

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING: COMPETING PRIORITIES



2017 ARIZONA RURAL TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT



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AGENDA



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Topics

Pinal County Today

The Challenges

A Solution

Regional Transportation Authority

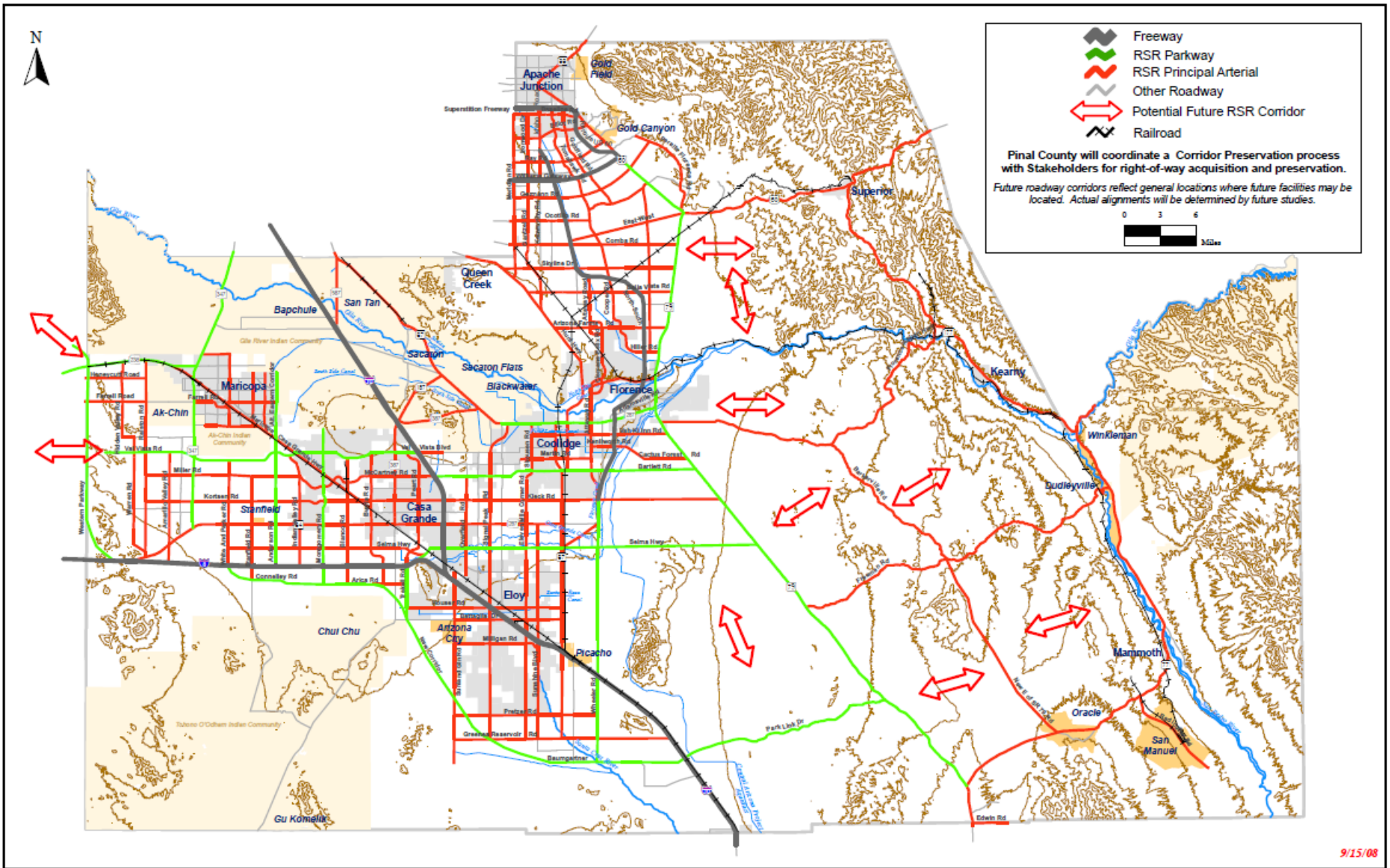
Background, Benefits, and Milestones

Plan, Revenue Projections, and Next Steps

Questions and Answers

Round Table Discussion





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THE NUMBERS

- 10 CITIES AND TOWNS
- 4 TRIBAL COMMUNITIES
- 406,468 ESTIMATED POPULATION (7/1/15)
- 5,374 SQUARE MILES OF LAND MASS
- 2,041 MILES OF ROADWAYS IN MAINTENANCE SYSTEM
- 5 COUNTY SUPERVISOR DISTRICTS
- 3 ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING DISTRICTS
- 2 METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS
- 1 COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

