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From the Desk of Jan Leshner, Pima County Administrator

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Transportation Advisory Committee makes recommendations for road repair funding

Pima County's Transportation Advisory Committee endorsed a subcommittee's recommendation for allocating pavement preservation funds for the 2023/2024 fiscal period. Based on a review of pavement preservation programs of a number of other jurisdictions, the Committee recommended a funding split of 70 percent for arterial and collector roads, and 30 percent for local roads, with 35 percent of the funding going toward preventative preservation treatments.

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Growing the early childcare and education workforce

One major obstacle to expanding the number of high-quality preschool providers is an insufficient workforce. In a memo to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, I reported two new positive efforts against this challenge: (1) our Community and Workforce Development department is sponsoring 10 on-the-job training opportunities for those interested in becoming preschool teachers, and (2) The Amphi School District is offering paid internships for high school students interested in careers in early childhood education.

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Board OKs opioid settlement funds to purchase more life-saving Narcan

The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously April 4 to authorize \$180,000 in One Arizona opioid settlement funds for the purchase of Narcan supplies. Narcan reverses the effects of opioids like fentanyl and can save the life of a person who has overdosed. The [One Arizona settlement agreement](#), which the Board voted to enter in October of 2021, is expected to provide Pima County with up to \$45 million in dedicated funds for opioid amelioration over the next 17 years. The County received its first payment under this agreement in September.

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Ending the federal public health emergency

In response to the Biden Administration's January announcement that the national emergency and public health emergency declarations related to COVID-19 will end May 11, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved changes to several COVID-related policies. These included the removal of signage about mask use and distancing; changes to policies about leave time, vaccinations, and positive test reporting; plus a number of changes related to County facilities.

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