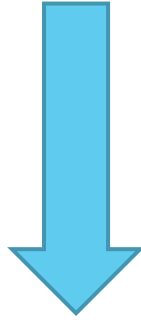


Financing Transportation Improvements, Including Pavement Preservation, for Economic Expansion and Community Wellbeing

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- ▶ Economic expansion is a critical component of community wellbeing



- ▶ Economic expansion is heavily dependent upon quality transportation infrastructure



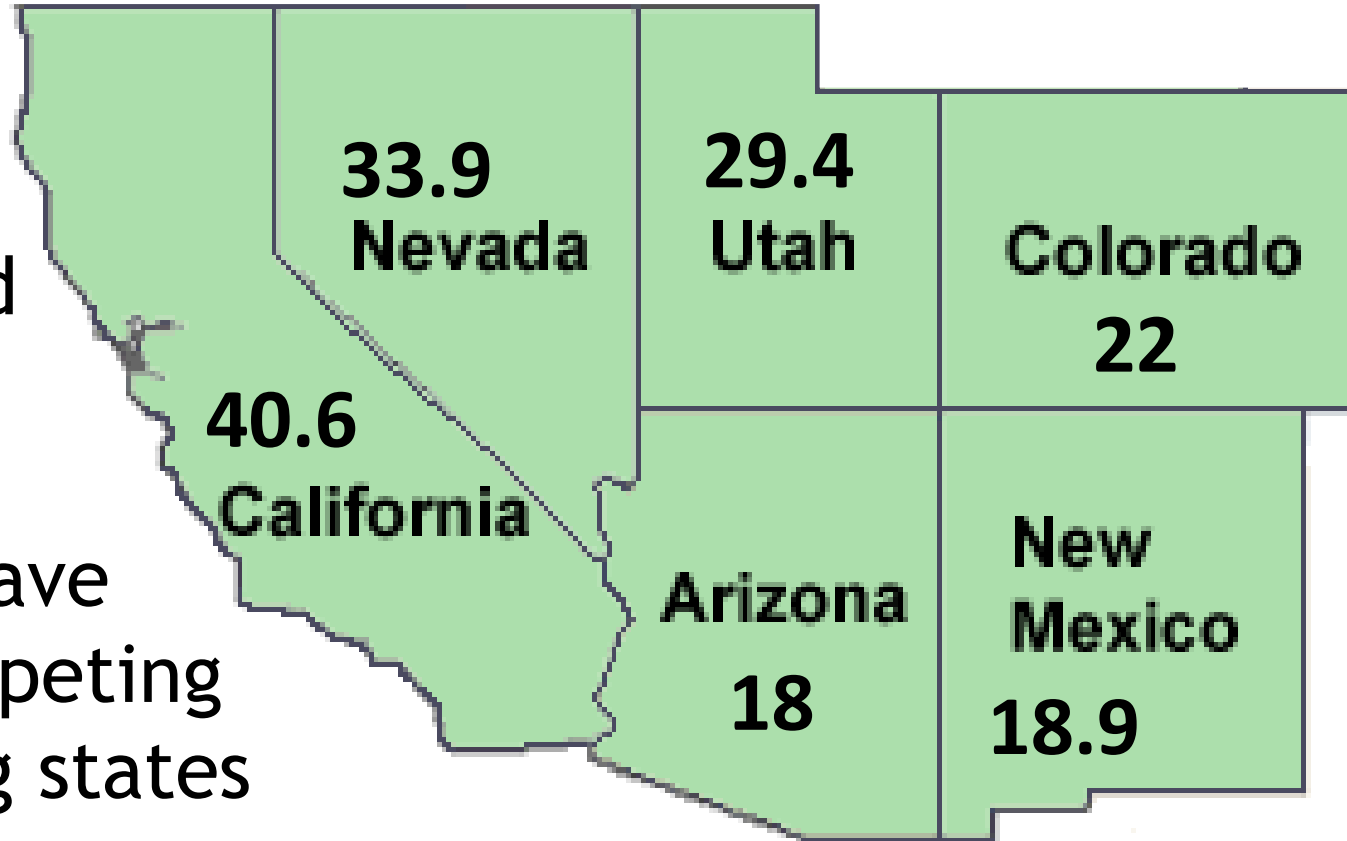
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Arizona's
Roads
Grade =

D +

Barriers to Adequate Surface Transportation Funding

- Arizona's gas tax unchanged since 1991
- Arizona will have difficulty competing as surrounding states act to fund infrastructure



Barriers to Adequate Surface Transportation Funding

- ▶ **State's historic diversion of over \$1 billion in Highway User Revenue Funds to balance the State Budget**
- ▶ Rising costs associated with aging infrastructure
- ▶ Declining transportation revenue due to increased vehicle fuel efficiency and alternatively powered vehicles



An export-based economy requires effective and efficient transportation systems

⇒ CANAMEX CORRIDOR

⇒ Interstate 11

How is Pima County responding?

- ▶ **2017 Legislative Agenda prioritizes transportation funding**
 - ▶ Eliminate Legislative HURF Diversions
 - ▶ Increase the gas tax
 - ▶ Develop alternate, sustainable revenue sources
- ▶ **Developing infrastructure for major employment expansion, growth**
 - ▶ New Aerospace Parkway in Tucson's Aerospace and Defense Corridor
 - ▶ Supporting efforts for a new second runway at Tucson International Airport
 - ▶ Working with Union Pacific Railroad to connect rail to primary, technology-based employment centers
 - ▶ Successful public-private partnership with the Port of Tucson to secure TIGER grant funding for large train offloading with a new 8,000-foot rail siding and high-speed switch.

What You Can Do to Help

- Speak up for increased infrastructure funding.
- Don't be afraid to say "tax increase." Taxes built this country's infrastructure.
- Collaborate, communicate and cooperate. We can do more working together than individually.
- The time to act is now to ensure economic expansion. We are at the tipping point of success or failure for infrastructure planning, funding and development.