



Background

For the past 40 years, Maricopa County has been at the forefront of investing in transportation projects to ensure residents can easily access the entire valley.

- Maricopa County residents have invested in a safe and reliable transportation system by supporting the expansion of freeways, roads, and access to public transit.
- Prop 479 provides a critical framework for the next generation of transportation infrastructure projects in Maricopa County.
- Transportation projects do not happen overnight. It takes many years of planning, budgeting, and building to stay ahead of the demand and remain competitive for the next several decades.
- Prop 479 will improve Maricopa County residents' quality of life.

Prop 300, Prop 400, and now Prop 479: A history of Maricopa County voters investing in our transportation system.

- In 1985, Maricopa County voters overwhelmingly approved Prop 300, a 20-year half-cent sales tax dedicated to transportation infrastructure.
 - Loop 101, Loop 202, and SR 51 are among the highest-profile projects funded by Prop 300.
- Voters approved an extension in 2004 with Prop 400 that was dedicated to preparing our region for a fast-growing population, investing in highways, streets, and transit.
 - This investment provided much-needed funding, resulting in over 300 miles of new freeways (Loop 303, extensions of Loop 202), hundreds of miles of street investments, and it provided our first county-wide transit system.
- If voters don't approve Prop 479 this November and renew the transportation funding, it will expire on December 31, 2025.



Why Does Prop 479 Matter?

Maricopa County voters have always been forward-looking. Twice at the polls, first in 1985 and then again in 2004, voters backed the creation of a reliable transportation system by investing in new freeways, improving and extending roads, and creating a regional public transit system.

This November, Maricopa County will vote on Prop 479, a transportation plan for the next twenty years. Prop 479 significantly reduces commute times, prevents future traffic congestion, makes our communities and our roads safer, and does all of this without raising taxes.

In short, it expands roads and freeways and provides commuters with options that will keep Maricopa County from the burden of constant stop-and-go gridlock traffic that large cities like Los Angeles are known for.

Maricopa County is home to dozens of incredible communities that are great places to live, work, and raise a family. By passing Prop 479, we will make them even better, improving the quality of life for residents.

Alleviate Traffic Congestion and Improve Commutes

- **Significantly Reduce Commute Times**

Projects funded by Prop 479 will save time and reduce stress by cutting the average afternoon commute for Maricopa County residents by one-third.

Most of Prop 479's funding will be spent improving and expanding roads and freeways and improving safety for drivers and pedestrians.

- **Prevent Future Traffic Congestion**

Without Prop 479, our roads and freeways will struggle to support Arizona's growing population, leading to increased traffic congestion and longer travel times.

By investing in our transportation system now, we can prevent the type of gridlock common in other large cities like Los Angeles.

Experts predict that if Prop 479 does not pass and planned projects are canceled, stop-and-go traffic during rush hour will increase by 20%, and commutes to and from work will take 70% longer.



- **Provides Choices to Commuters**

Continued investment through Prop 479 ensures Maricopa County residents have access to a variety of transportation options that best meet their needs.

Prop 479 continues and expands critical dial-a-ride services for the elderly and disabled, investments that help older Arizonans stay active and connected with their communities if they are no longer driving.

Improves Safety

Improving road conditions and reducing congestion to improve the safety of drivers, passengers, and pedestrians is the top priority of infrastructure projects funded by Prop 479.

- Safe and well-maintained roads prevent collisions and ensure our loved ones can safely get to school, work, home, or other places.
- Increased traffic congestion delays emergency responders like police and firefighters. Prop 479 will help reduce congestion, allowing emergency services to reach people in need more quickly.
- Prop 479 prioritizes making our most dangerous intersections and stretches of freeway safer, reducing the risk of accidents, and improving overall road safety for drivers and pedestrians alike.

Protects Taxpayers

Voting YES on Prop 479 will not raise taxes. Prop 479 continues an existing sales tax for 20 years that was first approved by Maricopa County voters in 1985 and again in 2004.

Boosts Our Economy

Prop 479 creates more economic opportunities for Maricopa County families - without raising taxes. That's why it has broad support from big and small employers and their employees from all over the valley.

- Reliable roads keep our economy moving. Prop 479 will reduce congestion on critical freight and shipping routes by 51,000 vehicles each day, ensuring people and products can reach their destinations efficiently.



- Prop 479's transportation improvements will create and support 31,600 new long-term jobs, providing stable employment for thousands of residents.
- Over the next 20 years, experts predict Prop 479 will increase local business sales by \$112.9 billion.

Frequently Asked Questions

How will the money be allocated?

- 40.5 percent to freeways and other routes in the state highway system.
- 37 percent to public transportation (bus, dial-a-ride and vanpool services)
- 22.5 percent to arterial streets, intersection improvements and regional transportation infrastructure.

What will Prop 479 fund?

- Building new freeways
- Expanding existing freeways
- Constructing/ improving streets and intersections
- Providing additional bus, dial-a-ride and vanpool services

What are some examples of specific projects that will be funded? Prop 479 will expand and complete the freeway network, relieving congestion sooner by accelerating projects like:

- New I-10 reliever freeway in the Southwest Valley (SR30).
- Completing a connector freeway to Pinal County in the southeast (SR24).
- Building the infrastructure needed at Loop 303/I-17 to support TSMC and its suppliers.
- Improvements the I-17
- Pavement rehabilitation throughout the system, including the Valley's oldest freeways.
- Building out the HOV network



Does this expand light rail? No. Revenue generated from Proposition 479 cannot be used for light rail expansion.