



**PIMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(PCTAC)**

**Abrams Public Health Center  
3950 S. Country Club Road Tucson, AZ. 85714  
Tuesday, February 25, 2020  
12:00 PM**

**Members Present:** Kendall Elmer, John Wallace, Don Weaver, Lucretia Free, Edwin Verburg, John Bernal, Tom McGovern and Curtis Lueck

**Members Absent:** Albert Letzkus, Yolanda Weinberger, Dan Eckstrom and Eric Ponce

**Others Present:** Steve Christy (District 4 Board Supervisor), Carmine DeBonis Jr. (Deputy County Administrator-Public Works), Yves Khawam (Assistant County Administrator-Public Works), Ana Olivares (PCDOT), Jim Cunningham (PCDOT), Kathryn Skinner (PCDOT), Robert Lane (PCDOT), Rich Franz-Under (PCDOT), Annabelle Valenzuela (PCDOT), John Olivares (PCDOT), Jessica De La Ossa (PCDOT), La Tasha Parker (PCDOT), Priscilla Molina (PCDOT)

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance - Lucretia Free, PCTAC Chair, (00:15)**
- 2. Call to Order - Roll Call - Chair Free, (00:38)**  
Chair Free calls the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M. Ms. Parker takes roll call and a quorum is present.
- 3. Action: Approval of Meeting Summary for January 28, 2019 - Chair Free, PCTAC, (02:45)**  
Mr. McGovern request a revision to bullet point number 7 (2a) from contact to context. Kendall Elmer makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes and Mr. Bernal seconds. Motion passes with duly noted changes.
- 4. [HB 2899 \(Gas Tax Increase\) 2020 Legislative Agenda](#) - Curtis Lueck, PCTAC Member, (03:25)**  
Recently, the Arizona State Legislature introduced House Bill 2899 into the House of Representatives and the House Transportation Committee approved it. If implemented, this would be the first significant legislative change to the Highway User Revenues Fund (HURF) in three decades. The proposed bill would increase the tax from \$0.18 per gallon to \$0.36 per gallon over the next three years. This increase would index Pima County's gas taxation to inflation. It would also maintain the current HURF program while expanding it with the Arizona Road User Account. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) would administer it and it would require annual planning and reporting processes with participation from local jurisdictions and stakeholders. Constitutionally, the new funds would only be utilized for roadways and not to operate transit systems. Furthermore, the potential tax increase would impose an additional tax on hybrid, electric and other alternate fuel vehicles driven on public roadways. The Pima County Board of Supervisors support this legislation as it is estimated to increase Pima County's HURF funding from \$50M to approximately \$60 million

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to \$70 million a year. There is a major possibility that this bill will not get passed. The approval of this legislation requires a two-thirds super majority vote of the legislature, however, the governor is able to veto it. In this instance, an override is possible with a three-fourths majority vote, which seems unlikely. A legislative summary and the bill are included above as a hyperlink. Additional documents will be provided on the PCTAC website for the committee members and the public to access for more information.

Mr. Lueck asked staff to keep PCTAC informed of state legislative changes regarding this bill and transportation funding in general. PCTAC members have the opportunity to provide input to the state legislature as individuals or as members of this citizen body. Again, doubling the gas tax would equate Arizona to surrounding western states in gas taxation. Across the country, gas taxes per gallon range from \$0.08 per gallon to \$0.80 per gallon. This gas tax increase would serve as an economic stimulus and would improve the poor state of our transportation infrastructure and safety.

**5. [RTAnext Update](#) - Kathryn Skinner, PCDOT Deputy Director (12:40)**

Each jurisdiction is reviewing their projects for the June 30<sup>th</sup> submission deadline to the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) for consideration. The RTA Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) will be discussing elements of the existing RTA Plan that serve as the framework for future plans. At the last meeting, they discussed the transit element and decided to form a subcommittee to discuss the topic more fully. Additionally, the CAC will create other subcommittees that will focus on pavement and technology. The next RTA CAC meeting is on March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Pima Association of Governments (PAG).

