



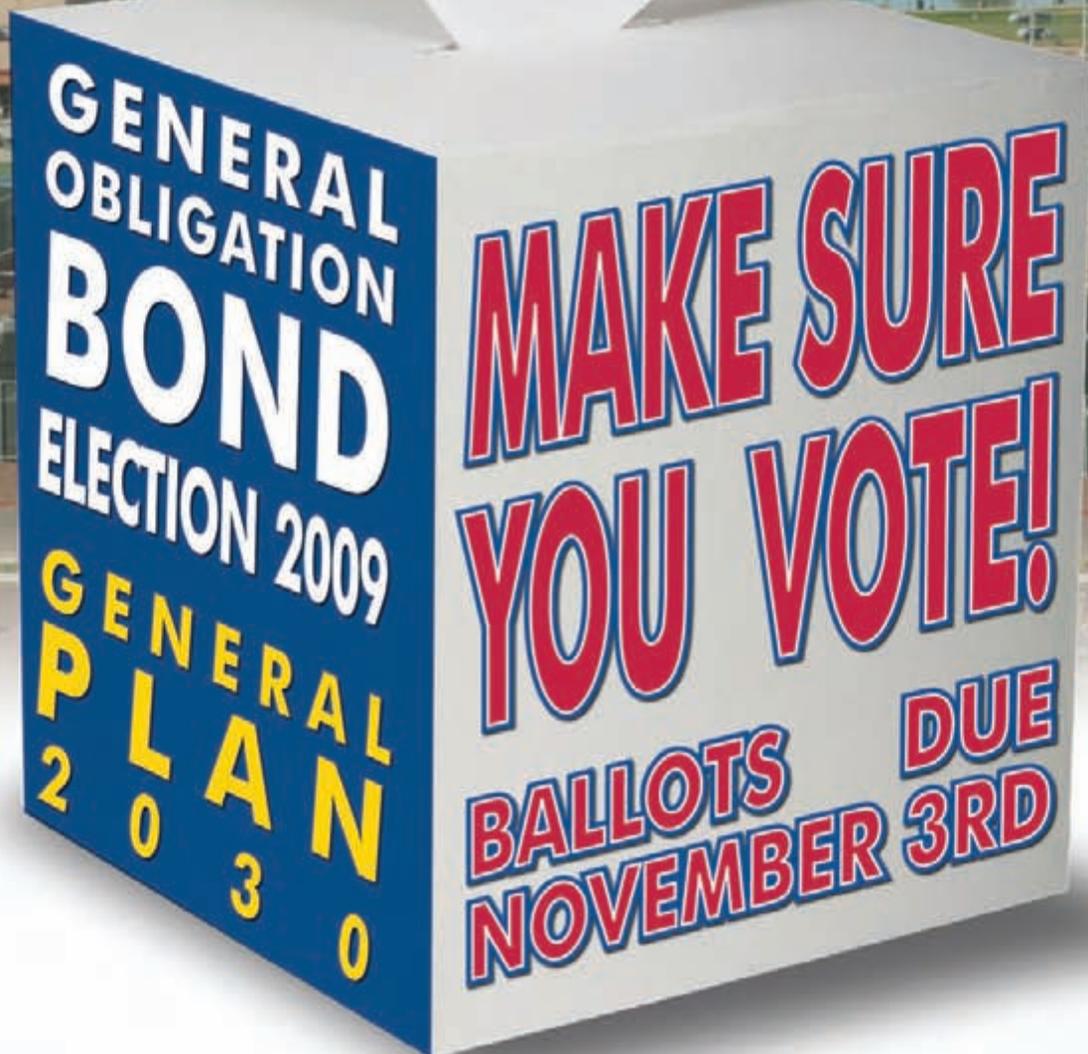
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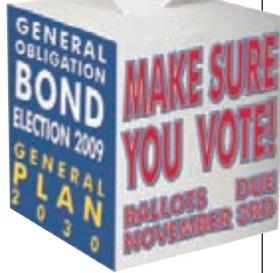
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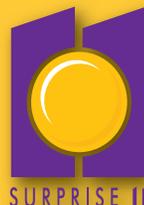
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6 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of the month, unless noted below

- October 22nd
- November 12th
- December 10th

Planning & Zoning Commission meetings

Surprise City Hall, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza Info: 623.222.3133
6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month

- October 20th
- November 3rd
- December 1



City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission meetings are broadcast live on Surprise 11, available to Cox Cable subscribers in Surprise, Sun City and Sun City West. Council meetings are rebroadcast several times during the week following the meeting. Broadcast times are: 8 a.m. Tuesday, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 a.m. Friday, 3 p.m. Sunday, NOW STREAMING LIVE ON THE WEB!



General Obligation Bond Election **2009**

Hello! From early October until November 3, 2009, you will have a voice in critical decisions about the future of Surprise. You will be voting in a by-mail election on whether the city should have the authority to issue General Obligation Bonds for civic improvements, and whether you approve a General Plan 2030, an updated revision of the “road map” that will guide our future development.

This issue is designed to provide educational material on these two questions so that you can make an informed decision after you receive your ballot in the mail. Please review this information carefully, and you can find more detail on our Web site at www.surpriseaz.com/bond2009 or www.surpriseaz.com/GP

What are General Obligation Bonds?