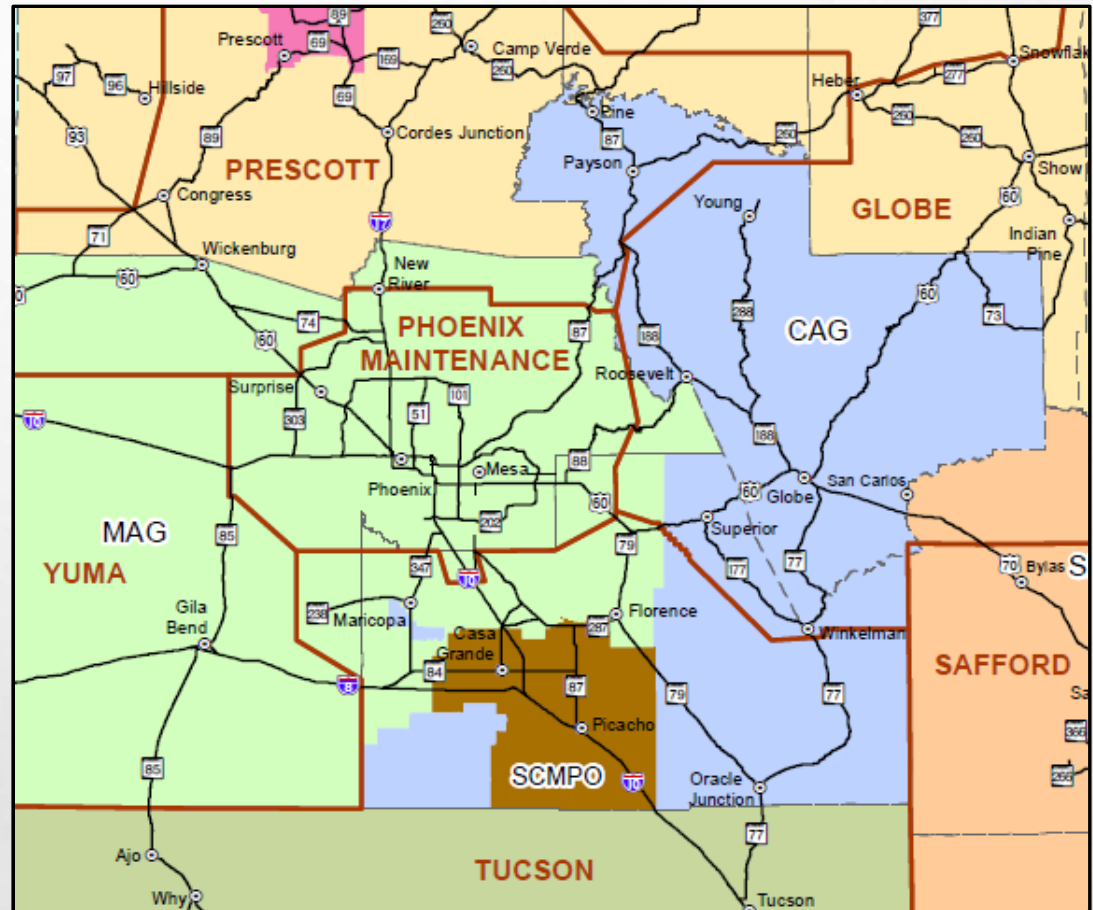




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THE CHALLENGE: FRAGMENTATION

- 4 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANS
- 3 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS
- 3 STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PLANS
- 3 HIGHWAY PERFORMANCE MONITORING SYSTEM DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING PROCESSES
- 2 AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REPORTING PROCESSES

