



Regional Council

12:00 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009

Pima Association of Governments
177 N. Church Ave - Transamerica Building
5th Floor Main Conference Room - Suite 501

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AGENDA (3 pages)

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the public and to the Council's members, that the Regional Council of Pima Association of Governments will have a meeting at the above stated time and location. This meeting is open to the public. The following is an agenda of the matters to be considered, discussed and acted upon. The sequence of the agenda may be changed by order of the Council.

The Council may vote to go into Executive Session on any agenda item, pursuant to A.R.S 38-431.03 (A) (3), for discussion and consultation for legal advice with its attorney on any matter(s) as set forth on the agenda.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Pledge of Allegiance

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Report from the Executive Director

This is a summary of all PAG's recent activities, including activities of its committees.

4. Call to the Audience

Speakers are limited to a three-minute oral presentation and may submit written comments of any length for the Council's files. Those wishing to address the Council should complete a Citizen Information Card prior to the meeting being called to order, which will specify the topic to be addressed. Individual Council Members may respond to criticism made by those individuals who have addressed the Council and may ask staff to review a matter and place it on a future agenda. However, the Council will not discuss or take action on a matter raised during a Call to the Audience that is not already on the agenda.

3. Information

4. Information

DISCUSSION/ACTION

5. Approval of Minutes of July 23, 2009

6. Amendments to the FY 2010-2014 TIP

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) prepared by Pima Association of Governments (PAG) is a five-year schedule and budget of proposed transportation improvements within eastern Pima County. The TIP is typically updated through a multi-step process in association with PAG's member jurisdictions and other implementing agencies. From time to time, it becomes necessary to amend the TIP to reflect the current costs to construct the projects.

7. Regional Bicycle Planning Program

5. Discussion/Action

That the Regional Council approve the meeting minutes from July 23, 2009.

6. Discussion/Action

Regional Council is asked to approve Amendment #2 to the FY 2010-2014 TIP.

7. Discussion/Action

PAG's Regional Bicycle Planning Program includes a variety of activities that range from development of a Regional Plan to determining the location and number of cyclists to assessing bicycle safety data. Staff will provide an overview of the Regional Bicycle Plan and related Bicycle Planning Program activities. The bicycle planning program involves regional stakeholders including PAG member agencies and the Tucson-Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee.

Regional Council is asked to approve the Regional Plan for Bicycling.

CONSENT AGENDA

8. Consent Reports.

a. Legislative Report

Staff will report on recent activities at the state Legislature, particularly those that impact transportation.

b. Bylaws for PAG Social Services Planning Committee

Over the past few months, PAG staff has been working to update the membership of the Social Services Planning Committee and improve the planning process for the Social Services Block Grant. The Planning Committee had its first meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 26, with excellent participation from the jurisdiction representatives and non-profit community. PAG staff has updated the bylaws for the Social Services Planning Committee to reflect the new committee make-up and roles of committee members.

c. Resolution by Pima Association of Governments (PAG) to Recognize the 2010 Census and the Regional Complete Count Committee

Pima Association of Governments' 2010 Census Complete Count Committee (CCC) is a volunteer committee established with representatives of PAG-member jurisdictions and other community interests to raise awareness about the census and motivate residents in the community to complete and return their Census forms. The CCC also has representatives from educational, community, business, faith-based and media organizations. The CCC is charged with developing and implementing a public outreach plan designed to target the unique characteristics of their community.

d. RTA Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) Report

Staff is available to report on the meeting of Sept. 2, 2009.

e. PAG Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) Report

Staff is available to report on the meeting of Sept. 2, 2009.

f. Program Highlights Report

A list of program highlights for July - September is attached.

g. Clean Cities/Energy Planning Report

PAG's Energy Planning programs include Clean Cities, Solar Partnership, and the Greater Tucson Strategic Energy Plan. The Clean Cities Program was established through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Department of Energy in 1998. The Solar Partnership was instituted in 2008 and is a membership driven partnership with PAG and private partners to give Tucson's solar community one voice. The Greater Tucson

