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Green Valley duo receive 3rd annual Thomas L. Swanson leadership award

The Pima Association of Governments' Regional Council presented Green Valley residents Dick Roberts and Chet Davis with the Thomas L. Swanson Regional Leadership Award at its May 24 meeting. This is the third annual award.

The award is given in honor of PAG's former executive director, the late Thomas L. Swanson, to acknowledge an individual or organization affecting positive change in the Tucson metropolitan region.

For the past four years, Roberts served as the Green Valley Community Coordinating Council President and Davis as the GVCCC Vice President.

Representing the GVCCC, Roberts and Davis served on the Regional Transportation Authority's 35-member Citizens Advisory Committee and the 22-member Technical/Management Committee, respectively. Both committees helped draft the 20-year, \$2.1 billion regional transportation plan voters approved in May 2006. Roberts continues to serve the RTA as a member of the RTA's oversight committee, the Citizens Accountability for Regional Transportation (CART) Committee.

In Green Valley, the duo provides leadership to the homeowner's associations that make up much of the community and both have been active in the broader, regional community; interacting with all echelons of governmental organizations to bring services to Green Valley and enrich the Tucson region.

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Roberts and Davis also have led the GVCCC to many accomplishments during their years of services. A few examples include:

- GVCCC has worked with Pima County and the Arizona Departments of Transportation for a myriad of projects in Green Valley. These include the La Canada/Camino Casa Verde Intersection (completed) and West Frontage Road at Continental (almost completed).
- After many years of work, a Green Valley/Sahuarita Transit System started operation in February 2006.
- GVCCC has been following the development plans of Interstate 10 through Tucson and working with our responders to ensure that we have access for emergency issues during the 3-plus years that this project will exist.
- Other transportation-related projects include: East Frontage Road (just starting), Abrego/Continental light (completed), multi-use lanes south from Continental on Camino del Sol (completed), multi-use lanes from Continental School to Continental and along Continental Road (have received grants for this work and will be started soon), repaving many Green Valley streets (some completed, a lot of work still needs to be done), Anza Trail Trailhead on Abrego (work almost completed), traffic on the West Frontage Road (working to mitigate dangerous intersection along this route).

Criteria for the Swanson award include:

- Enhancing the regional community despite often restrictive jurisdictional boundaries.
- Promoting cooperation among citizens and local elected officials.
- Providing leadership for regional growth via strong local government representation.

Pima Association of Governments serves local, state and tribal governments with a mission to build consensus among its members and the public on regional planning for transportation, air quality and water quality. PAG's staff gather and analyze data, provide accurate information, and coordinate an open and cooperative planning process to promote good decision-making for the region. More information is available at www.pagnet.org or by calling (520) 792-1093.