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PAG/RTA seeks participants to register for new Citizens Transportation Academy
A new citizens transportation academy, hosted by Pima Association of Governments and the Regional Transportation Authority, will focus on the in’s and out’s of transportation planning and funding and how people can get involved in future transportation planning efforts.

The academy will be held over three, 90-minute sessions beginning on March 31 and will be limited to 50 participants. Applications are available online at www.PAGregion.com or www.RTAmobility.com.

“We are looking for diverse representation from the community to participate in the academy to learn about the broader impact of transportation infrastructure,” said PAG/RTA Executive Director Farhad Moghimi. “We particularly are looking for people who haven’t had the chance to get involved in a community process related to transportation, yet are interested in building their knowledge to seek out or expand such opportunities.”

The facilitated sessions, which will focus on the history of transportation, transportation demands and funding sources, as well as emerging issues in the industry, will be held from

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6 to 7:30 p.m. with check-in at 5:30 p.m. on March 31, April 28 and May 19. All of the sessions will be held at Pima Association of Governments, 1 E. Broadway Blvd., Suite 401, Tucson, AZ 85701.

Anyone who is a resident of Pima County may apply. Seating is limited and participants will be selected through an application review process.

Applications must be emailed to citizensacademy@PAGregion.com or postmarked by March 23, 2015, and mailed to:

Citizens Academy
Pima Association of Governments
1 E. Broadway Blvd., Suite 401
Tucson, AZ 85701

_Pima Association of Governments is an association of local, state and tribal governments with a mission to build consensus among its members and the public on regional planning for transportation, energy, 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. Please visit www.PAGnet.org for more information._

_The Regional Transportation Authority is the fiscal manager of the $2.1 billion regional transportation plan approved by Pima County voters on May 16, 2006. The RTA Board is comprised of elected representatives from the cities of Tucson and South Tucson, Pima County, the towns of Marana, Oro Valley and Sahuarita, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and the Tohono O’odham Nation. A representative of the Arizona State Transportation Board also serves on the board. For more information about the RTA plan, visit www.RTAmobility.com or call (520) 770-9410._

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