8. Recommend Approval of Consent Agenda

a. Information/Discussion

Regional Council is asked to review and comment as necessary.

b. Information/Discussion

Regional Council is asked to approve the updated Social Services Planning Committee bylaws.

c. Information/Discussion

Regional Council is asked to endorse the Resolution by PAG to Recognize the 2010 Census and the Regional Complete Count Committee.

d. Information/Discussion

This is an information item.

e. Information/Discussion

This is an information item.

f. Information/Discussion

This is an information item.

g. Information/Discussion

This is an information item.

Strategic Energy Plan was developed through the Environmental Planning Advisory Committee and will continue through PAG's Energy Planning program.

h. Environmental Planning Advisory Committee (EPAC) Report

PAG's Environmental Planning Advisory Committee meets monthly. A summary of the last committee meeting and subcommittee meeting activities is provided as an information item for Regional Council.

h. Information/Discussion

OTHER INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

9. Future Agenda Items

Members of the Council and the Executive Director may request items for future discussion/action.

9. Discussion

10. Adjournment

ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM

Two Council Briefing Packets containing material related to the Meeting are available for public review the day before and the day of the Meeting during office hours at: 177 N. Church, Suite 405, Tucson, Arizona 85701 (520) 792-1093. The Briefing Packets also are available for public review at the Meeting.

The Meeting Room is accessible to the handicapped. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), those requiring special assistance, such as large-type face print, sign language or other reasonable accommodations, may request those through the administrative offices at: 177 N. Church, Suite 405, Tucson, Arizona 85701 (520) 792-1093, at least twenty-four hours before the meeting.

AGENDA PACKET MEMO

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORTAGENDA ITEM #6- AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2010-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**Background:**

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), prepared by Pima Association of Governments (PAG), is a five-year schedule and budget of proposed transportation improvements within Pima County. The TIP is typically updated annually through a multi-step process in association with PAG's member jurisdictions and other implementing agencies. The TIP addresses improvements to diverse elements of the regional transportation system including national, state and local highways, transit, aviation, ride sharing, bikeways and pedestrian facilities. The TIP also responds to various state and federal regulatory requirements for development of a transportation improvement program.

Discussion:

The following is a summary of the items included in TIP Amendment #2 to the FY 2010-2014 TIP, recommended by the TIP Subcommittee, TPC and Management Committee for approval:

- Item A - Town of Marana's request to add its RTA corridor project: Tangerine Rd.: I-10 to La Canada to the TIP in order to begin the project.
- Item B – Adds RTA Bus Pullout Package #6 to construct 40 bus pullouts regionwide
- Item C – South Tucson's request to add its RTA bike lane/greenway project to purchase RR RW for new bike lane on 36th St. from South 6th to South 10th Aves.
- Item D – City of Tucson's request to add its state-funded La Paloma Academy Safe Routes to School project to construct a HAWK crossing at Lakeside Parkway and Golf Links
- Item E – Town of Marana's request to update project costs and add local funds to its Camino de la Manana/Dove Mtn. Extension: I-10 to Tangerine RTA project to design and construct 2-4 lane roadway with bike lanes.
- Item F – ADOT's request to make its SR 86: MP 141.1-145.0 reconstruction and widening project an ARRA project and increase funding on its SR 88: Valencia to Kinney widening to 6 lanes project.
- Item G – ADOT's request to advance funding on its I-10: Tangerine Rd. TI – Relocation (replacement) of interchange with grade separation.

