

CITY OF TUCSON — BOND SPECIAL ELECTION



The Choice... Is Yours

November 6, 2012



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*Informational Pamphlet
and Instructions to Voters*

**ELECTION DAY
NOVEMBER 6, 2012
VOTE: 6 a.m. – 7 p.m.**

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THE CHOICE IS YOURS

The City of Tucson is holding a Bond Special Election on November 6, 2012. The purpose of this election is to submit to the qualified electors of the City of Tucson a question as to whether general obligation bonds of the City should be authorized to be issued in addition to all bonds authorized at previous elections.

BOND SPECIAL ELECTION

There is one question on the ballot (Proposition 409), that all City of Tucson qualified electors may vote on.

Pima County will conduct the Election held on November 6, 2012. For information relating to Early Voting, you may visit the Pima County Recorder's Office at <http://www.recorder.pima.gov>.

To locate your polling place for this election, please visit http://www.recorder.pima.gov/public/voter_info.aspx, or visit the Department of Elections website at <http://www.pima.gov/elections/>.

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A Spanish language translation of this pamphlet begins on page 14.

If you need information in another format, please contact the Tucson City Clerk's Office at 255 West Alameda, Tucson, AZ 85701, (520) 791-4213.

This Voter Information Pamphlet is published by the Tucson City Clerk

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VOTING INFORMATION

WHO CAN VOTE

To vote in the City of Tucson 2012 Bond Special Election:

- You must have resided in the City of Tucson since October 7, and
- You must be registered to vote on or before October 8, and
- You must be at least 18 years old on November 6.

ELECTION DAY VOTING

The Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day, November 6. Any qualified elector standing in line to vote at 7 p.m., on November 6, will be allowed to mark and cast their ballot.

Look at the address label on the back cover for your polling place location.



If you require special assistance at your polling place, please call 351-6830 or TDD 351-6871 at least 72 hours prior to November 6, 2012.

EARLY VOTING

Want to Vote by Mail or Need Early Voting Assistance? CALL Pima County Recorder at 724-4330

OR Visit their web site at www.recorder.pima.gov/earlyreq.aspx

- Early Voting begins on October 11.
- The last day to request an early ballot to be mailed to you is October 26, by 5 p.m.
- **November 6, 2012 Election Day** - The Pima County Elections Division must receive Early Ballots by 7 p.m. By law, ballots received after this time cannot be counted. On Election Day, ballots may be delivered to any Pima County polling place from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

PRIOR TO ELECTION DAY YOU MAY VOTE IN PERSON AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

DOWNTOWN: Pima County Recorder's Office
115 North Church Ave.
SITE OPEN Thursday 10/11/12 - Friday 11/2/12
Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. week days

EASTSIDE: East Side Pima County Recorder's Office
6920 East Broadway Blvd., Suite D
SITE OPEN Thursday 10/11/12 - Friday 11/2/12
Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. week days

FOR ADDITIONAL PIMA COUNTY EARLY VOTING SITES
please visit www.recorder.pima.gov/ev_sites.aspx or call 724-4330.

VOTER'S RIGHTS

Any registered voter, at the voter's option, may be accompanied by a minor who is permitted in the voting booth, be accompanied and assisted by a person of the voter's own choice or be assisted by two election officials, one from each major political party, during any process relating to voting or during the actual process of voting. A person who is a candidate for an office in that election, other than the office of precinct committeeman, is not eligible to assist any voter.

With the permission of the voter, a minor may enter and remain within the seventy-five foot limit in order to accompany a voter into a polling place, an on-site early voting facility and a voting booth while the voter is voting.

PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION (ID) REQUIRED AT THE POLLS

State Law requires that every voter show proof of identity and address before receiving a ballot. The name and address on the ID must match the information on the voter registration list.

A voter who does not provide one form of identification from LIST 1 OR two different forms of identification from LIST 2 or LIST 3 shall not be issued a regular ballot, but shall receive a conditional provisional ballot and will have five business days after the Election to provide sufficient ID to the County Recorder in order for their provisional ballot to count.

