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### Creating Pinal County Vision

Over 300 people participated in discussions about Pinal County’s future during nine recent Road Shows held throughout the County. Using the recently completed report called *The Future at Pinal: Making Choices, Making Places* by ASU Morrison Institute, participants began to define values that are important to preserve as the county continues to grow and change. Ideas ranged from preserving the natural beauty and open space in Pinal County to developing strong economic centers so residents can find quality work close to where they live. When asked how you would describe Pinal County in the future if everything was done right, responses included:

- Good, cost-efficient community services and responsive county government
- Diverse population living a good quality of life
- A proper “mix” of development and open space
- A place with its own quality identity – not another Pima or Maricopa
- Improved mobility with roads, transit, and rail
- Balanced growth that ensures resource preservation such as water and air quality

Building upon the hundreds of ideas created by residents, a series of Visioning Workshops are being planned to discuss, prioritize and craft a Pinal County Vision Statement. Creating a shared vision will guide the Comprehensive Plan development process and answer the question “What do we want to create?” for Pinal County’s growth and development. The goal is to define the vision and then create a comprehensive plan that will set policy to ultimately implement that vision.

Six Visioning Workshops are planned starting August 2 and people are asked to register for one of the events by email to [audrapsa@cox.net](mailto:audrapsa@cox.net). Once registered, participants will receive a packet of information to prepare them for the workshops. The workshops will present the ideas collected during the Road Shows and participants will have an opportunity to work with the Consulting Team in small groups to discuss, debate, and craft vision components. The information presented will be the same at each event, but due to the dynamics of the various locations and participants, the dialogue will vary.

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| Arizona City            | Thursday August 2<br>6 – 8:30 p.m.      | Central Lutheran Church<br>Activity Building     | 12921 S. Sunland Gin Road<br>Arizona City |
| Central Arizona College | Saturday August 4<br>9:00 – 11:30 a.m.  | Central Arizona College<br>University Building   | 8470 N. Overfield Rd.<br>Coolidge         |
| Kearny                  | Wednesday August 8<br>6:00 – 8:30 p.m.  | Church of the Good<br>Shepherd<br>Ray Hall       | 508 Senator Chastain Street<br>Kearny     |
| Santan/Queen Creek Area | Saturday August 11<br>9:00 – 11:30 a.m. | TENTATIVE LOCATION –<br>J.O. Combs Middle School | 37611 N. Pecan Creek<br>Queen Creek       |
| Oracle                  | Monday August 13<br>6:00 – 8:30 p.m.    | Mountain Vista School<br>Cafeteria               | 2618 El Paseo<br>Oracle                   |
| Stanfield               | Tuesday August 14<br>6 – 8:30 p.m.      | Stanfield Elementary School<br>Gymnasium         | 515 S. Stanfield Rd.<br>Stanfield         |

These workshops are the second round of public involvement events and many more are planned during the various stages of the Comprehensive Plan process. Pinal County is committed to moving these events around the county to ensure that all residents have an opportunity to participate. For more information visit the project website ([www.PinalCountyPlan.com](http://www.PinalCountyPlan.com)) or contact Peggy Fiandaca (PSA) Consulting Team Project Manager at 480.816.1811 or [PSAinc@cox.net](mailto:PSAinc@cox.net). To arrange for media coverage, please contact Audra Koester Thomas, 480.816.1811 or [AudraPSAinc@cox.net](mailto:AudraPSAinc@cox.net).

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