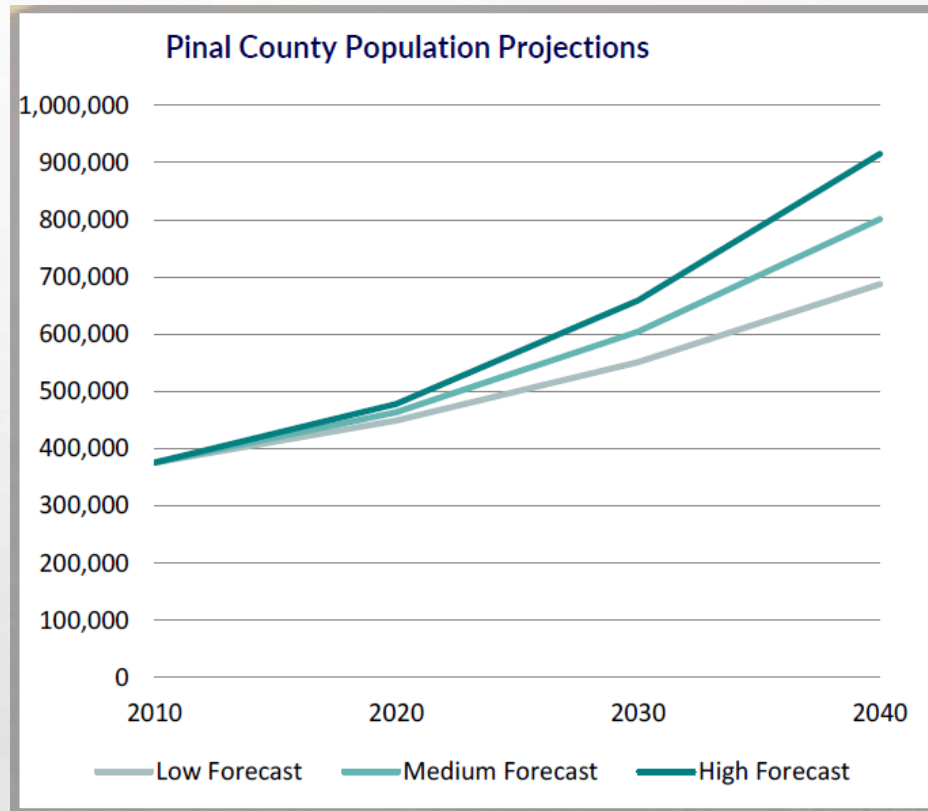




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THE CHALLENGE: POPULATION GROWTH

- **POPULATION HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED FROM 179,727 IN 2000 TO 375,770 IN 2010.**
- **POPULATION IS EXPECTED TO REACH A LEVEL BETWEEN 750,000 AND 913,000 OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS.**
- **19,159 TOTAL CRASHES, WITH 323 FATALITIES AND 878 SERIOUS INJURIES, OCCURRED OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS.**
- **TRAFFIC PROJECTIONS INDICATE THAT 47% OF VEHICLES WILL ENCOUNTER CONGESTION BY THE YEAR 2040 WITH THE STATUS QUO.**