General Obligation Bonds are a way cities finance civic improvements. General Obligation Bonds are sold to investors, who are repaid with interest. The repayment comes from a portion of the secondary property tax. This is why voter approval is necessary.

G.O. Bonds are issued only with the specific approval of the City Council.



What is on the ballot?

You will be asked whether the city shall be allowed to incur indebtedness in the total principal not to exceed \$184,900,000 to fund projects in the following categories:

Transportation	\$156,630,000
Economic Development	11,000,000
Public Safety	10,610,000
Parks and Recreation	6,660,000

If the bond passes, does the city enter into a debt of \$184,900,000 right away?

No. If the bond passes the city will have the *capacity to borrow* up to \$184,900,000 for community improvement projects in the amount and categories designated above. The city council makes the final decision to issue bonds, which must be done in a public meeting.

What projects are proposed for 2010 if the bond passes?

If the bond passes, Phase 1 2010 would be brought to City Council for approval in spring of 2010 in these amounts and categories:

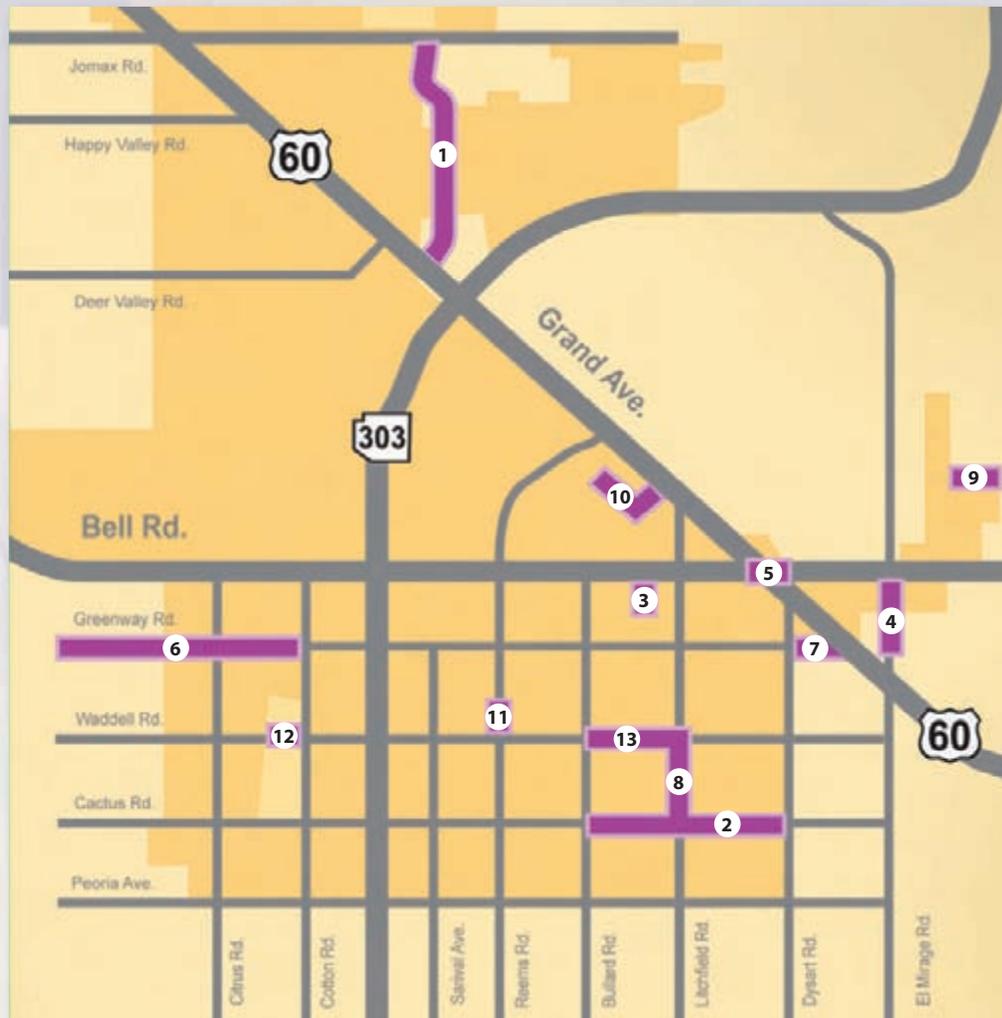
Transportation	\$43.7 Million
Public Safety	\$9.1 Million
Recreation	\$6.7 Million
Economic Development	\$2.5 Million
Total	\$ 62.0 Million

If approved by the council, project construction could begin in July 2010.



Transportation Projects

The \$43.7 million in Phase 1 transportation projects include street improvements and other projects illustrated by this map and listed below.