LIST 1

Photo ID WITH name and address (need 1):

- Valid Arizona driver's license or non-operating ID
- Tribal enrollment card with photo or other form of tribal identification
- Valid U.S. federal, state, or local government issued ID

LIST 2

ID WITHOUT photo, with name and address (need 2):

- Utility bill of voter dated within 90 days of the date of election - electric, gas, water, solid waste, sewer, telephone, cell phone or cable
- Bank or Credit Union statement dated within 90 days of the election
- Valid Arizona Vehicle Registration
- Indian Census Card
- Property tax statement of voter's residence
- Tribal enrollment card without photo or other form of tribal identification
- Arizona vehicle insurance card
- Valid U.S. federal, state, or local government ID
- Voter Registration Card / Recorder's Certificate
- Any "Official Election Material" bearing your name and address

LIST 3

Mix and Match

- Any valid photo ID from List 1 where address does not match signature roster/precinct register accompanied by a non-photo identification from List 2 in which the address does reasonably match the precinct register.
- U.S. Passport accompanied by non-photo identification from List 2 in which the address does reasonably match the precinct register.
- U.S. Military identification without address or address does not match accompanied by non-photo identification from List 2 in which the address does reasonably match the precinct register.

Identification is "valid" unless it can be determined on its face that it has expired.

RIGHT TO VOTE A PROVISIONAL BALLOT

You have a right to vote a provisional ballot if one of the following situations applies to you:

- If your name does not appear on the precinct register and you are in the correct polling place.
- If you have moved to a new address within the county and have not updated your voter registration.
- If you have legally changed your name and have not updated your voter registration.
- If you requested an early ballot but did not vote an early ballot.
- If you have not produced sufficient identification.
- If you were challenged as a qualified elector.

To vote using a provisional ballot:

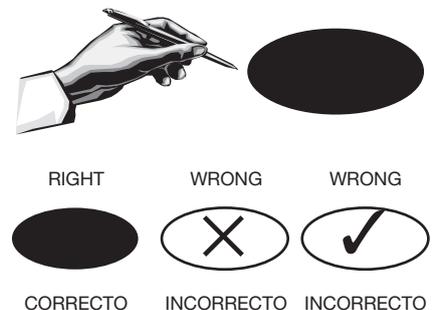
- Present to the election officer an identification stating your given name and surname, and
- Present to the election officer your complete residence address, and
- Sign an affirmation on the provisional ballot envelope stating that the information filled out on the provisional ballot envelope is correct, that you reside in the precinct, that you are eligible to vote in this election and that you have not previously voted in this election.

If you vote using a provisional ballot, the election official will enter your name on the signature roster. You will be asked to provide your signature next to your name. Your vote will be counted upon verification of your eligibility to vote in the election.

Once you have voted using a provisional ballot, your ballot will be placed in a provisional ballot envelope, which you seal. The election official will ensure that the envelope is sealed. You will then be given a provisional ballot receipt with information on how to present sufficient identification to the county recorder if necessary, and how to verify the status of your provisional ballot.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- Use black or dark blue pen. (Do not use red ink.)
- To vote for a proposition, fill in the oval to the left of “YES.”
- To vote against a proposition, fill in the oval to the left of “NO.”
- No other marks will be valid or counted.
- If you make a mistake or you damage the ballot, you must ask for a new ballot.





PROPOSITION 409

Bonds for City Street Improvements

tucsonaz.gov/streetbonds

SUMMARY

The City of Tucson is requesting voter approval to issue \$100 million in General Obligation Bonds to improve the condition of City streets. Bond funds will be used to restore, repair, and resurface streets inside Tucson City limits. No change can be made to this purpose for the bond funds without going back to voters for approval.

BOND PROGRAM

- Bond funds will be invested in street resurfacing over a 5 year period.
- Approximately 85% of bond funds will be allocated to major streets with the remainder allocated to neighborhood streets.
- Approximately 130 miles of major streets and 114 miles of neighborhood streets will be resurfaced as part of the bond program.
- All work will be competitively bid out to private sector contractors.
- The map on the adjacent page identifies the major streets planned to be resurfaced with bond funds.
- These streets were selected based on a comprehensive engineering analysis of the condition of City streets and a determination of the appropriate paving treatment based on the condition.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- General Obligation Bonds are a common financing tool used by local governments to pay for infrastructure improvements.
- The estimated residential tax impact of this Bond Program is \$18 per year per \$100,000 of full cash value, as determined by the Pima County Assessor.
- This General Obligation Bond will be repaid through the City's secondary property tax, resulting in an estimated average rate increase of 33 cents.
- The bond repayment period is expected to be 20 years.

