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**Transportation Authority Approves Plan for Outreach to Pinal County Businesses Regarding Proposition 417 Excise Tax Refunds**

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At its November 1 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (PRTA) approved a plan to work with Pinal County businesses and entities and the Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) to help recover transportation excise taxes that were collected between 2018 and 2022 to ensure that they are made available for transportation purposes in Pinal County.

The Arizona Supreme Court decision that the structure of the transportation excise tax approved by Pinal County voters in 2017 was not valid resulted in approximately \$87 million of tax receipts that must be refunded. Businesses and other entities in Pinal County paid Transaction Privilege Taxes (TPT) to ADOR for four years, but no funds were ever made available to the PRTA due to the lawsuit that lasted for more than three years.

Under the plan, businesses and entities that paid the TPT would have the option of requesting refunds from ADOR and donating that money to a Central Arizona Governments (CAG) fund to be used for capital improvement transportation projects and programs in Pinal County. The taxpaying entities would avoid tax consequences by donating the funds to CAG, a non-profit Section 501(3)(c) entity.

This Plan will allow tax refunds to best satisfy the original purpose for the tax (transportation projects and programs), keep the monies in Pinal County, and may also allow the PRTA to assist ADOR in its efforts to refund the TPT receipts.

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