Phase 1 2010 Transportation Projects

1. 163rd Avenue (Grand Avenue to Jomax Road)
2. Cactus Road (Dysart Road to Bullard Avenue)
3. Civic Center Parkway (Bell Road to Paradise Lane)
4. El Mirage Road (Northern Avenue to Bell Road)
5. Grand Avenue @ Bell Road Interchange
6. Greenway Road (Cotton Lane to Perryville Road)
7. Greenway Road (Grand Avenue to Dysart Road)
8. Litchfield Road (Desert Cove Road to Waddell Road)
9. Low Water Crossing of Agua Fria River
10. Mountain View Boulevard (West of Grand Avenue)
11. Reems Rd. (New Lane North of Hearn Rd., Channel, Median, and Sidewalks)
12. Waddell Road (Cotton Lane to 174th Drive)
13. Waddell Road (Litchfield Road to Bullard Avenue)

Additional Transportation Projects

Bell Road Sidewalks (East and West of Grand Avenue)
 DART Parking Facility
 Paving Settlement West of 219th Avenue
 Right Turn Lanes
 Saguaro View Rehabilitation Project
 Street Preservation and Maintenance Program
 Sun Valley Parkway DCR (187th Ave. to 259th Ave.)

What does “street improvements” mean?

Typical street improvements are shown here.

“Scalloped” street



“Scalloped” street: At Litchfield Rd. and Waddell Rd., four lanes merge into two lanes.



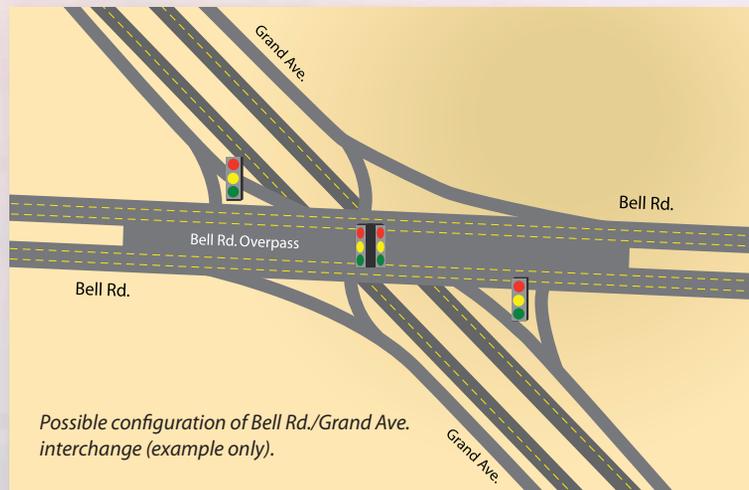
Driver's view of the merge to two lanes, no separation from oncoming traffic.



Improved street, Litchfield south of Bell: two lanes in each direction, landscaped median, sidewalks.

Grand/Bell Interchange

Bond dollars would provide a local match to state/federal funds to begin to design and build a freeway-style interchange at Grand Ave. and Bell Rd.



Phase 1 2010 Economic Development

AZ TechCelerator: This item would create lab space and general renovations to the former City Hall at 12425 W. Bell Road in order to attract innovation-oriented technology companies to Surprise.

- 58,800 s.f., four-building complex, city-owned.
- Business development center for tech companies
 - Sustainable
 - Biomedical
 - Information Technology
 - Product Innovations
- Bond \$\$ would create lab space/renovations.

Economic Development

Phase 1 2010 Public Safety

- Replace the current, temporary fire station at 163rd Avenue and Grand with a permanent structure
- Heart Monitors
- SCBA (air tanks) for firefighters
- Radios for firefighters
- Fleet expansion for Police and Fire
- Police parking area at Public Safety Building
- Improvements to police training range



Current temporary structure for Station 304



Police training range



SCBA (air tanks)



Heart Monitor



Typical Surprise Fire Station

Phase 1 2010 Parks and Recreation



Recreation Campus Improvements: Paved parking at the Community Park, Dog Park improvements, additional park restroom facilities



Tennis/Multi-Use Complex: This would create a permanent outdoor stadium at Surprise Center for major tennis matches, concerts and other community events. Currently, the city constructs a temporary arena for large tournaments such as the Fed Cup and CTCA Outback Classic, and there is no permanent outdoor entertainment venue for concerts and community events.

Skate/Bike Park: A Skate/Bike Park has been recommended by the city's Youth and Recreation Advisory board.



Bond Projects List

Phases One -Three (2010-2020)

PUBLIC SAFETY

Cardiac Monitors
Fleet Expansion
Permanent Fire Station #4
Police Department Parking Deck/Command Vehicle
Radio Purchase-Fire
SCBA Equipment
Training Range Upgrades-Police

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Innovations Center
Land for Future Rail Station
Surprise Rail Station

PARKS AND RECREATION

Surprise Tennis/Multi-Purpose Center
Surprise Recreation Campus Park Improvements
Skate/Bike Park

