

Previously Funded Improvements

Major Projects Implemented Using Transportation Excise Tax Funds	Cost
Road Projects (New and Reconstructed)	
Arcadia Drive	\$220,221
Bixby Road	\$146,523
Cline Boulevard	\$272,912
Colcord Road	\$188,081
Control Road	\$340,575
Copper Hills Road	\$114,690
Fairgrounds Road	\$343,536
Fossil Creek Road Phase 1 & 2	\$3,354,071
Hospital Road (Besich)-Rose Mofford Way	\$924,654
Icehouse Canyon Bridge	\$1,440,174
Kellner Canyon	\$87,841
Pine Creek Canyon	\$1,586,694
Russell Road Turn Lanes	\$903,433
Six Shooter Canyon Road	\$2,217,869
Star Valley Left Turn Bay	\$413,411
Tonto Creek Bridge Engineering	\$369,402
Wheatfield Road (Old 188)	\$431,086
Young Road (FS 512)	\$543,571
TOTAL COST	\$13,898,744

Other Expenditures Funded Through the Transportation Excise Tax Funds	Cost
Project	
Star Valley Maintenance Yard built in 1996	\$1,414,000
Approximate Maintenance costs for Chip Seal/Paving and supplies since 2002 (average cost \$600,000 per year)	\$5,400,000
Capital Equipment purchases since July 2007	\$1,975,171
Indirect costs from 9/2009 to 2/2013	\$2,063,596
Public Works Buildings contribution	\$1,400,000
TOTAL COST	\$12,252,767

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED THROUGH CURRENT EXCISE TAX

As shown in the tables, transportation excise tax expenditures have included major roadway construction or safety improvements, paving projects, maintenance projects, and other County needs, such as equipment, a maintenance yard in Star Valley, and related expenses.

Excise taxes funded over **\$38 million** in transportation improvements throughout Gila County between 1999 and 2012

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Gila County

TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Project Overview

STUDY OBJECTIVES AND IDENTIFIED NEEDS

The Gila County Transportation Study analyzed current and future conditions data to determine transportation needs for Gila County. These needs were categorized into the following broad categories:

ROADWAY NEEDS

- Pave higher-volume unpaved roads
- Address bridges with low sufficiency ratings
- Construct Tonto Creek and Oak Creek bridges

SAFETY NEEDS

- Improve driver education for motorcycle/ATV riders
- Improve enforcement regarding speeding and alcohol
- Conduct detailed road safety assessments at four locations
- Improve crash data reporting procedures

PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT NEEDS

- Rehabilitate 61 miles of roadway with pavement condition rated as Failed or Poor
- Develop pavement management plan for Gila County roadway network

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN NEEDS

- Consider paved shoulders on higher-volume and higher-speed roadways
- Eliminate gaps in sidewalk network
- Expand coverage of sidewalk network

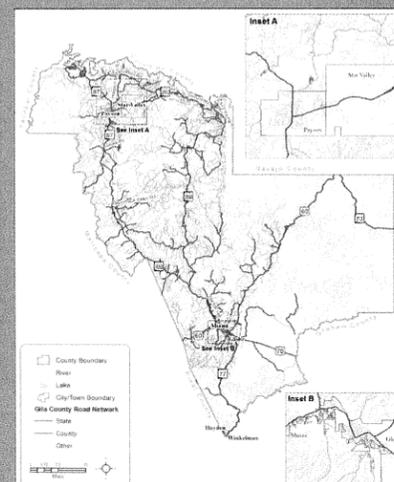
TRANSPORTATION FINANCE NEEDS

- Expiration of 1/2-cent excise tax at end of 2014 will reduce available transportation funding by nearly 50% (from ~\$6 million to ~\$3 million annually)
- Extension of 1/2-cent excise tax and/or new funding sources needed to maintain current funding levels
- Cost of addressing needs exceeds projected available funding – additional funding sources needed

County owns or maintains approximately 765 miles of roadway:

- 176 paved miles
- 589 unpaved miles
- All 2-lane roadways
- Traffic volumes < 5,000 vehicles/day

