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Partnering award recognizes former PAG employee
Pima Association of Governments and the Regional Transportation Authority announce the Timothy M. Ahrens Partnering Award.

The award will be presented to partnering agencies that are working together on projects funded by PAG or the RTA. The application form and details of the award will be available online starting in January.

Mr. Ahrens, who died on Oct. 23 after a brief illness, was the RTA manager during development of the $2.1 billion, 20-year RTA plan. He managed the RTA’s 35-member citizens advisory committee and gave hundreds of presentations during the public outreach phase before the RTA plan was approved by Pima County voters on May 16, 2006. He was particularly proud of the changes made to the final plan based on public input obtained during the outreach phase.

Mr. Ahrens, who was a PAG employee between 2004 and 2007, previously was employed by the Arizona Department of Transportation. He was awarded the 2012 Thomas L. Swanson Regional Leadership Award earlier this year by PAG for his cooperative spirit in working on a variety of regional projects. Besides having strong financial acumen, Mr. Ahrens understood how to reach a common goal and was admired by many for his engaging sense of humor and positive attitude.

The award will be presented annually in May in conjunction with the anniversary of the RTA plan approval. For details, please visit www.PAGregion.com or www.RTAmobility.com.

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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