

KEY POINTS FROM FUTURE LEADERS TOWN HALL ON *TRANSPORTATION AND ARIZONA*

IMPACT OF TRANSPORTATION ON OUR COMMUNITY

- Transportation impacts the choice of where to live.
- Infrastructure drives our community's ability to grow economically.
- Lack of access to transportation affects the socioeconomic status of individuals.
- Many of our communities do not lend themselves to safe pedestrian traffic.
- Traffic and commuting times can have a negative influence on the quality of life.



ARIZONA'S STRENGTHS AND CHALLENGES RE: TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

- Public transportation systems are available in some metropolitan areas.
- Many people are supportive of multi-modal transportation such as biking and walking.
- Our grid-based street systems make it easier to get around.
- There is insufficient funding for transportation infrastructure development and maintenance.
- Arizonans gravitate toward individual cars rather than public transportation.

BEST WAYS TO SUPPORT A VIBRANT AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

- Engage businesses and employers in providing incentives for public transportation.
- Educate the public about the cost of public transportation.
- Consider the implementation of transportation usage fees.
- Expand the concept of inland ports using rail rather than roads.
- Transportation infrastructure growth must be sensitive to the environment.

MESSAGES TO ARIZONA'S ELECTED LEADERS

- Use the public transportation system in your area so you can better relate to those who do.
- Keep government vehicles off the road during peak travel periods.
- Facilitate high frequency travel modes such as bus lanes.
- Repurpose tax revenue to support transportation infrastructure.
- Engage in better planning for current and future transportation needs.

COMMITMENTS TO ACTION

- Improve our knowledge of our area and transportation options available.
- Learn more about transportation issues and increase awareness in our community.
- Increase our personal use of public and multi-modal transportation.
- Participate in meetings with community leaders on transportation planning.
- Be proactive in public safety as it pertains to transportation.

Future Leaders Town Hall locations throughout the state:

- Casa Grande – Central Arizona College
- East Maricopa – Rio Salado Conference Center
- Flagstaff – Northern Arizona University
- Parker – Arizona Western College
- Prescott – Yavapai College, Prescott Campus
- San Luis – Arizona Western College
- Sierra Vista – Cochise College
- South Maricopa – South Mountain Community College
- Tucson – Pima Community College
- Verde Valley – Yavapai College, Verde Valley Campus
- West Maricopa – Peoria City Hall Complex
- Yuma – Arizona Western College



"Students gain a broader perspective of their local and state community and increase critical thinking skills through participation in the conversation. They also engage in civil discourse through the process of coming together, through a variety of opinions, to create a consensus statement."