

The capital improvement bond proposed by the Surprise City Council deserves our support. Development and presentation of the program have been transparent. Projects are clearly identified, estimated costs for each is provided and an aggressive timeline for work to start is noted. Police and fire needs are addressed along with street work, facilities and recreation needs.

Approving the bond is step one. Surprise is fortunate to have a professional senior management team. They will provide oversight of the various projects as plans move forward. A plan is in place to pay for new staffing as projects are completed.

Surprise City Council has approved a plan to renovate the original town site. Greenway has been rebuilt from Bullard to Litchfield. Many miles of streets in Sun City Grand have been resurfaced. More miles have been resurfaced throughout the City. The sidewalk on Bell Road from Grand to the East has been completed. The Bell and Grand intersection work is progressing nicely. The point being that no part of Surprise is being ignored when it comes to needed improvements.

A Surprise annual budget cannot finance the large scale projects. If Surprise is to move forward in an orderly manner a bond program is needed. With interest rates being so low the timing is right to support the proposed bond program.

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