Amendment #2 to the FY 2010-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

(*All numbers are in thousands)

Project/TIP ID Number	Sponsor/ reason for the amendment	Funding before amend.*	Funding after amend.*	Total change*
Item A				
Tangerine Rd: I-10 to La Canada (TIP ID #86.06)	Adds Town of Marana RTA project to widen to 4 lanes with sidewalks and multi-use lanes	0	2000	+ 2000

Project/TIP ID Number	Sponsor/ reason for the amendment	Funding before amend.*	Funding after amend.*	Total change*
Item B				
RTA Bus Pullout Package #6 (TIP ID #79.09)	Adds RTA project to construct 40 bus pullouts regionwide	0	7030	+ 7030
Item C				
South Tucson Bike Lane/Greenway (TIP ID #89.01)	Adds South Tucson RTA bike lane/greenway project to purchase RR RW for new bike lane on 36 th St. from South 6 th to South 10 th Aves.	0	150	+ 150
Item D				
La Paloma Academy Safe Routes to School (TIP ID #80.09)	Adds a City of Tucson state-funded project to construct a HAWK crossing at Lakeside Parkway and Golf Links	0	201	+ 201
Item E				
Camino de la Manana/Dove Mtn. Extension (TIP ID #561.00)	Updates project cost and local funds for a Town of Marana project to design and construct 2-4 lane roadway with bike lanes from I-10 to Tangerine	14421	30921	+ 16500
Item F				
SR 86: MP 141.5-145.0 (TIP ID #4.02)	Makes this ADOT project an ARRA project to reconstruct and widen SR 86: MP 141.1 to reservation boundary	9700	14000	+ 4300
SR 86: Valencia to Kinney (TIP ID #2.02)	Increases funding to widen ADOT's SR 86: Valencia to Kinney to 6 lanes	26375	33875	+ 7500
Item G				
I-10: Tangerine Rd. TI – Relocation (TIP ID #130.08)	Advances PAG 2.6% funding for ADOT's relocation/replacement of the I-10: Tangerine Rd. TI to Tangerine Rd. @ Trico	48500	48500	0

The proposed changes will not have a significant effect on the air quality conformity findings or fiscal constraint analysis of the TIP.

Suggested Motion:

That the Regional Council of Pima Association of Governments approves Amendment #2 to the FY 2010-2014 Transportation Improvement Program.

AGENDA PACKET MEMO

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORTAGENDA ITEM #7 – REGIONAL BICYCLE PLANNING PROGRAM**Background:**

PAG's Regional Bicycle Planning Program includes a variety of activities that range from development of a regional plan to determining the number of cyclists at key locations to assessing bicycle safety data. The regional bicycle planning program involves regional stakeholders including PAG member agencies and the Tucson-Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee.

One component of the bicycle planning program is the regional Bicycle Crash Analysis. Using the latest available data from 2007 and 2008, the analysis examines types of crashes, their severity and their locations to help identify where and what types of bicycle facility improvements may be needed.

Last year PAG initiated the region's first annual bike count. This effort documents the number and characteristics of cyclists. The count also helps provide information on locations with high levels of demand. In future years, comparisons across time can be made and trends identified so that areas needing increases in targeted enforcement, education and outreach can be identified.

The major component of the bicycle planning program is the update the Regional Plan for Bicycling. This plan provides a framework for long-term investments in the region's bicycle infrastructure and programs. The plan provides short-term, mid-term and long-term priorities for project funding. The priority recommendations will be used to help guide bicycle project prioritization in the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan. The bike plan can be found at:

<http://www.pagnet.org/Programs/TransportationPlanning/BikePedestrians/tabid/486/Default.aspx>

Discussion:

Staff will provide an overview of the Regional Bicycle Plan and related regional bicycle planning program activities.

Suggested Motion:

That the Regional Council of the Pima Association of Governments approves the Regional Plan for Bicycling.

Attachment: Regional Plan for Bicycling 2009 Executive Summary
PowerPoint Presentation

AGENDA PACKET MEMO**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT****AGENDA ITEM #8a – LEGISLATIVE REPORT****Background:**

The 2009 legislative policy positions are a set of 16 legislative positions to guide regional coordination of legislative issues and provide for timely and effective actions to meet the legislative goals of the Regional Council.