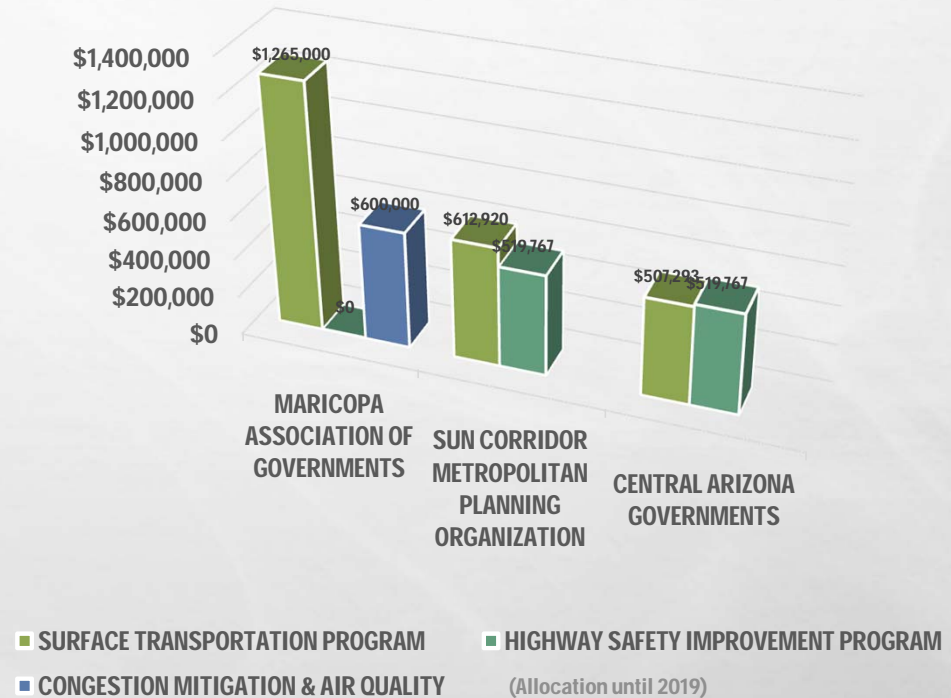


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THE CHALLENGE: FUNDING

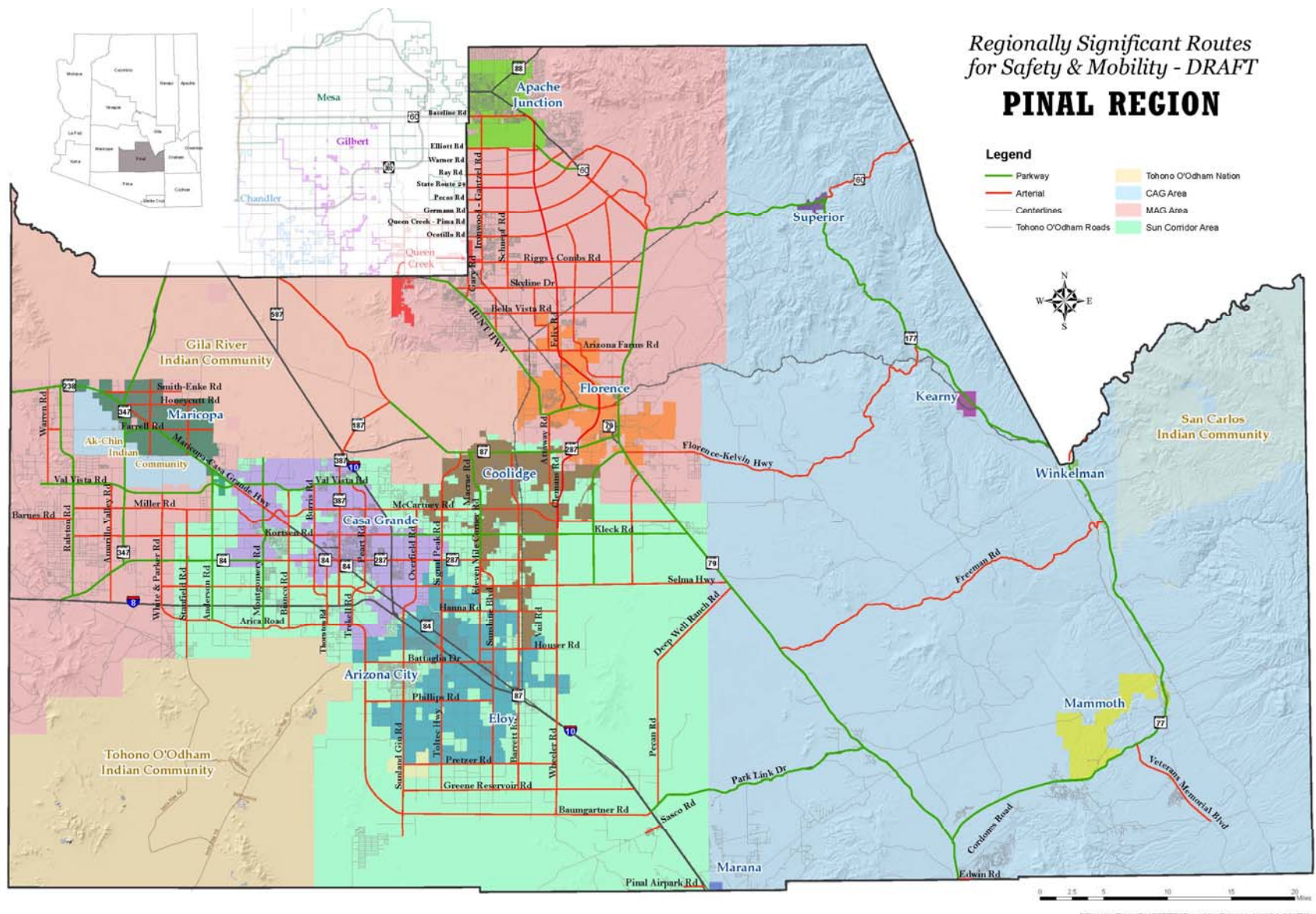
- LIMITED FEDERAL FUNDING ALLOCATIONS.
- NO GASOLINE TAX INCREASE SINCE 1991.
- STATE HAS DIVERTED \$1.8 BILLION IN HIGHWAY USER REVENUE FUND DOLLARS TO OTHER STATE PROGRAMS SINCE 2001.