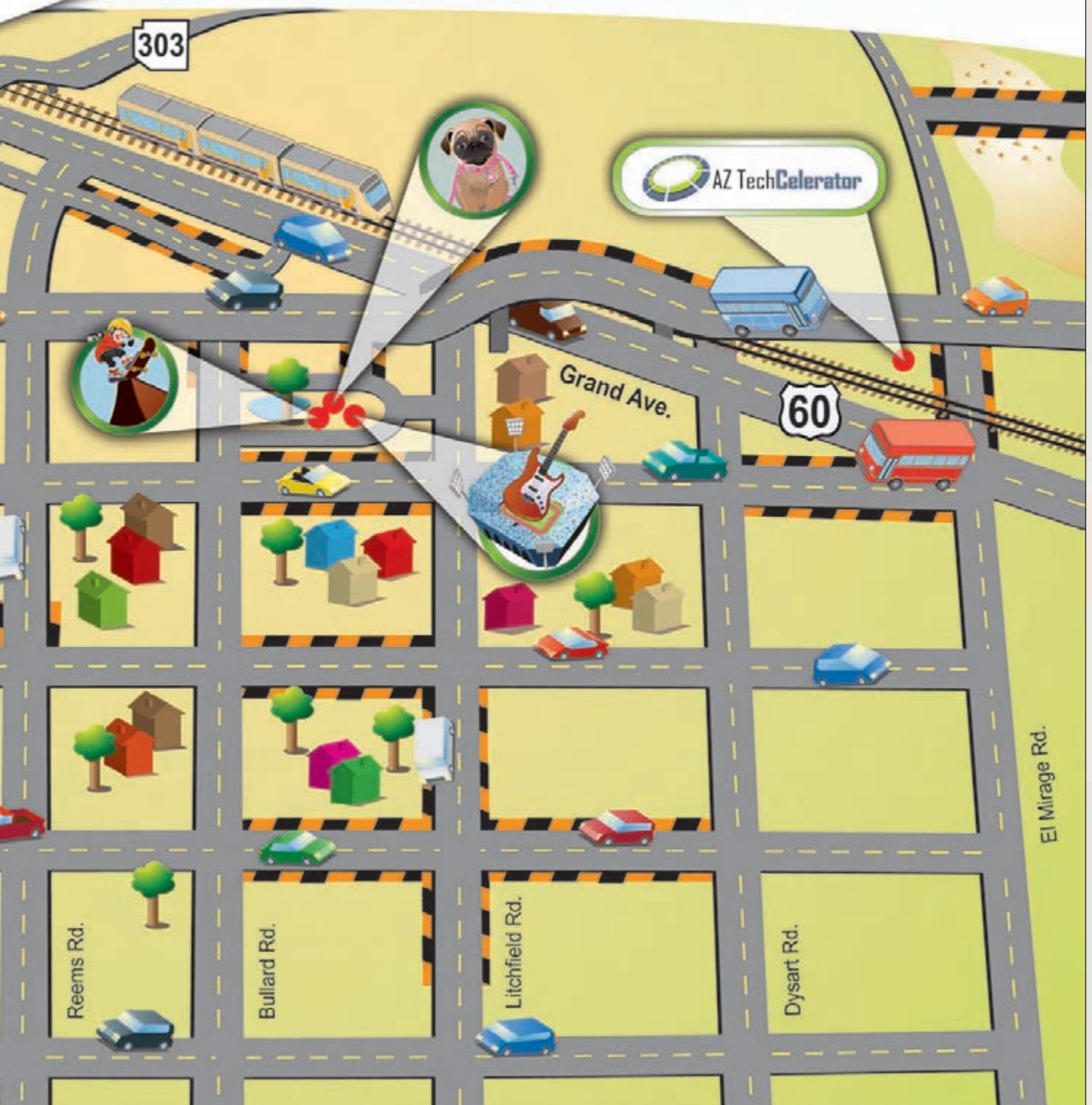
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Transportation Projects



What is the cost of Phase 1 2010 to Surprise homeowners?

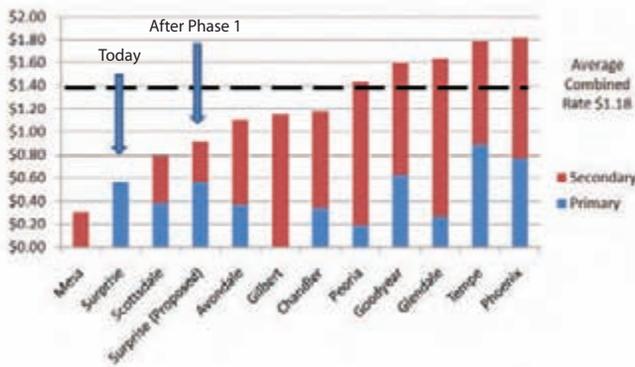
Phase 1 2010 would have a tax impact of \$63 per year for a median-priced Surprise home of \$180,000.

Phase 1 2010 would establish a tax rate of \$0.35 per \$1,000 of cash value of residential property.

General Obligation bonds are financed by property taxes of a specific kind, called a “secondary property tax.”

This is an estimate only. Impact could generally go up or down depending on the value of all residential and commercial property in the city as determined every two years by the Maricopa County Assessor.

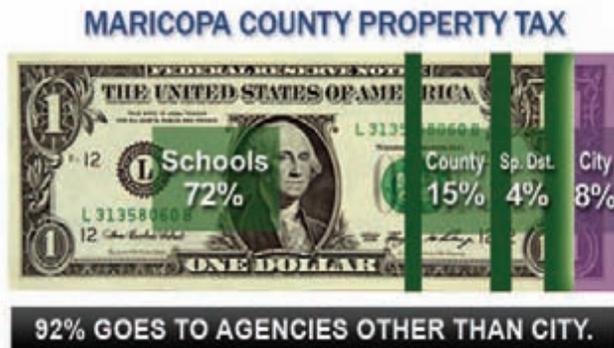
Combined Property Tax Rate Comparison Before/After Phase One



Where do my property tax dollars go now?

