



Citizen Group to Evaluate Replacement of 0.2% Sales Tax

City Council Work Study Session
May 17, 2022

Scottsdale's Combined Sale Tax 8.05%

State
5.6%



County
0.7%



City of Scottsdale
1.75%



General Fund 1.1%

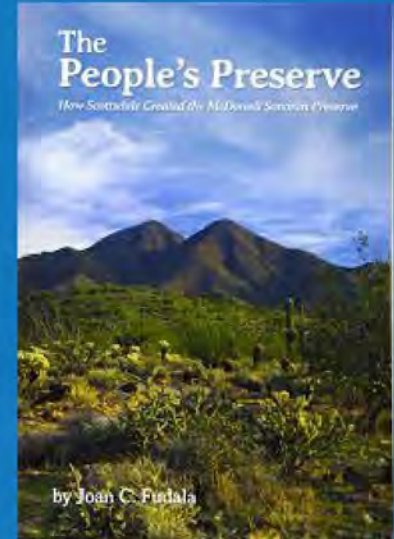
Transportation 0.3%

Preserve 0.35%

McDowell Sonoran Preserve Tax History

Voter Authorized Tax for Land Purchase & Improvements only:

- 1995 0.2% Tax - expires 6/30/25
- 2004 0.15% Tax - expires 6/30/34
- \$700M bond authority
- \$526M debt issued
(Remaining debt will be paid off by 2034)



*30,500 acres, 8
trailheads, over 225
miles of trail*

Current Status

The 0.2% and 0.15% tax are for land acquisition and land improvements only

The 0.2% tax expires June 2025

No decisions have been made yet on replacement of 0.2% tax

Council Direction

1. Consider replacement of 0.2% tax for *New Focus*
2. Form a Citizen Group

Purpose of Today's Work Study Session

#1 - Direction on Structure and Makeup of Citizen Group

#2 – Mission and Objectives for Citizen Group

Structure of Citizen Group

Advisory Task Force

- Formed by Council Resolution
- Formal application process
- Scottsdale resident
- 7 members typical
- Members selected by Council
- Open meeting laws required
- Task Force directly advises Council

Citizen Work Group

- Application process recommended
- Members to be selected by staff
- Can include non-resident stakeholders
- Can include boards & commission members
- Flexible size
- Open meeting laws should still be observed
- Work Group advises staff
- Staff brings recommendation to Council

Makeup of Citizen Group

Specific Experience or Knowledge Desired :

- a. Basic Finance knowledge
- b. Basic knowledge of Scottsdale community needs
- c. Experience with similar work groups, task force, boards & commissions
- d. Experience working with public entities or non-profits

Makeup of Citizen Group

Representation from Different Stakeholders:

- a. Scottsdale residents
- b. Business community – may include non-resident stakeholders
- c. Nonprofit stakeholders
- d. Representative from Boards & Commissions

Mission of Citizen Group

1. Should we replace the 0.2% tax?
2. For what purpose?
3. What should Council ask the voters to authorize?

Objectives for Citizen Group

1. Identify needs related to:

- On-going preservation, perpetual maintenance, protection, conservation, sustainability and education for:
 - McDowell Sonoran Preserve
 - Greenbelt, parks and other open space
- Other city needs?

2. Engage in surveys, public education and outreach

Citizen Group Formation Timeline

Date	Description
Oct/Nov 2022	Application process
December 2022	Select citizen group members
January 2023	Citizen group starts meeting



Questions?

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