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Pinal Preferred Future Workshops

In February, six workshops were held to receive input on Pinal County land use and transportation alternatives. Each of the alternatives presented in February addressed the resident-created, Pinal County Vision that is guiding this effort.

After reviewing the input received from participants at the Alternatives Workshops, we learned the following:

- Participants favored the “Corridor Focused” alternative that concentrated significant economic and residential development along the central-Pinal corridors, but they cited the desire to identify some additional development in east County.
- Participants agreed that allowing higher-density development in some parts of Pinal County was an acceptable solution to preserving large swaths of open space in the County.
- Participants saw a need for both intra- and inter-Pinal transit opportunities, such as bus rapid transit and commuter rail between Phoenix and Tucson.
- Participants favor the consideration of a regional commercial airport in central Pinal.

The Pinal County Comprehensive Plan Team has taken this feedback and will be presenting a preferred land use and transportation alternative at six workshops in April. Participants will present the preferred alternative and have the chance to give detailed feedback. The **Pinal Preferred Future Workshops** are scheduled as follows:

Arizona City

Wednesday, April 16, 2008
Central Lutheran Church - Sanctuary
12921 S. Sunland Gin Road (Sunland Gin and Battaglia); Arizona City
6 – 8 pm

Oracle

Thursday, April 17, 2008
Mountain Vista School – Cafeteria
2618 W. El Paseo; Oracle
6 – 8 pm

Coolidge

Saturday, April 19, 2008
Central Arizona College, Signal Peak Campus
Gloria R. Sheldon University Center Lecture Hall
8470 N. Overfield Road; Coolidge
9 – 11 am

Apache Junction

Tuesday, April 22, 2008
Avalon Elementary K – 8 (an Arizona Charter School) – Cafeteria
1045 S. San Marcos; Apache Junction
6 – 8 pm

Casa Grande

Wednesday, April 23, 2008
Dorothy Powell Senior Adult Center – Dining Room

405 E. Sixth Street; Casa Grande
6 – 8 pm

Florence

Thursday, April 24, 2008
Florence High School – Cafeteria
1000 S. Main Street; Florence
6 – 8 pm

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>. If you do not have internet access, please contact Audra Koester Thomas at 480.816.1811 to register.

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

To arrange for media coverage, please contact Audra Koester Thomas, 480.816.1811 or AudraPSAinc@cox.net.

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