Currently, the city of Surprise has no General Obligation Bond debt, so the secondary property tax in Surprise is currently at zero.

Surprise does have a primary property tax which property owners pay each year. Most of the primary property tax goes to governmental entities other than the city of Surprise, as the illustration below demonstrates:



How do I vote?

The election has a vote-by-mail or vote-in-person option. If you are registered to vote, you will receive a ballot in the mail. Ballots will be mailed October 1. Simply mark the ballot and return it in the envelope provided by November 3, 2009.



If you are not registered to vote, you may register online at www.servicearizona.com or by visiting the Surprise City Clerk’s Office at City Hall, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza. The deadline to register is October 5. If you register on or before that day, you will receive a ballot in the mail.

If you choose, you may vote in person or drop off the ballot you received in the mail at Surprise City Hall, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

For more information, visit the City Clerk’s Office web page at www.surpriseaz.com.

What about Phases 2 and 3?

Phase 2 is anticipated in 2015 and Phase 3 in 2020 for projects that are expected to be needed at those times. The city council would review the need at that time and council approval would be necessary before any bonds could be issued.

If all three phases are issued they will overlap, which would have a cumulative effect on the property tax rate (see chart). The Citizens Bond Committee recommended and the city council approved attempting to limit the tax rate to a maximum of \$0.99 per \$1,000 of cash value. That \$0.99 rate would be reached in 2020 when Phases 1, 2 and 3 are out at once. The impact would drop as the phases are retired (see chart below).

What does it cost? Valuation stays constant at \$180,000





General Plan 2030

One city, many choices

In addition to the General Obligation Bond question, your mail ballot will also ask you whether you approve of the proposed General Plan 2030, a state-mandated update of the city's General Plan.

State law (Arizona Revised Statutes section 9-461.05) requires municipalities in Arizona to develop a general plan. The general plan must have sections that consider growth, land use, redevelopment, housing, transportation, cost of development, public buildings, recreation and open space, environmental planning, conservation and water resources.

State law also requires the city to send an updated General Plan to the voters every ten years. The last plan was ratified by Surprise voters on March 13, 2000. The ten-year cycle ends in March of 2010.

A general plan is a comprehensive, long-range plan for the development of Surprise and contains goals and general policy statements for the physical development of the city. The plan provides the foundation for decision-making for both private development projects and public capital expenditures. Implementing a General Plan does not increase taxes.

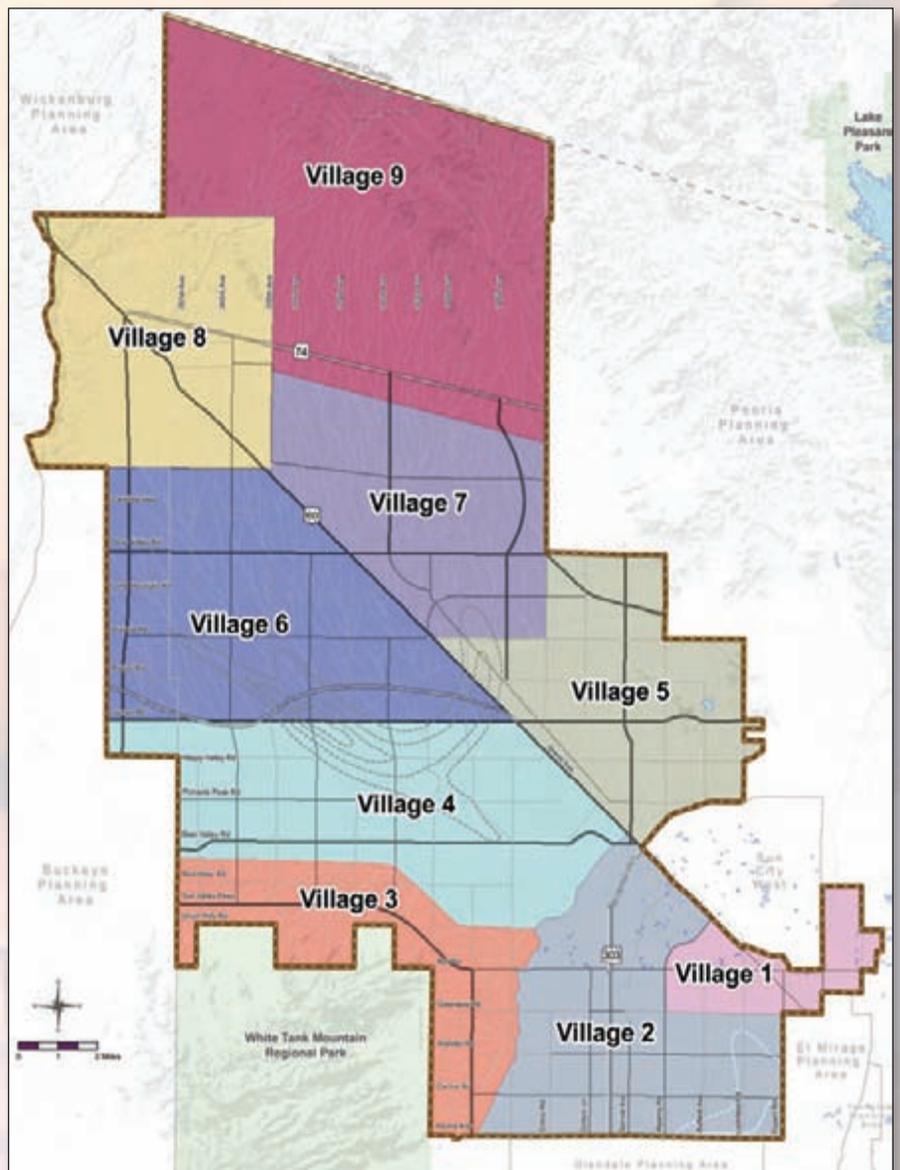
Residents and city collaborate on Surprise General Plan 2030 updates