TRUTH IN BONDING

- The Mayor and Council have adopted a Truth in Bonding Policy to ensure that no change can be made to the purpose for the bond funds (resurfacing City streets) without going back to voters for approval.
- A Citizen Bond Oversight Commission will oversee the expenditure of bond funds to ensure they are expended as approved by voters.

For more information

Call: 791-4204 • Email: streetbonds@tucsonaz.gov • Visit: www.tucsonaz.gov/streetbonds



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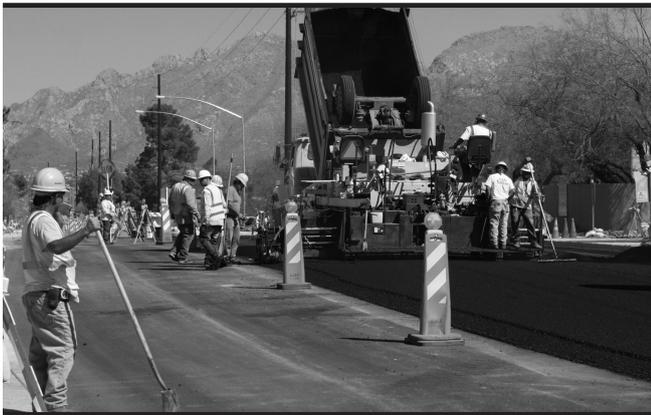
Frequently Asked Questions

QUESTION:

How much of the \$100 million will go directly to street resurfacing?

ANSWER:

Approximately \$99 million of the \$100 million will be competitively bid out to the private sector to resurface City streets. The remaining \$1 million will be needed to cover the cost of issuing the bonds.



QUESTION:

Why can't the City use existing funds to resurface streets?

ANSWER:

In the past the City has relied primarily on HURF (Highway User Revenue Fund) money from the State to pay for investments in streets. In recent years, there has been a significant decline in the HURF allocation to cities. The City's General Fund, which must pay for other City services such as police and fire, does not have the capacity to cover the lost HURF revenue.

QUESTION:

Will the bond funds be used for anything other than street rehabilitation?

ANSWER:

Funds will only be used for street resurfacing from curb-to-curb. Funds will not be used for sidewalks, bus stops, or other transportation improvements.

QUESTION:

How will the Bond Program affect bicyclists and pedestrians?

ANSWER:

Streets will be resurfaced and will be re-striped to current standards, providing the opportunity to demarcate pedestrian crossings and in some cases add capacity for bicyclists.

QUESTION:

Will the City be focusing bond funds on streets that are in the worst condition?

ANSWER:

Many City streets are in poor or failed condition and a portion of the bond funds will be dedicated to performing reconstruction and mill/overlay on these streets. However, less expensive treatments that prevent roads in good or fair condition from falling into the poor or failed categories will be one of the strategies pursued in order to use funds as efficiently as possible.



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Frequently Asked Questions

QUESTION:

Why are the majority of bond funds being focused on major streets when our neighborhood streets are severely deteriorated?

ANSWER:

Major streets are travelled more frequently by more people at higher speeds.



QUESTION:

How will neighborhood streets be selected for treatment?

ANSWER:

The City's Transportation Department uses a comprehensive engineering analysis to evaluate residential street conditions. City staff will use this data on street conditions to prioritize neighborhood streets for resurfacing and submit this plan to the Bond Oversight Commission for review.

QUESTION:

How will the Bond Oversight Commission be appointed?

ANSWER:

Any interested resident of the City of Tucson is invited to apply for the Commission. Applicants will be screened based on qualifications, leadership role in the community, and stakeholder group and geographic area representation. The Commission will consist of 11 voting members, 7 selected by the Mayor and Council and 4 by the City Manager. Commission members will meet quarterly to review progress on the Bond Program and produce an annual report to citizens.

QUESTION:

How does the City plan to fund street resurfacing once the Bond Program is completed?

ANSWER:

The City's Transportation Department estimates that \$20 million per year is the amount needed to adequately invest in the preservation of City streets. The City is in the process of exploring long term funding options, including regional solutions.

