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Tucson Mayor and Council Advance Ballot Initiative to Fix Tucson Roads

If approved, Proposition 411 would improve the condition of every neighborhood street in Tucson over the next 10 years without raising taxes.

Tucson, AZ.— By unanimous vote, Mayor Regina Romero and the Tucson City Council tonight asked residents to consider extending an existing half-cent sales tax that was first approved by voters in 2017. If passed, the funds generated will be invested in a major effort to repair, restore, resurface, or improve every local neighborhood street in Tucson over the next 10 years. Voters will make their decision in a Special Election scheduled for May 17th, 2022. The official title of the ballot measure will be Proposition 411.

Without raising taxes, Proposition 411 would generate an expected \$740M for road repairs and safety improvements. 85% of Tucson's residential streets are in either failing or poor condition. City engineers have reported that investing in repairs now rather than later will reduce long-term costs and improve resident safety.

80% of funds generated by Proposition 411 would go towards restoring, repairing, resurfacing and improving local neighborhood streets. The remaining 20% would fund street safety improvements that benefit all users and modes, such as: bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements, sidewalks, lighting, traffic signal technology, and

traffic-calming infrastructure. Proposition 411 is one component of Move Tucson, the city's 20-year transportation and mobility blueprint, which found that street repairs and safety concerns were among Tucsonans' highest transportation priorities.

"I hear Tucsonans loud and clear: it is time to fix our streets and ensure that they are safe for all. We need to repair our roads and our infrastructure to provide safe travel for everyone, regardless of whether you drive, walk, bike, or roll. This ballot initiative would allow us to improve the condition of every neighborhood street in the next 10 years,"
said Mayor Romero.

Romero also affirmed her commitment to continue working with the RTA to address regional transportation issues in a way that is fair and equitable for Tucson taxpayers.

"Our local road repair and safety needs are separate and distinct from regional transportation needs. I look forward to continuing our work with the RTA to address regional priorities, while we take action to address our local roads."

Additionally, Mayor and Council voted to move forward with:

1. Allocating \$18 million annually for five years (\$90 million total) for the purpose of funding vehicles, equipment and similar costs for public safety functions in Police, Fire and 911 Communications;
2. Establishing independent oversight and accountability of the administration and expenditure of the revenues generated by Proposition 411;
3. Ongoing funding for collector street improvements, using separate funds including Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF).

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