Ms. Skinner discussed the public participation plan and to solicit feedback from the public on what kind of projects they would like to see in the new plan. The [website](#) is now live and includes a feedback form. A recent media push has increased the number of feedback responses from one to thirty-three. We've also received project suggestions from the Southeast Regional Council and Santa Cruz Valley Bicycle Advisory Committee. Most of the feedback pertains specifically to transit. Input about unincorporated areas has been catalogued, whereas input about incorporated areas has been forwarded to the appropriate jurisdictions. Public outreach efforts included a Facebook live video and a press release on the Nextdoor App in February and it is estimated these efforts reached over seven thousand people. The Pima County RTAnext development plan is in the ninth week of a twenty-seven week program to develop recommendations. One of the ways to engage the public is through the "Call to the Audience" portion of today's agenda.

Members asked staff to clarify details about the Southeast Regional Council. Both members and staff discussed how the possible passage of House Bill 2899 would affect the RTAnext plan.

Chair Free acknowledged the presence of Supervisor Steve Christy from District 4.

**6. [RTAnext Call to the Audience](#) - Lucretia Free, PCTAC Chair, (19:25)**

Lonnie Davis - McGee Ranch Rd was scored a "2" in 2015. Since roads are being selected if they were scored a "0", is there a possibility that now in 2020 McGee Ranch Road has a "0" score?

David A. Lutz - Picture Rocks RTA funding is being used to build new roads in the Tortolita Foothills. Marana has annexed a huge section of east Tortolita Foothills. Mr. Lutz expressed concern about tax dollars being used to build new roadways surrounding new developments. RTA needs to fix our existing roads.

7. **Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Roadway Prioritization Update** - Rich Franz-Under, PCDOT Network Services Division Manager (23:45)

Mr. Franz-Under stated that the Fiscal Year 21 Road List Schedule (with new Pavement Condition Index [PCI] data) has slightly slipped. The consultant was supposed to provide information in January but the final dataset was not received until last week. Staff are sorting through information and will run scenarios in March and working to still have the bid packages submitted to Procurement by May.

The new PCI data is being uploaded into StreetSaver as well as the maintenance treatment work already completed this year such as milling and filling or chip sealing. With this information, staff can rank local roads from worst to best based on criteria established by the committee to prepare the bid package. The scenarios for arterials and collectors will be based on the StreetSaver return on investment tool. There will also be an updated decision tree in the tool.

8. **Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Pavement Program Update** - John Olivas, PCDOT Staff (27:20)

Mr. Olivas stated the Estrella Subdivision was completed and final inspections are underway. The curb ramps are under construction in Green Valley Fairways No. 3 and paving should be completed in April 2020. North Manor Subdivision ramp construction is scheduled start March 2020. The master agreement for surface treatments should be completed end of June 2020. The \$4M of unallocated funds is going toward other arterials/collector and regional priority roadways.

The \$10M in additional funding is going towards 42.28 miles in various BOS districts. It will be used in part to install American Disability (ADA) curb ramps in Green Valley Fairway No. 2 and Green Valley Desert Meadows No.1. In March, other local roadways will be scheduled and paving completed by June 2020.

9. **Next Meeting March 31, 2020, Abrams Public Health Center** - Lucretia Free, PCTAC Chair (31:20)

- a. **Agenda Items** - Please Submit by March 6, 2020 to [Annabelle.Valenzuela@pima.gov](mailto:Annabelle.Valenzuela@pima.gov)
- b. **Time** - Meeting begins at noon

10. **Call to the Audience** - Chair Free, (31:34)

Lonnie Davis - (McGee Ranch Rd) Fremont Mine is expanding. They are building roads adjacent to Mission Rd, McGee Ranch Rd, Duval Mine Rd, and Continental Rd. Trico is rerouting the power lines and reengineering a wash. Has anyone contacted Pima County Transportation?

11. **Adjournment** - Lucretia Free, PCTAC Chair, (33:43)

**Motion:** John Bernal made a motion to adjourn the committee meeting. Mr. Elmer second the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 12:34PM.