

DBE News & Events

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Pima County Passes 'Landmark' 10-Year Policy to Repair Roads Over Next Decade

Source: Tucson.com

The Pima County Board of Supervisors last week approved a “landmark” policy for funding capital infrastructure projects, which will primarily be used to improve roads in unincorporated Pima County over the next decade.

The supervisors unanimously passed the pay-as-you-go policy, or PAYGO, which officials estimated will generate \$387 million total to help offset more than \$778 million in needed priority capital improvement projects of county infrastructure through fiscal year 2030. The money comes from a percentage of the secondary property tax and a portion of the taxes no longer needed to pay off bonds.

The bulk of that money — an estimated \$220 million — will be used for road repairs, giving the county a total of \$526 million for road repairs over the next decade, officials said.

That will allow county roads to reach a rating of 80 on the network pavement condition index, which on a 100-point scale is considered “very good.”

“This is a landmark action by the board to fund a 10-year plan to get all the paved roads in unincorporated county up to that very good condition,” Carmine DeBonis, deputy county administrator, told the Star.

The PAYGO policy was crafted over the course of this year after voters rejected a \$430 million bond for road repairs last year. The county considered funding the projects through a sales tax, or changes in the gas tax, DeBonis said. They opted for PAYGO, which is similar to a policy crafted by Maricopa County, as well as one that will

continue to be used in Pima County by the library and flood control districts — where portions of their taxes are dedicated to pay for capital improvements.

The amount of money needed to pay off the county’s bond debts is expected to decline significantly as the county uses the PAYGO system, officials said, so the tax revenues needed to pay off debts can be reduced year-over-year, declining to zero in 10 years.

County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry called it a “win-win.”

“This PAYGO plan will provide us the funding to make sure our critical infrastructure

is maintained and that we’re meeting the needs of a growing population, while at the same time providing tax relief to county taxpayers,” he said in a statement.

DeBonis acknowledged that the funding through PAYGO could fall short of expectations, should tax revenues be negatively affected by a recession. But he added that the policy was crafted to allow flexibility to those circumstances, as the specific projects are set each year. He added that the county has already identified what road projects the money will be used for during fiscal year 2020.

Read more [here](#).



Credit: Josh Galemore / Arizona Daily Star

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Phoenix Receives \$24M for Sky Harbor Airport Northside Rail Expansion

Source: AZ Big Media

Arizona senior Sen. Kyrsten Sinema helped secure \$24 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the City of Phoenix to advance the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport Northside Rail Expansion.

“As the Phoenix region continues to grow, Sky Harbor Airport must keep up with increased demand. Today’s funding announcement will create jobs in Phoenix, improve local infrastructure, and ensure Sky Harbor continues to be an economic driver for Arizona into the future,” said Sinema.

“The trenching of the Union Pacific railroad track on the north side of the airport is essential to our Airport Development Plan and the expansion of the Air National Guard at Sky Harbor. Sky Harbor is an economic engine for our city and our state. We appreciate the support of our Congressional delegation and the US Department of Transportation on this project,” said Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego.

In July, Sinema led the Arizona Congressional delegation and wrote to Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao urging the Department of Transportation to approve the City of Phoenix’s grant application for Sky Harbor’s Northside Rail Expansion project. Today, Secretary Chao called Sinema to announce the Department had fulfilled the City’s request.

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport is the largest economic engine in Arizona. Each year, more than 44 million passengers travel through Sky Harbor, driving \$38 billion in statewide economic activity and sustaining 58,000 jobs. The Phoenix metro area is one of the fastest growing regions in the country and Sky Harbor needs to expand to accommodate increased demand. The Northside Rail Expansion project, funded today, will help address increasing passenger, cargo, military, and general aviation growth. •



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Get Ready For Taxes: Get Ready Today to File 2019 Federal Income Tax Returns

Source: IRS.gov

WASHINGTON – The Internal Revenue Service today urged taxpayers to act now to avoid a tax-time surprise and ensure smooth processing of their 2019 federal tax return.