Annual Federal Funding Allocation



Regionally Significant Routes
for Safety & Mobility - DRAFT

PINAL REGION

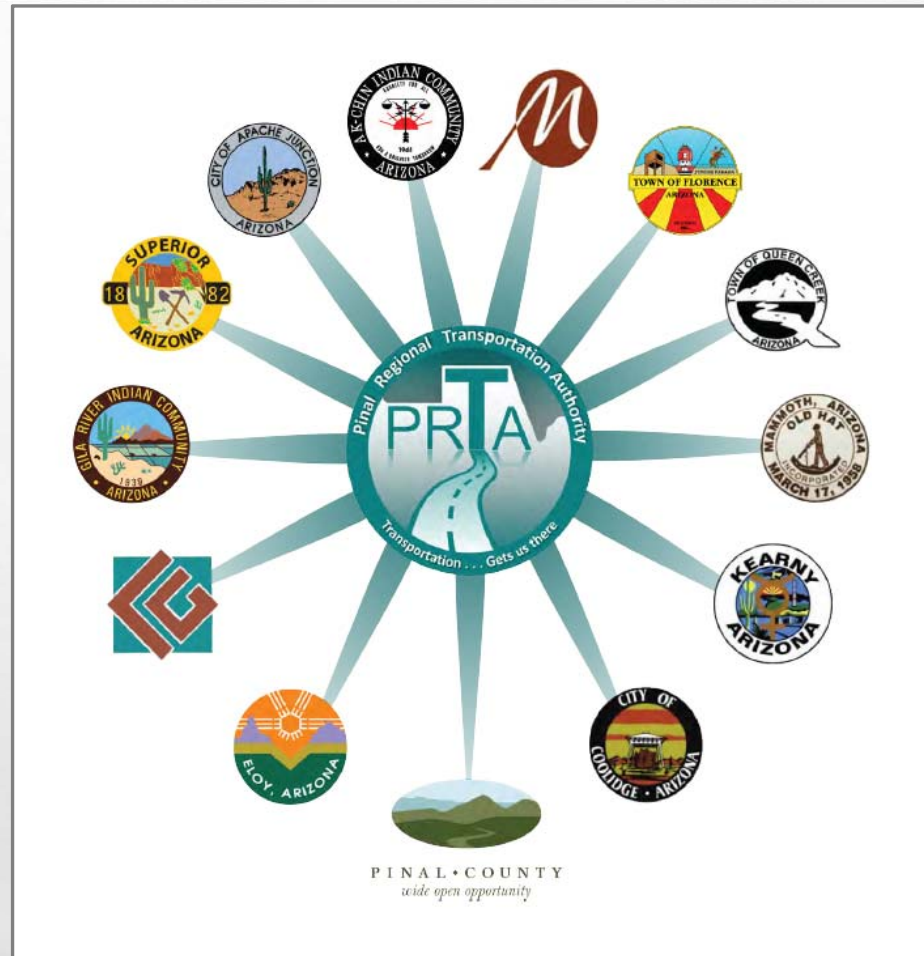




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A SOLUTION: REGIONALIZATION

- **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (RTA)**
 - PROVIDES THE GOVERNANCE FOR THE COUNTY, CITIES, TOWNS, AND TRIBAL COMMUNITIES TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY IN DEVELOPING A SEAMLESS COUNTYWIDE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.
 - REQUIRES A STRONG FOCUS ON DEVELOPING A BALANCED REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.



RTA BACKGROUND



STATUTORY AUTHORITY

- **THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF 400,000 OR FEWER PERSONS MAY ESTABLISH A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.**
- **IT IS A PUBLIC, POLITICAL, TAX LEVYING IMPROVEMENT AND TAXING SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.**

GOVERNANCE

- **MEMBERSHIP CONSISTS OF EACH MUNICIPALITY IN THE COUNTY, THE COUNTY, AND ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (CENTRAL ARIZONA GOVERNMENTS) THAT ARE FROM THE COUNTY.**
- **IT OPERATES IN ALL AREAS OF THE COUNTY.**
- **CENTRAL ARIZONA GOVERNMENTS (CAG) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SERVES AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.**

RTA BENEFITS



REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND TAX

- **REQUIRES DEVELOPMENT OF A 20-YEAR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN.**
- **PROVIDES A DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE TO IMPLEMENT THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN THROUGH AN EXCISE TAX SUBJECT TO VOTER APPROVAL.**
- **STRENGTHENS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND PRIORITY SETTING IN THE COUNTY.**

ADVANTAGES

- **IMPROVES REGIONAL COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AMONG ALL PARTNERS AND OPERATING AGENCIES.**
- **REDUCES ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOCAL MATCH COSTS WITH PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION.**