The city of Surprise held over 30 public meetings, in addition to the broad dissemination of the plan. Public comments were received in written and web-based forms from residents, property owners, neighboring cities, and partnering agencies. Additionally, two public hearings were held by the Surprise Planning and Zoning Commission, which approved the plan and forwarded it to the Surprise City Council. The City Council convened a public hearing on the plan before adopting it in June 2008.



Community design, education and the arts are addressed in the new plan. Sustainability plays a much greater role in the policy statements, with dedicated open space and water conservation elements. The concept of building heritage to value the importance the natural environment and the history of Surprise was added to the plan.

Map of proposed Village boundaries within the city.



The Village Concept

The plan introduces a village concept approach to neighborhood economic development and character. A village is defined as a neighborhood that draws upon the strengths of the existing characteristics of the area. The center of a village is where residential, commercial and employment all are present and integrated. Each village is planned to be pedestrian-friendly and contain public space. Over time, the General Plan aims to have each of the proposed nine villages in Surprise connected through an expanded regional transit system.



Residents are working with city planners in developing a long term vision for each of the city's proposed nine villages. All villages will have a village committee, comprised of village residents, who will provide official recommendations to the city on village goals, policies and long-range plans, in concert with the overall General Plan.

Where can I get more information?

Questions or comments can be made by calling Community Development staff at 623.222.3133 or emailing planning@surpriseaz.com.

More on the web!



To view the General Plan 2030 click on the Election 2009 logo on the

homepage of www.surpriseaz.com.



Al DeAngelis of the **Surprise Small Business Assistance Program** helped Rebecca and Mack Shahnazarian of *MaxiMillion Salon and Spa* get their start.

Looking to start your own business? **The Surprise Small Business Assistance Program** can help! Call 623.222.3000 today!

NOW OPEN

Recently opened

businesses in Surprise (June 2009 - August 2009)

NOTE: The following addresses are from business permit licenses, listing Surprise mailing addresses, and do not necessarily indicate the businesses store-front address.

Retail/Auto/Service

Surprise Dance Studio, 15341 Waddell Rd. #104 • **B&A Machinery Tech Services**, 15145 W. Cameron Dr. • **CJC Graphix**, 15551 W. Yucatan Dr. • **Performance One LLC**, 17142 W. Lundberg St. • **In Time Lifestyle Management & Concierge LLC**, 16208 W. Acapulco Circle • **New Beginning Daycare**, 16041 W. Yucatan Dr. • **Rockton Software**, 18204 W. Carmen Dr. • **Fill My Klozet**, 13839 W. Bell Rd. #107 • **Ice Cream and Slushies On the Go**, 16152 N. 160th Ave. • **Kimberly's Lawn Service**, 16447 N. 161st Dr. • **David W. Jamieson LLC**, 13147 W. Banff Ln. • **AZ Snow**, 15931 W. Port Royale Ln. • **Amazing Stone Veneers**, 15375 W. Hope Dr. • **Full Access LLC**, 17634 W. Cavedale Dr. • **Southwest Cellular**, 15411 W. Waddell Rd. #101A • **Homekey Enterprises**, 26689 N. 175th Ln. • **Angel Touch Nails**, 16995 W. Greenway Rd. #110 • **Hodges Happy Cleaners**, 15164 N. 140th Dr. #1188 • **Innovative Transportation**, 15739 W. Shangri La Rd. • **Patriot Cleaning Services**, 17554 W. Ironwood St. • **Gap to Gap Apparel**, 10948 N. 162nd Ln. • **DG Dental**, 15112 W. Melissa Ln. • **Dream Team**, 17424 W. Boca Raton Rd. • **First Bank of Arizona- Cotton Branch**, 17063 W. Greenway Rd. • **Wise Kids Family Child Care**, 16106 N. 180th Ln. • **Skin Therapy by Debrah**, 15214 W. Post Dr. • **First Choice Water Filters**, 18322 N. Key Estrella Dr. • **Buns in the Sun LLC**, 18009 W. Acapulco Ln. (mobile vendor) • **T&B Detailing**, 15923 N. 156th Ln. • **Pleasant Surprise Computing Services LLC**, 15782 W. Lahlum Ln. • **TJ's**, 15628 N. 156th Ln. (mobile vendor) • **David Erinn Photography**, 14765 W. Port Au Prince Ln. • **Wild Wheat Custom Embroidery**, 15039 W. Post Dr. • **International Knowledge Group Inc.**, 14639 N. 132nd Ave. • **Plaza International Eng.**, 13967 W. Two Guns Trl. • **Designer's Eye International LLC**, 16387 W. Post Dr. • **Suzanne C. Ford Registered Investment Advisor**, 16222 W. Post Dr. • **Inkstop**, 14155 W. Bell Rd. #107 • **Kasey's Tasty Originals**, 15920 W. Custer Ln. (mobile vendor) • **Niecie's House Cleaning**, 16629 N. Greasewood St. #109 • **Fry's Food and Drug Centers #680**, 15215 N. Cotton Ln. • **Life is Precious Training Center**, 15237 N. 147th Ln. • **Great Clips #9273**, 16995 W. Greenway Rd. #106