Discussion Points:

Staff will report on recent activities at the state Legislature, particularly those that impact transportation.

Special Session: Budget, Temporary Tax – July 9, 2009 – August 25, 2009

The special session from July 9th to August 25th addressed the FY 2010 budget; the Governor had vetoed earlier budget bills and called for the special session to address the budget. During the special session, the Legislature posted 46 bills and passed 13 bills. Governor Brewer had until September 5th to take action on the bills; she signed 12 bills and vetoed one of them. According to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, the FY 2010 budget shortfall after the Governor signed the budget bills is projected to be \$964 million, which includes the carryover shortfall from FY 2009 of \$500 million. Due to this close to \$1 billion dollar shortfall it is certain that the legislature will be called on again to take additional action.

The Governor vetoed SB 1025 which included additional LTAF cuts, a \$28 million in Vehicle License Tax (VLT) shift to the general fund (5 year renewals), \$22 million in VLT to school districts and a \$22 million transfer from Maricopa and Pima counties to the general fund. The vetoed SB 1025 also included \$2.3 million in LTAF I cuts and \$990,000 in LTAF II cuts. In her veto letter for SB 1025, the Governor indicated that the VLT shift would have to be tied to a sales tax referral to repay the sweep of VLT funds in order to get her support

A budget bill that was signed by the Governor and is of interest to the region, HB 2008, places a two-year cap on existing development fees and construction sales tax rates. There was also an additional VLT transfer of \$43 million to the general fund through HB 2006. The final funding shift from the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) to the Department of Public Safety was \$78 million, with the cities, counties and State Highway Fund each losing in proportion to their distribution at roughly 25% cuts to the cities and counties and 50% to the State Highway Fund.

Regular Session – January 12, 2009 – July 1, 2009

The regular session of the Legislature adjourned on July 1, 2009, after 170 days in session. In the regular session, 213 bills were passed by the Legislature, of those 22 were vetoed by the Governor and 191 were signed. Of the bills signed or filed into law the following are some that have an impact on transportation related issues.

Transportation Bill Highlights from the Regular Session

- HB 2396 on Public Private Partnerships allows ADOT to use these partnerships as a mechanism to provide future transportation investments.

- HB 2388 STAN Repayment calls for a city or town to repay any funds received from the Roads of Regional Significance Congestion Management fund. To our knowledge no PAG jurisdiction received those funds.
- SB 1073 on Population Thresholds increased the population thresholds for multiple statutes. Of particular interest is the raising of the HURF distributions – Pima County was identified as “counties between 400,000 and 1.2 million in population” and is now identified as “counties between 800,000 and 1.5 million in population”
- SB1320 the Transportation Omnibus makes provisions to:
 - o Allow ADOT to privatize rest areas
 - o Allow ADOT to create an adopt-a-rest-area program
 - o Create a Joint Legislative Review Committee on Transportation between Sonora, Mexico, and Arizona
 - o Move the Arizona International Development Authority (AIDA) from Commerce to ADOT as well as other changes to the authority
 - o Allow a City or Town to construct, operate and finance the construction of toll roads within their cooperate limits
 - o Allow local authorities to create public transportation stops on state highways or routes if the speed limit does not exceed 55 MPH

Suggested Motion:

Regional Council is asked to review and comment, as necessary.

AGENDA PACKET MEMO

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #8b – BYLAWS FOR PAG SOCIAL SERVICES PLANNING COMMITTEE**Background:**

Over the past few months, PAG staff has been working to update the membership of the Social Services Planning Committee and improve the planning process for the Social Services Block Grant. The Planning Committee had its first meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 26, with excellent participation from the jurisdiction representatives and non-profit community.

Discussion:

PAG staff has updated the bylaws for the Social Services Planning Committee to reflect the new committee make-up and roles of committee members. The bylaws are attached.

Suggested Motion:

PAG asks that Regional Council approve the updated Social Services Planning Committee bylaws.