This is the first in a series of reminders to help taxpayers get ready for the upcoming tax filing season. To that end, a special page, newly updated and available on IRS.gov, outlines things taxpayers can do now to prepare for the 2020 tax season ahead.

Adjust Withholding; Make Estimated Or Additional Tax Payments

The IRS urges everyone to use the Tax Withholding Estimator to perform a paycheck or pension income checkup. This is even more important for those who received a smaller refund than expected or owed an unexpected tax bill last year.

It's also a good idea for anyone who had a key life event, such as getting married, getting divorced, having or adopting a child, retiring, buying a home or starting college.

If the Tax Withholding Estimator recommends a change, an employee can then submit a new Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate, to their employer. Don't send this form to the IRS.

Similarly, recipients of pension or annuity income can use the results from the estimator to complete a Form W-4P, Withholding Certificate for Pension or Annuity Payments, and give it to their payer.

Taxpayers who receive a substantial amount of non-wage income should make quarterly estimated tax payments. This can include self-employment income, investment income (including gain from the sale, exchange or other disposition of virtual currency), taxable Social Security benefits and in some instances, pension and annuity income. Making estimated tax payments can also help a wage-earner cover an unexpected withholding shortfall.

Estimated tax payments are due quarterly, with the last payment for 2019 due on Jan. 15, 2020. Form 1040-ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals, has a worksheet to help figure these payments. Payment options can be found at [IRS.gov/payments](https://www.irs.gov/payments).

Read more [here](#).

Small Business Owners Should Find Out if They Can Benefit From Claiming this Deduction

Source: IRS.gov

The home office deduction can help small business owners save money on their taxes. Taxpayers can take this deduction when they file their taxes if they use a portion of their home exclusively, and on a regular basis, for any of the following:

As the taxpayer's main place of business.

As a place of business where the taxpayer meets patients, clients or customers. The taxpayer must meet these people in the normal course of business.

If it is a separate structure that is not attached to the taxpayer's home. The taxpayer must use this structure in connection with their business

A place where the taxpayer stores inventory or samples. This place must be the sole, fixed location of their business.

Under certain circumstances, the structure where the taxpayer provides day care services.

Deductible expenses for business use of a home include:

- Real estate taxes
- Mortgage interest
- Rent
- Casualty losses
- Utilities
- Insurance
- Depreciation
- Repairs and Maintenance

Certain expenses are limited to the net income of the business. These are known as allocable expenses. They include things such as utilities, insurance, and depreciation. While allocable expenses cannot create a business loss, they can be carried forward to the next year. If the taxpayer carries them forward, the expenses are subject to the same limitation rules.

There are two options for figuring and claiming the home office deduction.

Read more [here](#).



Business & Industry Events

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November

14	<u>The Art of Influence and Negotiation</u> Location: 4855 E Broadway Blvd., Tucson Time: 11:00am
14	<u>November CSI Meeting: Intro to Lean Construction</u> Location: 320 N 44th Street, Phoenix Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm
14	<u>APWA West Side Mixer</u> Location: 6751 N Sunset Blvd., Glendale Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm
15	<u>Valley Partnership Nov. Friday Morning Breakfast</u> Location: 2901 N 7th Street, Phoenix Time: 7:00am - 9:00am
16	<u>ASPE Joint Bid Simulation @ U of A</u> Location: 1500 E University Blvd., Tucson Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm
19	<u>APWA Northern Branch Prescott Valley Luncheon</u> Location: 11901 Highway 69, Dewey Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm
20	<u>ABA Fall Mixer</u> Location: 5870 E Broadway Road, Tucson Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm
20	<u>APWA November 2019 Luncheon</u> Location: 5668 E Orange Blossom Lane, Phoenix Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm
20	<u>Southern Luncheon: Development "Bear Down"</u> Location: 2200 E Elm Street, Tucson Time: 11:00am
21	<u>PMI Project Management Soft Skills</u> Location: 1633 S Highway 92, Sierra Vista Time: 11:00am
21	<u>SMPS Finance Matters</u> Location: 320 N 44th Street, Phoenix Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm
21	<u>APA Housing Summit</u> Location: 6225 N 24th Street, Phoenix Time: 8:00am - 12:00pm



