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## Council OKs investment for light rail train study

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**Earlier this month, the city agreed to pay \$5,000 to assist with a potential solar bullet high-speed train through Eloy, from Phoenix to Tucson.**

The money would contribute to an economic & tax analysis study for the project, quoted to cost a total of \$35,000.

"It seems to me that the best way to do it is to have buy-in by each of the communities that would have a benefit from having a station in every municipality," Gaither told Council members Monday, April 13. If all goes well, the first track hopefully would be laid down by 2015.

Councilman J.W. Tidwell requested that the city only approve a letter of intent for \$5,000. "That way, if he doesn't come up with the other \$30,000, the city's not out anything..."

Funds would be paid to Maxine Lether at CAAG. The study is stated to be performed through the University of Arizona, and would be submitted along with proposal to U.S. Dept. of Transportation and Federal Railway Administration in order to get a corridor on the list. After the study, and the corridor is set, the project would need to find an authority to run it, and then investment capital to build it.

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