

ARGUMENT FOR PROPOSITION 409

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.

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