



Transportation Sales Tax Initiative Update

Pinal Regional Transportation Authority

October 19, 2023



Election Results

- On November 8, 2022 Pinal County's voters turned down Proposition 469, which would have generated an estimated \$1.1 billion for transportation projects and programs in the county between 2023 and 2043.
- Proposition 469 was defeated by approximately 2000 votes.
- The Plan that was approved on November 7, 2017, is no longer valid.



Process for Developing a New Plan

- A future request to voters for a new Transportation Privilege Tax (TPT) would also require a new Plan.
- Plan would need to consider “Full Funding” versus “Partial Funding w/Local Funding Contribution.”
- Timing for Plan development is related to timing of future request to voters for the new TPT.



Refund Status

- Taxpayers (Retailers not consumers) have 2 1/2 years left to request a refund.
- On August 29th PRTA received an official notification by the Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) of its consent to release these funds with immediate effect into the sole control and custody of the PRTA.
- ADOR's proposed release of funds to the PRTA has been challenged in court. The PRTA and Pinal County are responding and hope to preserve the option of developing a plan to ensure that distributed funds remain in Pinal County.



Next Steps for the PRTA Board

- Voluntary Distribution Plan
 - Waiver Option
 - Refund Option
- PRTA working with Pinal County and law makers regarding legislation to keep unclaimed funds to be used on roads in Pinal County.



THANK YOU!

**Mayor Craig McFarland
PRTA Chairman**