QUESTION:

Can the bond program be changed once approved by voters?

ANSWER:

No change can be made to the purpose of bond funds (resurfacing of City streets) without going back to the voters for approval.



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PROPOSITION 409 - SAMPLE BALLOT

(The Sample Ballot is also posted in the Polling Place on Election Day)

PROPOSITION 409

Shall the City of Tucson be authorized to issue and sell not exceeding \$100,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of its general obligation bonds exclusively to provide funds to restore, repair, resurface and improve the condition of its streets, including payment of all necessary costs and fees in connection therewith; such bonds to be issued in one or more series, maturing not more than 30 years from the date of issuance of each such series, and bearing interest at a rate or rates not in excess of 8% per annum?

The issuance of these bonds will result in a property tax increase sufficient to pay the annual debt service on bonds.

Ballot Format

PROPOSITION 409

FOR THE BONDS

AGAINST THE BONDS

**THIS IS A SAMPLE BALLOT AND CANNOT BE USED
AS AN OFFICIAL BALLOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

Arguments “FOR” Proposition 409

(Arguments express the opinions of the authors and have not been checked for accuracy by any official agency.)

The condition of our roads, especially our major roads, is a community and economic development issue.

Major roads connect to our businesses. When an executive looking to bring his or her company here to Tucson has to dodge potholes coming in from the airport, that’s not good.

We can’t let bad roads cost us good jobs.

This bond package spells out exactly which roads will be worked on, and when.

After paying the bond company to issue the bond, all money – 100% – will go to paving work and will be competitively bid to private contractors, creating local jobs.

There will be an independent bond oversight committee, drawn from the community, to oversee expenditures. I am committed to making sure these road repair projects are a model of transparency. Tucsonans deserve no less.

Better roads also mean better drainage, conserving our rainwater and losing less of it to runoff.

Prop. 409 gives Tucsonans the opportunity to decide what kind of roads we have.

We can fix potholes, only to see them come back after the next rain. Pothole repair is a temporary fix.

What Prop. 409 offers is the right approach – restoring our roads and doing the preventive maintenance that makes them last longer.

We can wait, and hope, for the State to give us our full share of road repair dollars, which it has not done in a number of years and shows no sign of doing in the foreseeable future.

Or we can take matters into our own hands and fix our roads ourselves. Please vote YES on Prop 409.

Jonathan Rothschild Mayor of Tucson

Paid for by Jonathan Rothschild

It is argued by everyone, from the political left to the political right, that we MUST do something about the poor state of our roads. We all know how we got here. Four years of plummeting sales tax receipts due to the worst recession in our lifetimes. Cuts in city departments due to massively shrinking budgets. Deep cuts in Tucson’s allocation of state HURF funds, which are earmarked for transportation.

So here we are. The roads are in terrible shape, and although Mayor and Council devoted \$20 million in this year’s budget to road repair, it’s a drop in the bucket compared to the need.

The question is, what are we going to do about it? We can either say, “Oh well,” and kick the can down the road, or we can take the bold action necessary to fix our roads.

The Pima County Democratic Party urges you to vote FOR Prop 409.

With this bond, 143 miles of major streets and 147 miles of residential streets in Tucson will be resurfaced over the next five years. The bond funds will not be spent on anything else, and no change can be made to the purpose of bond funds without going back to the voters first.

The major roads to be repaved are all over town, benefitting us all.

All paving work will be competitively bid out to private sector businesses, with the City’s procurement policy benefitting local contractors and subcontractors. What does that mean? This is a major JOBS bill for Tucson. It will put hundreds more people to work, right away.

And, it’s a critical investment in our future. Strong infrastructure is necessary to have strong economic development. **Let’s not let this opportunity pass. Vote YES!**

Jeff Rogers

Chair, Pima County Democratic Party

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As leaders of a local business dedicated to helping governments preserve streets and roads in a sustainable manner, we support Prop. 409.

National studies have shown that rough roads cost drivers hundreds of additional dollars per year each in vehicle wear and tear, endanger the safety of motorists, and disrupt the flow of goods and services in our community. Tucson’s roads are at a point now where waiting any longer simply isn’t an option.