Restaurant/Bar

Mei Wei China Bistro, 15332 W. Bell Rd. #132

Office/Medical/Dental

Nestor N. Nazareno MD PC, 14827 W. Bell Rd. #103
PM Sleep Center, 14877 W. Bell Road #100

More on the web!



View Commercial Projects in progress:
www.surpriseaz.com/currentprojects



What's Going On?

City of Surprise Senior Center



15832 N. Hollyhock St. 623.222.1500

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For ages 50 and better

Cost: \$12 Annual membership

** Non-resident rates apply for classes and trips

Are you new to Surprise?

Stop by the Senior Center for a tour and you will receive an introductory copy of the menu, activities calendar, and newsletter. We can also mail these introductory items to those who call 623.222.1500 and provide their name and address. You can also request a map of how to get to the Senior Center.

We're Online!

Visit www.surpriseaz.com - then click on Living in Surprise, then on Senior Services. From there, you can print the calendar and newsletter at home. You can also sign up to receive email notifications when the Senior Center menu, activities calendar, and newsletter have been updated on the city Web site.

DAY TRIPS

Call 623.222.1500 for more information.

(**Non-resident rates apply for classes and trips)

- Arizona State Fair - Oct. 29, \$8, **\$12
- Arizona Broadway Theatre - The Dutton's Holiday Show- Dec. 15, includes bus ride, lunch and matinee show. \$55, \$58**
- Anthem Outlets - Dec. 16, \$8, \$12** (for holiday shopping)



Fitness Center

8:15 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. weekdays. Annual membership fee \$30 (\$35 non-residents) Winter only, \$20 (\$25 non-residents)

Enjoy a hot lunch...

Hot lunches are available weekdays for a \$3 contribution for patrons age 60+; those under 60 years of age, the lunch fee is \$6.50. Please call ahead for a lunch reservation.

or a quick snack!

Come enjoy the mini Café, offering gourmet coffees and chai tea, plus light fare such as yogurt, smoothies, cottage cheese, fruit, and biscotti for very nominal prices. Also, browse the Thrift Shop to pick up some great bargains on gifts, candy bouquets or greeting cards.



Social time

At the Senior Center you can enjoy a variety of card and board games, BINGO, dance, crafts, exercise, movies, Mahjonnig, etc.

For your health

Blood Pressure Screenings are available twice per month! Take part in an exercise or dance class, benefits counseling, or work out at the Fitness Center.

Compassionate Surprise - become a volunteer

Help your neighbor! Opportunities are available across the city including Senior Center, Senior Van Drivers, Clericals, Office Support and Data Entry, Fire, Police and Community and Recreation Services. Call 623.222-1500, or visit www.surpriseaz.com/volunteer.

Surprise! Packages from Home

The Surprise Senior Center is a designated drop-off site for "Packages from Home," a non-profit organization dedicated to sending care packages to our soldiers deployed in war areas. Info: 602.253.0284 or www.packagesfromhome.org.

Recycle cell phones & small electronics

You can support Senior Center programs and protect the environment! The Senior Center, in partnership with the National Council on Aging and Cellular Recycler, is accepting and recycling cell phones and small electronics:

- Game systems such as X-Box, Playstation, Nintendo, etc.
- iPods and MP3 players
- Laptop computers
- Digital cameras



The Senior Center receives a small rebate on each item collected to support Senior Center programs. Drop boxes are located in the lobby of the Senior Center, the City Store and at the city's fire stations. No large items please! Call 623.222.1500 for more information.



Upcoming Classes and Events

The Surprise Senior Center offers a variety of interesting and fun classes. For class information call 623.222.1500 or visit the Senior Center.

Computer Classes – Beginner I & II, Word Processing, eMail, Internet, File Management and Digital Photos. Please call for details and dates. \$10, \$12**

Spanish Language – beginner and intermediate beginning, 9:30 a.m. 8-week course begins Oct. 21. \$25, \$30**

Country Line Dance – Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m., Oct. 6 – Dec. 8. \$5 each week

Woodstock Flashback – Saturday, Nov. 14. Adult dance for Boomer age 50+, at the Sierra Montana Recreation Center, 14861 N. Spring Lane, 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Dancing, trivia contest and prizes for best hippy outfits! \$8

Fall Swap Meet – Nov. 7. Enjoy bargain shopping for new and used treasures. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Aquatic Center Parking Lot, 15831 N. Bullard Avenue. Free admission and parking.

Violin Virtuoso – Julie Okah is back by popular demand at the Surprise Senior Center, Friday, Nov. 20, at 1 p.m. This is a free event.



