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Public comment period offers public chance to be heard on proposed transportation improvements in next 5 years

Residents, businesses and the general public have the opportunity to share their thoughts over the next 30 days about proposed transportation improvements in the region over the next five years.

Starting April 28, Pima Association of Governments will accept public comments on the proposed regional transportation improvements that start construction or design in the next five-year period. The value of the improvements identified within the FY 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is \$1.6 billion.

The proposed transportation improvements are part of PAG's federally mandated capital improvement program, called the TIP. A subcommittee made up of PAG's jurisdictional members updates the TIP annually. Each of the jurisdictions has projects within the TIP.

The TIP identifies priorities for national, state and local roadways transit or bus services; aviation, bike and pedestrian facilities as well as programs such as ride sharing, VanPool and Safe-Routes-to-School.

The TIP document provides a general description of the projects, available funding sources, the agency implementing each project, and a general project schedule.

The TIP includes projects funded through the Regional Transportation Authority plan, which Pima County voters approved on May 16, 2006. The \$2.1 billion RTA plan will be implemented over the next 20 years.

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The draft TIP document and Comment Sheet are available online at www.PAGnet.org, and at several locations:

- Pima Association of Governments, 177 N. Church Ave., Suite 405, Tucson
- City engineers' offices for the cities of Tucson and South Tucson, and for the towns of Marana, Oro Valley and Sahuarita.
- Pima County Department of Transportation Administrative Offices at 201 N. Stone Ave., 7th floor
- Tribal offices of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and Tohono O'odham Nation
- All branches of the Pima County library system

Comment sheets are available online at www.PAGnet.org and should be submitted to PAG by May 30. The TIP is scheduled to be presented to PAG's Regional Council for final approval at its June 26 meeting, which will be held in the 5th floor conference room at 177 N. Church Ave at noon. The meeting is open to the public and will signal the end of the open comment period.

For more information about the TIP, you may call John Liosatos, PAG's transportation planning manager, at 792-1093.

Pima Association of Governments is comprised of 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 gathers and analyzes data, provide accurate information, and coordinate an open and cooperative planning process to promote good decision-making for the region.