



**PIMA COUNTY**  
TRANSPORTATION

# A Guide to Pima County's Transportation Budget

# Understanding Pima County's Transportation Budget

There are two parts to Pima County's transportation budget – the operations budget and the capital budget. The operations budget is funded through state shared gas tax funds (HURF) and the Vehicle License Tax (VLT). The capital budget has an assortment of funding sources including impact fees, county bonds, regional governments and the federal government.

## What is HURF?

Arizona's Highway User Revenue Fund, or HURF, is made up of a variety of taxes and fees that are used to fund the state's highway system. They include gas taxes, use fuel taxes, motor carrier taxes, vehicle license taxes and vehicle registration fees. The state keeps a percentage of the fund for construction and maintenance of the state highway system and distributes the balance to municipalities and counties. The funds are **restricted** and can only be used for transportation purposes.

### HURF DISTRIBUTION PERCENTAGES:

<b>50.5%</b>	<b>27.5%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>3%</b>
to State Highway Fund	to municipalities	to Counties	of the total HURF funds collected by the state that are allotted to Pima County

The distribution of Vehicle License Taxes (VLT) uses a different formula but these funds also are **restricted**.

## How Pima County uses HURF

The Pima County Department of Transportation is committed to providing safe and efficient streets and roadways in the unincorporated County. Municipalities use their HURF funds for their own transportation system needs. County HURF funds are used to pay for:

- Infrastructure maintenance: signals, street lights, signage, pavement markings, grading dirt roads, patching potholes, street sweeping, clearing/trimming vegetation, cleaning medians, shoulder and sidewalk repair;
- Oversight of road construction and pavement preservation contracts;
- Planning and management of transportation network performance;

Except in rare circumstances, the County does not use its General Fund to augment transportation funding. While the General Fund is unrestricted, the majority of it comes from property taxes levied on homes and businesses in cities and towns where 66 percent of the county's population lives. Were the county to use the General Fund for transportation, municipal residents would be subsidizing the transportation system in the unincorporated county.

## Funding other than HURF

HURF and Transportation VLT are not the only source of funds the County uses to fund the repair, maintenance and expansion of our transportation infrastructure. We also receive funds from the Pima Association of Governments and the Regional Transportation Authority (which receive their own HURF allotment from the state) for the County's portion of the Regional Transportation Plan, and from a few Federal Highway Administration Programs. These funds also are **restricted** to use for transportation purposes.





## Fiscal Year 2019 Transportation Budget (begins July 1, 2018)

### OPERATIONS BUDGET REVENUE:

**Total: \$63.9 million**

HURF	\$47.5 million	74%
VLT	\$14.6 million	22.8%
Other	\$1.8 million	2.8%

### CAPITAL BUDGET REVENUE:

**Total: \$66.2 million**

1997 Bond Funds	\$12.5M
Other regional, and federal funds for unincorporated County roads	\$53.7M

### OPERATIONS BUDGET EXPENDITURES:

Transportation Network Maintenance & Preservation**	\$24.5M	35%
1997 Bond Funds	\$18.8M	27%
Transportation Network Operation & Improvements	\$20.3M	29%
RTA Regional Transit Support	\$6.2M	9%
<b>Operating Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$69.9M</b>	<b>100%</b>

### CAPITAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES

Transportation Network Improvements	\$57.5M	77%
Pavement Preservation	\$8.7M	23%
<b>Unincorporated County Capital Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$66.2M</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Total FY 2019 Operating & Capital Transportation Expenditures \$136.1M**

For more information about Pima County's Transportation Department and current and future transportation projects, visit <http://www.pima.gov/Transportation>.

*\*\*This amount includes \$6 million of FY 18 HURF transfer for the \$6 million arterial/collector program that started in FY 18. The work and expenditures began in FY 18 and will complete in FY 19.*



## HOW STATE-SHARED TRANSPORTATION FUNDS WERE USED LAST YEAR:

Miles of Arterial and Collector Streets Repaired	25.5
Tons of asphalt used for pothole repairs	10,400
Number of times road crews dispatched to clear roads after storms	69
Miles of pavement markings completed	1,400
Number of intersections re-stripped	35
Number of signs & posts replaced, removed or re-set	5,875
Number of new signs & posts installed	988
Number of solar powered sign flashing beacons installed	27
Number of street lights re-lamped	213
Number of LED signal indications replaced	922
Number of speed feedback signs installed	4
Number of preventative maintenance visits to signal cabinets	195

## For more information about us

For more information about Pima County's Transportation Department and current and future transportation projects, visit [www.pima.gov/Transportation](http://www.pima.gov/Transportation). The Department's Road To Recovery brochure also explains in greater detail the challenges the county faces in funding the transportation projects in the County. A link to the online version of the brochure is on the DOT homepage.



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