January 28, 2020 | 9am-11am
Location: ADOT 206 S. 17th Avenue, Mary Peters Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ 85007

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ADOT DBE & SMALL & SMALL BUSINESS TRANSPORTATION EXPO

March 12, 2020
at the Glendale Civic Center

NAVIGATING TRANSPORTATION THROUGH 2020

REGISTER HERE










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Need help preparing DBE Affidavits?
Please see our tutorial video below:
"Preparing DBE Affidavits"

22	<u>ULI: What Can We Learn from Past Recession?</u> Location: 2575 E Camelback Road, Phoenix Time: 8:00am - 9:30am
23	<u>ASPE 11th Hour Bid Simulation</u> Location: 2112 S Huffer Lane, Flagstaff Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm



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Did You Know?

Local public libraries are an untapped resource to connect employers to job seekers in the community. This is especially important to construction companies who would like to hire workers near their job sites. Many libraries offer employer meet-and-greets, job fairs, application assistance, public access computers, and job boards. Contact the libraries near your projects next time you post your open positions and inquire how they can support your hiring efforts.

For examples of services available through libraries, click below:

Phoenix Public Library Job Help Resources -

<https://www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org/phoenixworks/job-help-resources>

Pima County Library Job Help - <https://www.library.pima.gov/resources/job/>

Featured Federal-Aid Projects

General / Subcontractors Opportunities

Due Date	Project Valuation	DBE Goal	Solicitation / Project Number	Type	Project Owner and Description	Contact
11/22/19 11am MST	\$1.7M	5.81%	STBGP-PPN-0(214)T; T005601C	IFB	ADOT - Construct Roadway, Germann Rd: Meridian Rd to Ironwood Dr, Pinal County. The work consists of constructing roadway & reconstruction of an existing water retention pond, including excavating & lining the extended portion of the evaporation pond, pipe culverts, placing aggregate base, asphaltic concrete pavement, signing & pavement marking.	Contact: Vian Rashid, Engineering Specialist, at VRashid@azdot.gov or Micah Hannam, Construction Supervisor, at MHannam@azdot.gov .
11/22/19 11am MST	\$1M	4.44%	HRRRP-SSC-0(204)T; SS99801C	IFB	ADOT - Intersection Improvements, Rio Rico Dr & Pendleton Dr, Rio Rico. The work consists of installation of a new traffic signal & widening of the intersection to accommodate the inclusion of left turn lanes & exclusive right turn lanes, as well as drainage improvements, signing & striping.	Thomas Mowery-Racz, Engineering Specialist, at tmowery-racz@azdot.gov or Chris Page, Construction Supervisor, at cpage@azdot.gov .
12/6/19 11am MST REVISED	\$3.6M	5.66%	STBGP-180-B(208)T; H893901C	IFB	ADOT - Bridge Deck Rehabilitation, Jim Camp Wash Bridge #1602 & Cottonwood Wash Bridge #1603, Holbrook-Springerville Hwy (US 180). The work consists of milling, concrete bridge deck replacement, & new guardrail on the existing bridges.	Sarker Rahman, Engineering Specialist, at SRahman@azdot.gov or Randy Routhier, Construction Supervisor, at RRouthier@azdot.gov .
12/11/19 10am	\$450K- \$550K	7.71%	20PB016	IFB	City of Scottsdale - Retaining Wall (Gabion) Replacement, Shea Tunnel Access Shared Use Pathway. The work consists of removing & replacing the north gabion retaining wall.	Karie Ingles, Bid & Contract Specialist, at 480-312-5744 or kingles@scottsdaleaz.gov .