

# DISCUSSION OUTLINE 106<sup>TH</sup> ARIZONA TOWN HALL

## TRANSPORTATION AND ARIZONA

### SESSION I - MONDAY MORNING - APRIL 20

#### SETTING THE STAGE

1. What are the strengths of Arizona's current transportation systems? Consider public and private modes of transit as well as different modes of transportation (car, train, plane, bike etc.). Consider transportation between and within urban, rural and tribal communities as well as transportation beyond the state's borders.
2. What factors have had the most significant influence in shaping Arizona's current transportation systems? What factors are likely to have the greatest influence in shaping Arizona's future transportation systems? Consider the impact of transportation systems on our economy, natural resources and quality of life.
3. What are the challenges for ensuring the optimal development and functioning of Arizona's transportation systems? How do these challenges vary by region, community, and interest group? Consider the impact of transportation systems on individuals, families, distinct communities, and sectors (including the business and public safety sectors).

## **SESSION II - MONDAY AFTERNOON – APRIL 20**

### **TECHNOLOGY, LAND USE AND THE ECONOMY**

1. How do technology and innovation impact transportation in Arizona? Consider the impacts of all types of technologies and innovations, including the types of energy used for transportation systems and funding mechanisms, such as the gas tax, that may be impacted by technological advances. How could Arizona's transportation systems take advantage of technological advances and innovations?
2. How does transportation impact land use and development? Consider the positive and negative impacts of transportation systems on nearby properties, neighboring communities, regions, and underserved communities. What specific approaches create the best balance of preserving Arizona's quality of life and natural resources while meeting Arizona's transportation needs? Be sure to consider urban, rural and tribal communities.
3. How do transportation systems impact Arizona's economy? Consider road, air and rail transportation systems. Also consider factors that impact the use of transportation systems such as Internet access, jobs, energy sources, proximity to shipping and other ports of entry and the movement of goods through canals and pipelines. What specific actions relating to Arizona's transportation systems would have the greatest return on investment to Arizona's economy? Consider urban, rural, tribal and regional economies.

## **SESSION III - TUESDAY MORNING – APRIL 21**

### **FINANCING**

1. How do current methods for financing transportation from federal, state, regional, local, tribal, and private sources incentivize desired outcomes? What additional strategies or financing methods would incentivize those desired outcomes?
2. What resources are available to address Arizona’s current and future transportation needs (including infrastructure development, operations, and maintenance)? What actions, if any, would increase, diversify or stabilize funding for transportation?
3. What factors support the desired development of funding to meet Arizona’s transportation needs? What factors present barriers? Consider public policies, budget conditions, subsidies, tax incentives, private market forces; and other factors.
4. What strategies are available to help Arizonans meet our transportation needs without requiring additional or new funding? To the extent that these other strategies are appropriate: how viable are they, how much of our transportation needs will they meet, when can they be implemented, and how long is it likely to take before they have a noticeable impact?

## **SESSION IV – TUESDAY AFTERNOON – APRIL 21**

### **SETTING PRIORITIES AND TAKING ACTION**

1. Considering the discussions from the previous sessions, what actions should be taken that would have the most beneficial impact on Arizona's transportation systems? How should they be prioritized? Consider which actions are realistically achievable, have the greatest return on investment and are most likely to be accomplished. Also consider how actions and priorities may vary for urban, rural and tribal communities. Be certain to include actions that do not require additional funding.
2. Who should lead the actions identified in Question 1? If the action requires funding, identify how the funding will be obtained, including sources.
3. What specific actions should individuals take, including each of us?