

Tonight you will hear a presentation from the City about the financial implications of some choices regarding the number of lanes. Again, we hope you look at the *cross-width* of the roadway as the critical issue, rather than just the number of lanes.

We expect that the City will be giving you a full, accurate accounting of *all* associated costs to assist in your decision making, not just a partial view, which, of course, would be, at best, misleading.

You may hear that a four lane option will result in the loss of money coming from the County and the RTA. Know that not only has the County taken *no* position on the matter, but Pima County Manager Chuck Hukleberry, though advocating 6 lanes, has reminded the Supervisors that they indeed have options in the matter. Again, the County has taken *no* position. At best it is speculative to suggest that there will be any loss of County funds.

You will also hear that there may be a need to repay money to the RTA. First, much of the money that Mayor and Council were told may be lost isn't RTA money at all. Second, the RTA decision making body is the RTA Board – a group of elected officials, who routinely defer to the wishes of the elected official representing the jurisdiction most affected. In this case, that is our Mayor, Jonathan Rothschild. So, saying the RTA will or will not do something is really saying what Mayor Rothschild will do, and it is pretty unlikely that he'd act to cause a loss to the City. Again, the RTA has taken *no* position on this. Any other suggestion is speculation.

Let's turn to the costs of the 118 foot, 6 lane right of way that we expect the City will review with you. Again, to withhold this information would paint only a partial picture of the matter of costs.

Costs associated with a 118 foot, 6 line right of way that need to be factored into any decision are:

- Costs of acquisition of property
- Costs of destruction of property
- Costs of relocation of businesses

Note that these three items *alone* represent tens and tens of millions of dollars

Other costs

- Loss of sales tax revenue – remember this is a loss that will occur year after year after year. So a 1.5 million dollar loss in one year quickly mounts to 15 million dollars in just ten years.
- Loss of property tax revenue – again, year after year after year.
- Loss of sales tax revenue from special events related to the area. For example this year’s Mid Modern Architecture week produced 1.5 million dollars to the local economy. If we decimate the mid modern architecture of the area, we lose that event, and any other events related to the uniqueness of the area. Local businesses lose millions of dollars and the City loses more sales tax revenue, again, year after year after year.
- Loss of sales tax revenue from a revitalized business district, which is likely to occur once this matter is finally resolved, businesses protected, and businesses now able to make investments in the future. Again, this is a loss that will happen each and every year.
- Of course, there’s the cost of maintaining all that extra asphalt – and we do so well maintaining our streets in Tucson. Again, this will not be a one time cost.

We expect that the City will have *seriously* analyzed *all* these costs and will give you a full accounting so that you have a complete picture, not a partial one. Thank you for considering all these matters as you decide what alignment will make our community safe, vibrant, and beautiful.