ. Development Plan, 2015-2017, Ch. 13 Role of Economic Development in Ending Poverty

Key Actions:

- A request for proposal will be issued in August to study the economic impact of poverty in Pima County.
- A coordinated strategy with United Way will integrate selected community organizations into the Ending Poverty Now cluster and provide outreach for funding of this cluster by Pima County employees.
- Organization of a fall conference to develop collaborative strategies to fight poverty has begun.
- Working with partners to integrate Getting Ahead training (financial literacy) into GED programs.



7. Open Space Use Policies

Lead: Sherry Ruther

Open Space Element 3.3(1)(f)

Key Actions:

- The Office of Sustainability and Conservation (OSC) has established three tiers of classification for county open space lands with identified protections for each tier. OSC also drafted legal documents to perpetually define allowable uses for two of the established open space tiers, which will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for formal approval.



8. Food Access Barriers and Challenges

Lead: Spencer Graves

Health Services Element 5.1(1)(c) and Food Access Element 5.8(1-2)

Key Actions:

- The new food code the Board of Supervisors approved this year provides incentives through licensing fee discounts for food vendors to 1) disclose the total caloric value of menu items to consumers; 2) eliminate trans fats from menus; and 3) employ evidence-based, food-safety measures.
- The Consumer Health and Food Safety team has worked with the Tucson Coalition to Prevent Homelessness to teach best practices for food handling when providing meals for the homeless.
- We continue to work with school district and other partners to increase school garden programs.
- Finally, we continue to work with state and local partners to incorporate the use of Supplementary Nutrition Assistance Program in farmers' markets across the county.



9. Healthy Aging

Lead: Francisco Garcia

Health Services Element, Aging Healthy goal 5.1(9)

Key Actions:

- Verified that there is no conflict between County and State land-use and zoning regulations regarding nursing and long term care facilities.
- The Pima County Health Department, in collaboration with Pima Council on Aging (PCOA), initiated discussions to identify and address problem areas such as affordable health and behavioral health care and understanding changes in the health care system.
- Development Services met with PCOA to identify barriers in zoning code to multigenerational housing.
- Sponsored the workbooks for the Pima Council on Aging's and the End of Life Care Coalition outreach efforts to print workbooks about choices for elder care and end of life decision-making.



10. Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Lead: Greg Hagen

Parks and Recreation Element 5.3(2)(a)

Key Actions:

- As part of the Parks and Recreation Master Planning process, NRPR has used GIS mapping to take inventory of recreation infrastructure at urban parks. With the information gathered, a needs assessment program will be established.
- The Greater Outdoor Recreation multi-agency work group is meeting to look at regional recreation opportunities.

Other Project Highlights of the Quarter



Use of Land

3.1(1)(b): Second Comp Plan Cycle:

- In July 2016, the Board of Supervisors approved a Zoning Code text amendment to add a second annual cycle for the Comprehensive Plan amendment applications. The action provides land owners an additional opportunity to request changes in land-use designation on their property in preparation for rezoning requests.

3.1(3)(b): Industrial Zoned Lands:

- Industrial Zoned Lands: The Board of Supervisors approved County-initiated rezonings in the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (DMAFB) Environs and Approach-Departure Corridor zones. Rezoning from residential to industrial zoning provides for compatible land uses that protects the DMAFB mission.
- Industrial rezonings include 75 acres of private land and 175 acres of Arizona State Trust Land. The Board approved the rezonings in early April 2016.



Physical Infrastructure

4.6(2-3) b Communications Network:

- Pima County has worked with the City of Tucson, University of Arizona, and TEP to explore ways to expand the amount of fiber optics available in the County and to see how to share infrastructure to rapidly expand fiber availability and reduce overall costs.

4.3(1)(f) & 4.3(3)(a) - Energy Consumption:

- Metropolitan Energy Commission: Worked closely with MEC to advance a work plan and form subcommittees. Met with County Supervisors and City of Tucson Mayor and City Councilmembers to provide background on the TEP rate case and a detailed memo with recommendations to both.

4.7(1-2) (c) - Green Building:

- Plant Materials Salvage and Selection for Pima County Projects: Administrative Procedure 51-3 has been approved to provide a consistent approach among County departments for compliance with plant-related regulations, and promoting the salvage and use of native plant species in county projects.

4.1 (3)(f) Improve Traffic Safety:

- Pima County collaborated with the Arizona Game and Fish Department and Regional Transportation Authority to complete a vegetated, wildlife bridge across Oracle Road. The bridge provides a critical wildlife corridor between the Tortolita Mountains and the Catalina Mountains. The 150-foot-wide overpass spans all six lanes of Oracle Road to provide safe passage for wildlife and mitigate life threatening vehicle/wildlife accidents. The bridge has already proven to accomplish its desired goals and is being monitored to measure increasing use by the many wildlife species it accommodates. The wildlife bridge complements the nearby underpass that also allows wildlife to move freely under Oracle Road at a critical point on State Route 77.



Human Infrastructure

Congratulations!

5.1(7)g Health Department Accreditation

- The Pima County Health Department is one of the select few health departments across the nation to have achieved accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board. Only 134 health departments have been accredited to date. Only one other health department in Arizona carries the same accreditation.
- The designation means the Health Department has met national standards for high-quality public health services, leadership and accountability and stands out in the nation.
- Accreditation provides valuable and measurable feedback about Health Department performance and helps reassure the community that public funds are spent wisely in providing quality services. Accreditation also provides the framework for setting priorities for vital public health services.
- Earning accreditation also unlocks additional funding opportunities by demonstrating to potential funders that Pima County provides high-quality public health services.