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## **League of American Bicyclists reaffirms PAG region as a Gold-level Bicycle Friendly Community**

Pima Association of Governments learned today that the Tucson/Pima Eastern Region received a reconfirmation of its gold-status as a Bicycle Friendly Community with the League of American Bicyclists (LAB).

The LAB's Bicycle Friendly Communities Campaign is an awards program that recognizes municipalities and regions that actively support bicycling. In May 2006, the Tucson/Pima Eastern Region received gold-status in recognition of the region's ability to provide a bicycle friendly environment, and is proud to remain the only region in the nation to have reached gold-level with the League.

A 68-page application was submitted on March 21. Participants involved in putting together the plan included PAG staff, jurisdictional staff, local law enforcement officials, members from the Tucson-Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee, and volunteers from the community.

A celebration of the region's recertification as a Bicycle Friendly Community will be held on May 15 from 8 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. at the Copper Room of Randolph Golf Complex.

The event will kick-off with Mayor Walkup leading a celebration ride around the David Bell Pathway at 8 a.m., followed by a keynote address by the Mayor at 9 a.m. in the Copper Room of Randolph Golf Complex.

Bicyclists interested in joining the ride may contact Gabe Thum at 792-1093 or [gthum@pagnet.org](mailto:gthum@pagnet.org).