Attachment: Bylaws of the Social Services Planning Committee of Pima Association of Governments.

AGENDA PACKET MEMO**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT****AGENDA ITEM #8c – RESOLUTION BY PIMA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (PAG) TO RECOGNIZE THE 2010 CENSUS AND THE REGIONAL COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE****Background:**

Pima Association of Governments' 2010 Census Complete Count Committee (CCC) is a volunteer committee established with representatives of PAG-member jurisdictions and other community interests to raise awareness about the census and motivate residents in the community to complete and return their Census forms. The CCC also has representatives from educational, community, business, faith-based and media organizations. The CCC is charged with developing and implementing a public outreach plan designed to target the unique characteristics of their community.

Discussion:

- An accurate census count is vital to our community and residents' well-being by helping planners determine where to locate schools, day care centers, roads and public transportation, hospitals and other facilities, and achieving an accurate and complete count of the nation's growing and changing population;
- More than \$400 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based, in part, on census data;
- Census data help determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and often is used for the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils and voting districts;
- The 2010 Census creates jobs that stimulate economic growth and increase employment;
- The information collected by the census is confidential and protected by law.

Suggested Motion:

That Regional Council endorses the Resolution by PAG to recognize the 2010 Census and the Regional Complete Count Committee.

AGENDA PACKET MEMO

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORTAGENDA ITEM #8d – RTA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) REPORT**Background:**

Staff is available to report on the Sept. 2, 2009, scheduled RTA Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) meeting.

Discussion:

- Project recommendations from both the RTA Wildlife Linkages Working Group and a preview of the SR 77 Wildlife Crossing Structures proposal anticipated to go through Committees in Oct./Nov.
- Monthly committee report on the status of jurisdictional RTA projects, billings received, IGA status and RTA TIP Subcommittee activities.
- A quarterly report from the RTA Bike/Ped Working Group.

Suggested Motion:

This is an information item.

AGENDA PACKET MEMO**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT****AGENDA ITEM #8e – PAG TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) REPORT****Background:**

Staff is available to report on the Sept. 2, 2009, scheduled Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) meetings.

Discussion:

- A monthly committee report on the TIP Subcommittee's activities
- Updated Legislative Report
- Presentations by staff on the Regional Bicycle Crash Analysis and the 2008 Regional Bicycle Count Program
- Staff presentation on the Regional Plan for Bicycling and its recommended approval
- Monthly report from the Transportation Finance Subcommittee
- Monthly report on the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) development and recent activities of the 2040 RTP Task Force including bqAZ activities
- A quarterly report from the interim ADOT District Engineer.

Suggested Motion:

This is an information item.

AGENDA PACKET MEMO

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #8f – PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

Background:

Lists of program highlights for July-September are attached.

Discussion:

Highlights are provided for Technical Services, Transportation, Environmental and Communications.

Suggested Motion:

This is an information item.

AGENDA PACKET MEMO

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**AGENDA ITEM #8g – CLEAN CITIES/ENERGY PLANNING REPORT****Background:**

The Clean Cities program is a national effort, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), to increase alternative fuel vehicle (AFV) usage for the purposes of improving air quality and reducing the country's reliance on foreign petroleum sources. The Tucson Regional Clean Cities Coalition received its DOE designation in August 1999 as the 73rd such coalition in the nation. Current coalition members are listed in the attachment.

Discussion:**Nissan/Ecotality – US DOE Grant Application**

In March, the PAG Regional Council and the Tucson Regional Clean Cities Coalition signed an MOU with Nissan and Ecotality to support Nissan's all-electric vehicle and establish electric infrastructure in the region to support the all-electric Nissan Leaf, which is slated to be on the market in late 2010. In June, PAG and the Clean Cities Coalition signed a letter of support to the U.S. Department of Energy for Nissan and Ecotality's request for \$99.9 million to support electric infrastructure in the 5 states that signed on to the MOU. On Aug. 10, 2009, PAG's Clean Cities Manager attended a press conference in Phoenix to announce the successful US DOE grant for \$99.9 million to establish electric vehicle infrastructure in 5 states. Tucson and Phoenix are both partners in this successful grant award.