Technology has improved in recent years so that with the right maintenance, our roads can last longer than in the past. We can take our newer roads and extend their service life with surface treatments. For older roads, there are now less expensive and more environmentally friendly methods to restore, such as recycling the older asphalt in place with far fewer traffic and trucking impacts.

The fact that there’s a detailed plan of what roads will be fixed and when is very encouraging; Tucson’s residents and businesses deserve this transparency and accountability. And once the roads are in good condition again, the city will have an effective strategy with sustainable tools to keep them that way.

However, the cost of fixing our streets keeps growing the longer we wait. Putting off preventative treatments to our better roads will only multiply the number of failed roads that must be resurfaced. Passing a bond - as opposed to raising our sales tax - is the best way for Tucson to deal with the problem of fixing our roads.

Please consider voting YES on Prop. 409.

Bob Koleas, President/CEO Carl Wellman, CFO
Western Emulsions Inc.

Paid for by Western Emulsions, Inc.

As a local business owner, I support Prop.409.

Having good roads matters to local businesses. If the roads outside your business look bad, it drags the whole area down. There’s less incentive to make your business look good.

Tucson’s roads are at a point where we can’t wait any longer. We’ve put the problem off as long as we can. And the longer we wait, the more expensive the problem gets. It costs much more to restore a failed road than it does to do preventive upkeep in the first place.

Technology has improved in recent years, so that with the right maintenance, our roads can last longer than in the past. We can take our newer roads, and keep them in good shape. Older roads, we’re going to have to restore.

It would be nice if roads didn’t cost anything, but that’s not realistic. Passing a bond-as opposed to raising our sales tax-is the best way for Tucson to deal with the problem of fixing our roads.

I’m encouraged by the fact that we’re getting a detailed plan of what roads will be fixed when.

Business people don’t hesitate to invest when it’s necessary. No one can argue that our roads are in good shape. Some are, but too many are not.

We need to stop waiting for the federal government or the state government to come in and fix our roads for us. That’s just not going to happen. It’s time we made this investment ourselves.

Please vote YES on Prop.409

Sincerely,
A & S Paving, inc
Salvador Pedregon, President
Paid for by A&S Paving, Inc

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Tucson’s emergency responders need good roads too.

As a firefighter for 30 years, I can tell you that our road conditions are just as much a problem for our fire trucks and paramedic trucks as they are for everyone else.

We need to pass Prop. 409, to improve Tucson’s streets today!

The longer we wait, the more expensive repairs get as our road continue to deteriorate, let’s take care of the problem now.

Please vote YES on Prop. 409.

Roger S. Tamietti

Paid for by Roger S. Tamietti

End of Arguments “For” Proposition 409

Arguments “AGAINST” Proposition 409

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Yes, we know that our streets have potholes and need repair. However, do we want to pony up even more of our money to do it? Maintenance has always been a roadway need and the City has simply failed to reserve funds for that. However, very high salaries for many city employees, and overpriced no-bid construction and consulting contracts have wasted our money. For example, the City authorized a \$9.6 million no-bid contract to build the Cushing street bridge. But the federal government required open bidding since some federal money was involved. The winning bid was \$6.5 million. This was a savings of over \$3 million for the taxpayers on just this one transaction alone.

How can we trust the City with \$100 million of our money when they squandered over \$200 million dollars of our Rio Nuevo money? the Crowe Horwath audit of Rio Nuevo revealed that the Executive Director and the Treasurer of Rio Nuevo were both high- ranking City officials.

The current outstanding general obligation debt of the City is \$222,360,610.

do we really want to provide \$100 million more of our money and incur additional debt to see if the City will do the right thing this time? A variation of that adage might be appropriate in this case - Waste our money once, shame on you: waste it twice, shame on us.

Because of negligence and repeated failures to address serious deterioration for years and to properly allocate appropriate funds to maintain city streets, very basic repairs and maintenance that should have been budgeted routinely have been ignored.

To use bond money would constitute more debt and interest payments, and cause undue, unnecessary and excessive additional burdens for Tucson taxpayers.

PLEASE VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 409!

Pima Association of Taxpayers

Richard Basye, President

Mary Terry Schiltz, Vice President

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End of Arguments “Against” Proposition 409

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