City Happenings

For more information visit www.surpriseaz.com

OCTOBER 2009

- 1** Mail ballots begin being delivered to Surprise registered voters
- 5** Last day to register to vote in Nov. 3 General Election
- 8-11** CTCA Tennis Championships, Surprise Tennis and Racquet Complex, 14469 W. Paradise Lane- \$
- 13-11/21** AZ Fall League Baseball Season. For Surprise Rafters schedule visit www.surpriseaz.com/specialevents
- 16-17** Green Fair & City Hall Grand Opening Event, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Learn about new eco-friendly products, enjoy live entertainment, local food and tour the new City Hall.- Free
- 25** Shakespeare in the Park, Surprise Community Park, 2 p.m. – Free
- 31-11/1** USTA Sweet 16 Tennis Tournament, Surprise Tennis and Racquet Complex

NOVEMBER 2009

- 3** General Election, All mail ballots due today
- 7** Fall Swap Meet, Bargain deals for new and used treasures. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Aquatic Center Parking Lot, 15831 N. Bullard Avenue. Free admission and parking.
- 7** AZ Fall League Rising Stars Game, Surprise Stadium, 15960 N. Bullard Ave., 6:15 p.m.
- 11** Veteran's Day, City Offices closed
- 26 & 27** Thanksgiving holiday, City Offices closed

DECEMBER 2009

- 4** Surprise Party, A community winter celebration at Surprise Recreation Campus, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- 5** Surprise Party, A community winter celebration at Surprise Recreation Campus, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- 25** Christmas holiday, City offices closed

**Surprise City Council meets second and fourth Thursdays of every month, 6 p.m., Surprise City Hall, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza*

**Surprise City Council Special Work Sessions, every first Thursday of the month, 4 p.m., Surprise City Hall, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza*

**Surprise Planning & Zoning Commission meets on the first Tuesday of every month, 6 p.m., Surprise City Hall, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza*

**KEY
DATES**

October 1 Ballots are mailed to registered voters

October 5 Last day to register (you will receive a ballot by mail if you register by this date)

November 3 Deadline to return ballots

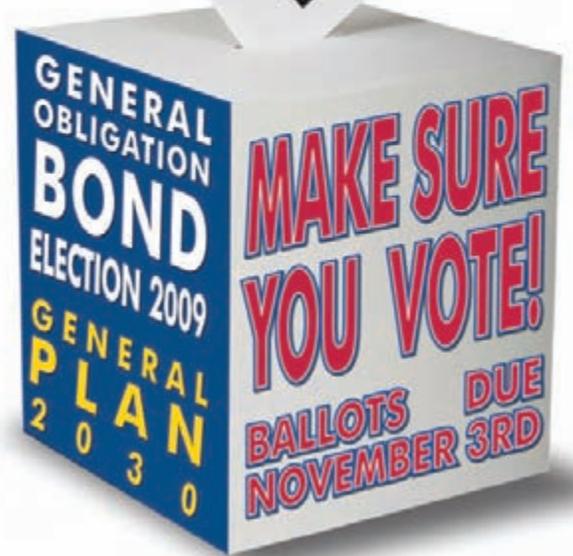
QUICK FACTS

General Obligation Bond and General Plan 2030 election

General Obligation bonds

Used by cities to finance civic improvements. Investors are repaid over time by property tax dollars.

- Ballot asks if City shall be allowed to issue bond/accrue indebtedness not to exceed \$184,900,000.
- Bonds would be issued in three phases, Phase 1 in 2010.
 - Phase 1 projects would begin in 2010
 - Phase 1 would cost median-price homeowner \$63 per year
 - Phase 1 would create a tax rate of \$0.35 per \$1,000 of home cash value
 - Phase 1 includes \$62 million in civic improvements in 4 categories:
 - **Transportation**, mainly surface street improvements and the first steps toward a freeway-style interchange at Grand/Bell **\$43.7 million**
 - **Public Safety**, majority for permanent fire station to replace temporary structure at 163rd/Grand, additional fire and police vehicles, improvements to police training facility, heart monitors/radios, firefighter air tanks **\$9.1 million**
 - **Parks/Recreation**, majority for a tennis/multi use arena, a skate/bike park, and improvements to Surprise Recreation Campus **\$6.7 million**
 - **Economic Development**, renovations to former City Hall site at 12425 W. Bell Rd. to create "AZ TechCelerator" to attract innovative, sustainable, hi-tech and bio businesses to Surprise **\$2.5 million**
- Phases 2 and 3 would be issued in 2015 and 2020, if determined to be necessary by the City Council at that time
 - Bond Committee and Council endorse working to keep the maximum tax rate for all three combined phases at no more than \$0.99 per \$1,000 of home cash value.



- Annual impact in 2020 on median-price \$180,000 home, assuming no increase in value: \$178.
- Annual impact would decrease as bond phases are retired over 35-year period.

General Plan 2030

A revised and updated "road map" that guides future development in Surprise.

- Must be updated and approved by voters every ten years.
- Last General Plan Election was in 1999.
- Development of General Plan 2030 had public input sessions, Planning/Zoning Commission, City Council approval.
- Does not increase taxes.



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