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PIMA COUNTY, Feb. 11, 2026 – Registered voters in Pima County should check their mailboxes this week for ballots for the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Special Election.

This is an all-mail election. Voting ends **Tuesday, March 10, at 7 p.m.**

The Pima County Recorder's Office began mailing more than 645,000 ballots on Feb. 11.

Many County voters are familiar with voting by mail, but the information below explains what all voters need to know for the RTA special election, especially voters who usually prefer to vote on Election Day:

Who gets a ballot?

Every eligible registered voter in Pima County will receive a ballot by mail, including those who are not on the Active Early Voting List. Voters must have been registered before midnight on Feb. 9 to participate.

No additional action is required to receive a ballot.

While the Recorder's Office is responsible for early voting, the decision to conduct an all-mail election is made by the special district — in this case, the Regional Transportation Authority.

What's on the ballot?

The ballot includes two transportation-related measures ([RTA publicity pamphlet](#)):

- Proposition 418, which would fund a \$2.67 billion regional transportation and transit plan
- Proposition 419, which would continue a half-cent sales tax dedicated to regional transportation in Pima County

How does the mail-in ballot work?

After marking the ballot, place it in the yellow return envelope. It can be returned via mail or dropped off at one of numerous locations provided across the County by the Recorder's Office (see below for locations).

The Recorder's Office switched to a [one-envelope process in 2025 \(PDF\)](#), aligning with other counties in the state. The yellow envelope serves as the Ballot Affidavit Envelope and mail-back envelope.

This system reduces voter confusion and speeds up the signature verification process. [Read more about the one-envelope system \(PDF\)](#).

Voters can [track their ballot status](#) and learn more about [what happens to a mail ballot \(PDF\)](#) after it is returned.

To ensure on-time delivery, voters are encouraged to mail ballots by Tuesday, March 3. Ballots must be received by 7 p.m. on March 10.

Where can I replace or drop off a ballot?

Voters may also use Ballot Replacement and Drop-Off sites. These locations are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, through March 9, and 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on March 10.

Drop-off locations:

- Downtown Recorder's Office – 240 N. Stone Ave.
- Country Club Recorder's Office – 6550 S. Country Club Road
- Tucson Ward 2 Office – 7820 E. Broadway Blvd

The Recorder provides three secure 24-hour drop-box locations available through March 10 at 7 p.m. All drop boxes are monitored by cameras.

24-hour drop-box locations:

- Downtown drive-through – Recorder’s Office, 240 N. Stone Ave (utility driveway between 240 N. Stone and 200 N. Stone)
- Downtown walk-up – Recorder’s Office, 240 N. Stone Ave.
- Eastside drive-up – 6920 E. Broadway Blvd.

Household members, family members or caregivers may return ballots on behalf of a voter. Ballots must be sealed inside a Ballot Affidavit Envelope signed by the voter.

Find an interactive map of locations at pima.vote.

What is a ballot replacement site?

Voters may use a ballot replacement site for several reasons, including if they never received a ballot, misplaced or damaged their original ballot, or made an error while completing it.

Only one ballot per voter is counted. Once a replacement ballot is cast, the Recorder’s Office’s cancels the voter’s original ballot.

Key links

Voters can learn more at the links below:

- [The RTA publicity pamphlet](#), including more than 200 published arguments.
- The Pima County Recorder’s [Voter Dashboard](#) — your personalized election information.
- [Pima.vote](#), a year-round elections resource from the Pima County Elections Department and Recorder’s Office.
- From Pima County Elections: [How your ballot is tabulated](#)

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