Suggested Motion:

This is an information item.

AGENDA PACKET MEMO**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT****AGENDA ITEM #8h – ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPAC) REPORT****Background:**

EPAC provides information to and coordinates among jurisdictional and other members in order to advise the PAG Regional Council, Management Committee and Executive Director on regional environmental planning issues.

Discussion:**EPAC Updates**

- EPAC meeting was held on Sept. 4, 2009.

September EPAC Agenda Items of Interest:

In September, EPAC received a presentation from the City Office of Conservation and Sustainable Development about its Climate Change Advisory Committee and the development of a Climate Action Plan. In addition, the PAG Clean Cities Program presented an overview of the Nissan/ECotality electric vehicle project and efforts to establish fast charge stations in public areas around Tucson. Finally, the Town of Marana described its plans for becoming the wastewater service provider and Designated Management Agency within the Town planning Area. To that end, the Town's draft amendment to the PAG Water Quality Management Plan (208 Plan), is being reviewed by the PAG Scope of Work Task Force as part of the 208 amendment process. The Town expects to provide a final draft to the Task Force in December or January.

Potential new members, representing Davis Monthan Air Force Base and Arizona State Land Department, were introduced to the Committee. EPAC also was informed about a likely new representation from the Town of Sahuarita, and the fact that members from the University of Arizona and Environmental Protection Agency had recently retired. Efforts will be made to fill all the vacancies and a vote will be held to nominate new members at the October EPAC meeting. Nominations are then forwarded to the Regional Council for approval.

EPAC Subcommittee and Program Updates**Air Quality**

The Air Quality Subcommittee will meet again on Oct. 6. The meeting will focus on climate change and the update currently being done for the greenhouse gas emissions inventory for the City and County. PAG staff reported that the Live Breathe Clean Air outreach campaign came to an end in July and that outreach resulted in tripling of the number of hits on the campaign's informational Web site. Staff also reported that the ozone levels for the Tucson region for the summer remained below the EPA health standard.

Watershed Planning Subcommittee

The Watershed Planning Subcommittee last met on Aug. 31, and a presentation was received about the Phase II progress of the City/County Water and Wastewater infrastructure, supply, and planning study. The group also received a presentation, which was subsequently presented at the September EPAC meeting, about the Town of

Marana's 208 Plan amendment. Finally, PAG staff described its survey of long-term health care facilities regarding disposal of unused and out-of-date pharmaceuticals, which was conducted by PAG over the summer. The survey indicated that these types of facilities would be very interested in participating in a pick-up program to help with disposal of unused medications from their facilities. The next meeting will be held on Sept. 29. PAG staff also reported that the Watershed Planning Program's portion of the PAG Web site had been updated and that several pages with general interest water information had been added.

Stormwater Management Working Group

The Stormwater Management Working Group will meet again in October. PAG staff reported that the summer outreach program, featuring the slogan "Clean Water Starts With Me," was concluded in early September and had been very favorably received by the community.

Future EPAC Agenda Items

The next EPAC meeting will be held on Friday, Oct 2, at 9:30 a.m. in PAG's 5th floor conference room. At the meeting, the Oro Valley Police Department will discuss its monthly pharmaceutical take back events. PAG staff will briefly describe the outcome of its survey of long-term health care facilities regarding disposal of unused medications; followed by introduction of an EPAC resolution to encourage proper disposal methods. In November, EPAC will discuss the PAG Indicator Report and the City County Water Wastewater Infrastructure, Supply, and Planning Phase II report, which will be in the final week of the public comment period. The December EPAC meeting will be a joint meeting with the Watershed Planning Subcommittee and will focus on water and energy issues.

Suggested Motion:

This is an information item.