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Alternatives Developed, Workshops Announced

Development of alternatives is the next step in the Pinal County Comprehensive Plan process, which will be completed this Fall when the Comprehensive Plan goes to the County Supervisors for adoption.

Because Arizona, and specifically Pinal County, will face tremendous growth in the next few decades, it was important that the updated Comprehensive Plan:

- Create consensus on land use
- Address environmental sustainability
- Preserve open space
- Link development with transportation
- Develop employment areas
- Create population centers
- Improve quality of life

These goals, coupled with the input from thousands of Pinal residents, helped to develop three land use alternatives for public consideration and feedback. Each of the three alternatives address the Pinal County Vision that is guiding this effort and achieve a similar projected population, however, each alternative addresses elements such as economic and residential development, open space preservation and transportation in a different manner. The three alternatives are:

Trends is a land use alternative assuming the continuation of current residential and economic development standards into the future.

Corridor Focused is a land use alternative that concentrates larger, mixed-use economic and residential development activities, and multimodal transportation alternatives along major transportation routes (such as I-10, I-8 and the proposed North/South freeway corridor), and that applies the recently adopted Pinal County Open Space and Trails Master Plan.

Dispersed Growth is a land use alternative that distributes economic/residential development activities throughout the county, connects these population centers through varying transportation alternatives, and applies the recently adopted Pinal County Open Space and Trails Master Plan.

At the six Alternatives Workshops scheduled for February, residents will hear a comprehensive presentation of each alternative, have the chance to review the alternatives in detail, and to provide feedback.

Gold Canyon, Wednesday, February 20
6-8 pm
Best Western Gold Canyon Inn, Kachina Room
8333 E Sunrise Sky Dr (US 60 and Kings Ranch Road)

Casa Grande, Thursday, February 21
6-8 pm
Casa Grande Parks & Recreation Complex, Armadillo, Bobcat, and Coyote Rooms
404 E Florence Blvd.

San Tan/Queen Creek, Saturday, February 23

9-11 am

JO Combs Middle School (New Facility), Multipurpose Room
37611 N Pecan Creek, Queen Creek

Maricopa, Tuesday, February 26

6-8 pm

Pima Butte Elementary School, Multipurpose Room
42202 W Rancho El Dorado

SaddleBrooke, Wednesday, February 27

6-8 pm

Desert View Performing Arts Theater
38990 Clubhouse Dr, Tucson

Kearny, Thursday, February 28

6-8 pm

Church of the Good Shepherd, Ray Hall
508 Senator Chastain St

Register to participate

In order to expedite registration at the event, and to receive a confirmation packet including event information and alternatives description, visit: <http://www.pinalcountyplan.com/WorkshopReg.html>.

These workshops are the fourth round of public involvement events for the Pinal County Comprehensive Plan and the first held in 2008. For more information visit the project website or contact Peggy Fiandaca (PSA) Consulting Team Project Manager at 480.816.1811 or PSAinc@cox.net.

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