PINAL RTA MILESTONES



Established August 2015

- By the Pinal County Board of Supervisors



Public Briefings October- December 2015

- To 9 City-Town Councils and 4 Transportation Committees-Organizations



Draft Regional Transportation Plan Presentation January 2016

- To Pinal County Board of Supervisors



Public Open Houses March-April 2016

- Attended by 167 Stakeholders at 5 Countywide Locations



Regional Transportation Plan Approval May 2016

- By the Pinal Regional Transportation Authority

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT IDENTIFICATION



PREVIOUS TRANSPORTATION STUDIES

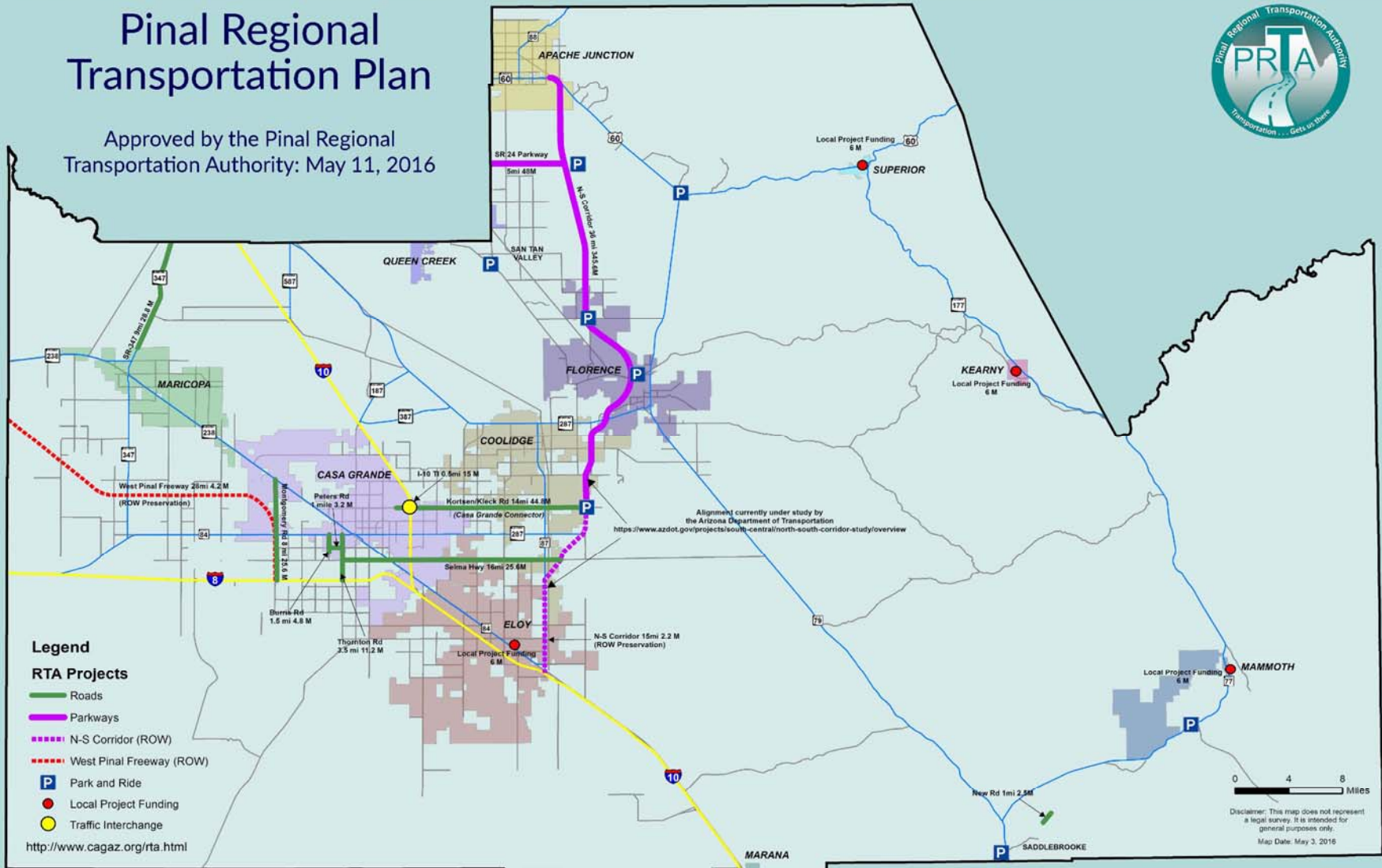
- 16 SMALL AREA TRANSPORTATION/REGIONAL/LOCAL AGENCY STUDIES OVER THE DECADE
- 2,185 PAGES AND \$1.4 BILLION OF DOCUMENTED NEEDS

PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION

- 9 CITY-TOWN COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/NUMEROUS STAFF MEETINGS
- 4 STATE/REGIONAL COORDINATION MEETINGS
- 4 PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