ROADWAY NETWORK



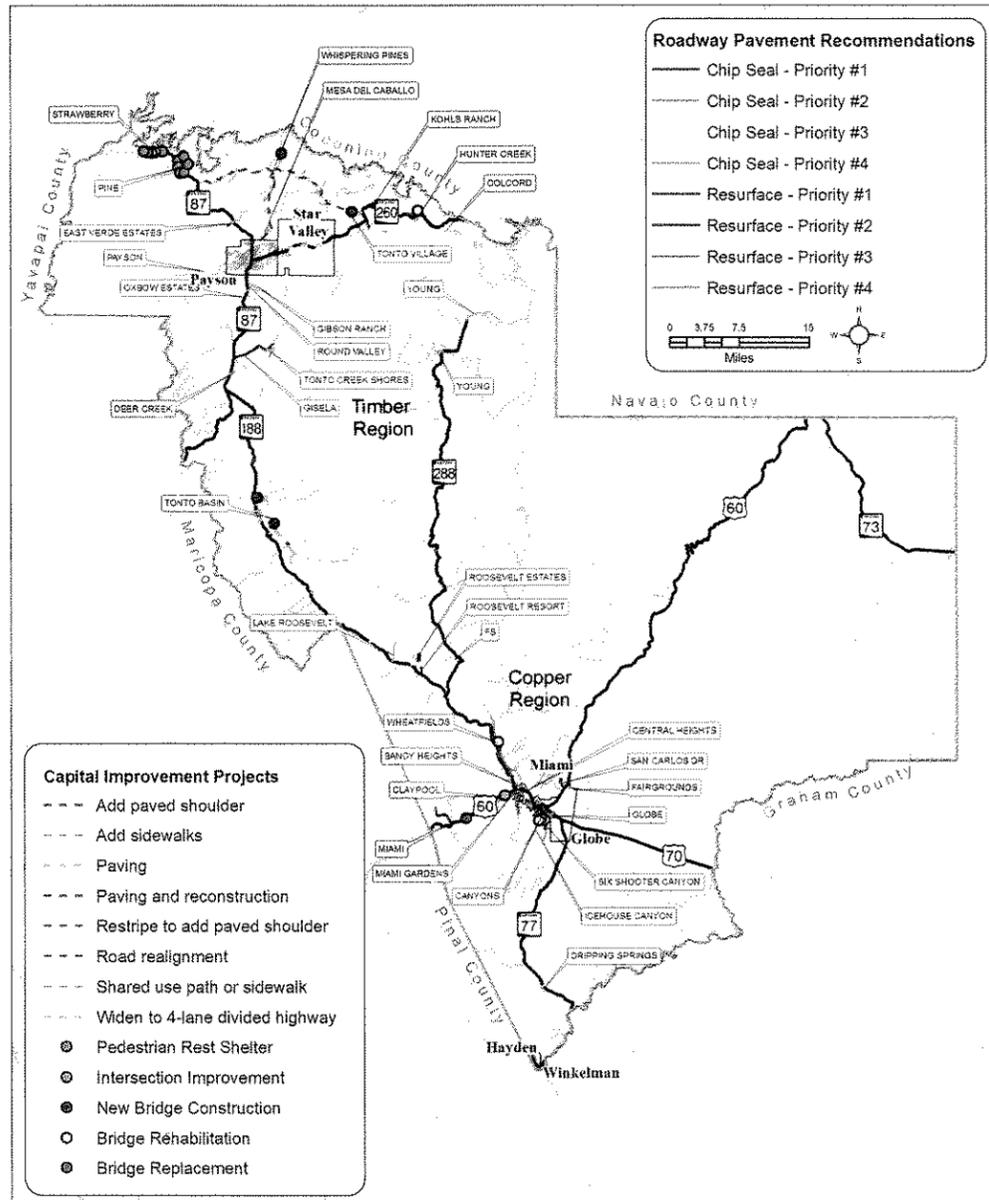
View the Gila County Transportation Study Final Report at:
http://www.gilacountyaz.gov/documents/public_works.php

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Funding the Future

The study recommended and prioritized projects on County-owned/maintained roadways over the next 5, 10, and 20 years (see following tables). These projects not only maintain current County transportation facilities, but also enhance bicycle and pedestrian facilities, increase safety, and promote economic vitality in the region. If the half-cent excise tax is allowed to expire at the end of the year, transportation funding for Gila County will be significantly reduced.

RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN



Recommended Near-Term (FY 2015 – FY 2019) Improvement Projects	Project Cost Estimate
ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS - PAVING AND IMPROVING EXISTING UNPAVED ROADWAYS	
Pine Creek Canyon Dr: Pine Ln to campground entrance	\$1,550,000
Icehouse Canyon Rd: Six Shooter Canyon Rd to end of pavement	\$300,000
ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS - BRIDGES	
Tonto Creek Bridge (assumed \$100k per year of total \$1.14M for 5.7% share of \$20M total cost)	\$500,000
Bridge Load Rating Study	\$100,000
Rim Trail Bridge	\$195,000
Bloody Tanks Wash Bridge	\$205,000
Tonto Village Bridge	\$265,000
ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS - OTHER	
SR 260: Lion Springs Section	\$2,200,000
Cemetery Rd: SR 87 to end of pavement	\$150,000
Monroe St. Reconstruction: 7th St to Gila County Courthouse	\$890,000
SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS	
Broadway St/El Camino St Intersection RSA	\$100,000
Houston Mesa Rd RSA – 9.64-mile segment from SR 87 to Control Rd	\$250,000
Russell Rd (FS 55) RSA – 5.5-mile segment from Roberts Dr to Kellner Canyon Rd	\$200,000
Young Rd (FS 512) RSA – 0.7-mile segment east of FS 202	\$150,000
Driver Education Campaign	\$25,000
BICYCLE FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS	
Houston Mesa Rd: SR 87 to Control Rd	\$160,000
Christopher Creek Loop: SR 260 to SR 260	\$45,000
PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENTS	
Chip seal projects	\$225,000
Resurface projects	\$14,025,000
Miscellaneous preventive maintenance and equipment	\$11,250,000
TOTAL COSTS	\$32,785,000

The cost of addressing needs exceeds projected available funding. Additional funding sources are needed.

Recommended Mid-Term (FY 2020 – FY 2024) Improvement Projects	Project Cost Estimate
ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS - PAVING AND IMPROVING EXISTING UNPAVED ROADWAYS	
Control Rd (FS 64): Houston Mesa Rd to FS 144	\$8,970,000
Young Rd (FS 512): Colcord Rd to FS 128	\$10,230,000
ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS - BRIDGES	
Icehouse Canyon Bridge 1	\$20,000
Icehouse Canyon Bridge 2	\$65,000
Christopher Creek Bridge	\$20,000
Pinal Creek Bridge	\$45,000
Pinal Creek Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert	\$20,000
Tonto Creek Bridge (assumed \$100k per year of total \$1.14M for 5.7% share of \$20M total cost)	\$500,000
BICYCLE FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS	
Six Shooter Canyon Rd: Cherokee Rd to Icehouse Canyon Rd	\$335,000
Jesse Hayes Rd: Beer Tree Crossing to Oil Circle Rd	\$1,245,000
Fossil Creek Rd: Rimwood Rd to SR 87	\$595,000
PEDESTRIAN FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS	
Jesse Hayes Rd: Beer Tree Crossing to Oil Circle Rd	\$105,000
PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENTS	
Chip seal projects	\$1,935,000
Resurface projects	\$6,565,000
Miscellaneous preventive maintenance and equipment	\$11,250,000
TOTAL COSTS	\$41,900,000

Recommended Long-Term (FY 2025 – FY 2034) Improvement Projects	Project Cost Estimate
ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS - PAVING AND IMPROVING EXISTING UNPAVED ROADWAYS	
Young Rd (FS 512): FS 128 to FS 101	\$8,140,000
Control Rd (FS 64): FS 144 to 2 miles west of SR 260	\$11,930,000
Young Rd (FS 512): FS 101 to Crouch Mesa Rd (FS 116)	\$9,100,000
Control Road (FS 64): SR 87 to Houston Mesa Road	\$18,195,000
ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS - BRIDGES	
Tonto Creek Bridge (assumed remaining \$140k of total \$1.14M for 5.7% share of \$20M total cost)	\$140,000
BICYCLE FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS	
Russell Rd: Hospital Dr to Golden Hill Rd	\$240,000
Main St: Golden Hill Rd to Short Ave	\$280,000
Golden Hill Rd: Russell Rd to Main St	\$450,000
Old Oak St: Locomotive Dr to US 60	\$170,000
PEDESTRIAN FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS	
Russell Rd: US 60 to Golden Hill Rd	\$100,000
Golden Hill Rd: Russell Rd to Main St	\$170,000
Broadway St: Existing sidewalk to Old Oak St	\$55,000
Old Oak St: US 60 to Railroad Ave, Railroad Ave to Maple St	\$65,000
PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENTS	
Chip seal and resurface projects for roadways in good condition now that will need rehabilitation in 10-20 years	\$20,000,000
Miscellaneous preventive maintenance and equipment	\$22,500,000
TOTAL COSTS	\$91,535,000

Total cost of recommended improvement projects\$166 million
 Projected available funding without extension of excise tax\$74 million
 Projected available funding with extension of excise tax\$104 million