

Argument For Proposition 409

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

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