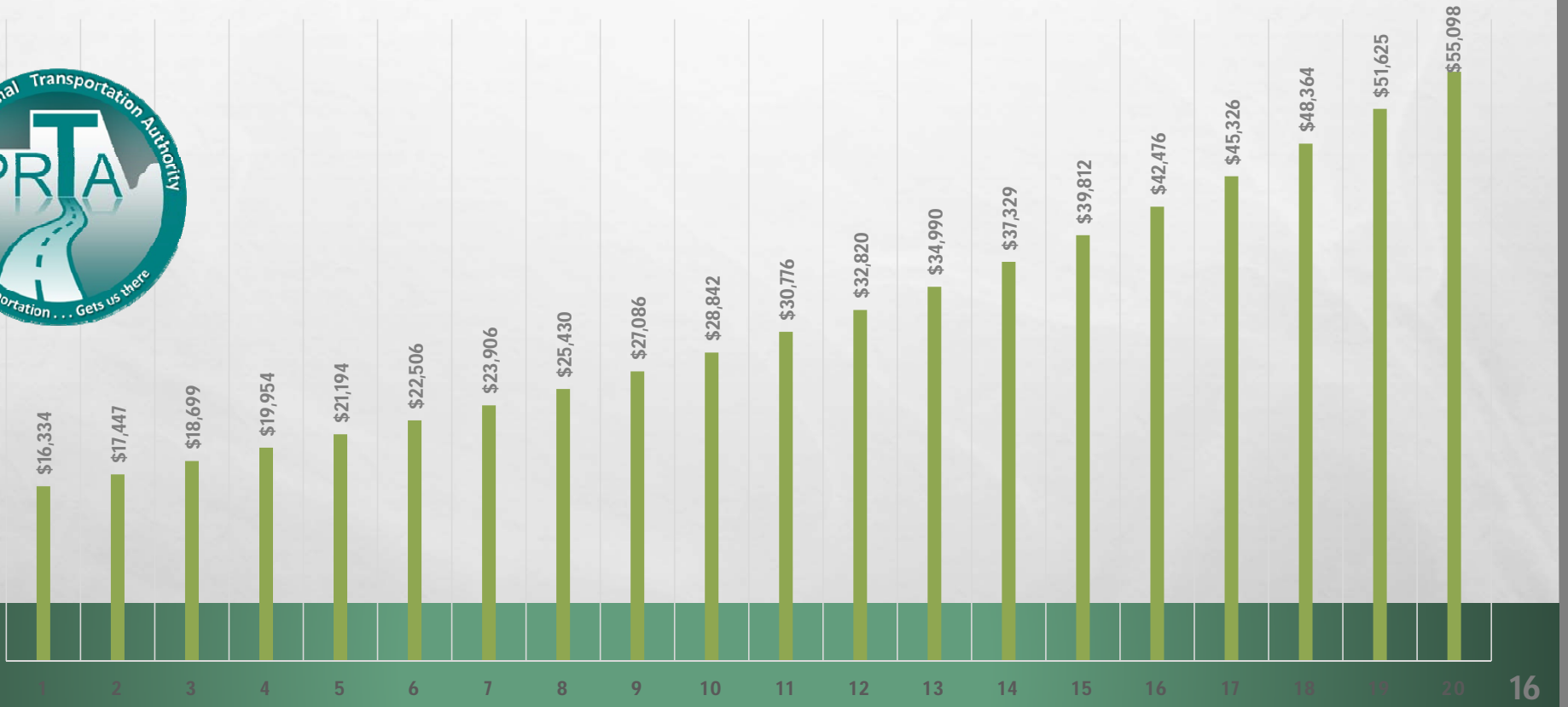
Pinal Regional Transportation Plan

Approved by the Pinal Regional Transportation Authority: May 11, 2016



20-YEAR REVENUE PROJECTIONS

Revenue: In \$1,000's



2016 PINAL COUNTY TOWN HALL



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PINAL COUNTY TOWN HALL DELEGATION



TRANSPORTATION

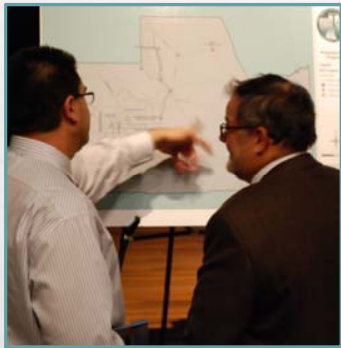
**PINAL REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



PLANNING

**MEET AND GREET WITH USDOT DEPUTY
SECRETARY MENDEZ**

NEXT STEPS



Staff reevaluates
Regional
Transportation
Plan and Revenue
Projections

RTA Board
Requests Election

Board of
Supervisors Calls
for Election



Staff conducts
Public Open
Houses and
Stakeholder
Outreach



Staff prepares for
Election



Recorder
conducts Election
Tentative Date:
November 2017



OTHER CONSIDERATIONS



- **PINAL RTA VARIABLE TAX CHANGE**
 - **CURRENTLY REQUESTING STATE LEGISLATION THIS SESSION THAT LIMITS THE ½ CENT TAX TO THE FIRST \$10,000 OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.**
- **METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS (MPO) CONSOLIDATION**
 - **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON CONSOLIDATION OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AREAS.**





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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

