



Regional Council

12:00 p.m., Thursday, December 10, 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

PRESENTATIONS

3. Presentation by Dr. Lattie Coor regarding the Arizona We Want Statewide Goal-setting Effort

Dr. Lattie Coor, Chairman and CEO of the Center for the Future of Arizona, will present recent survey findings from the Arizona We Want goal-setting and visioning effort, as well as anticipated next steps.

3. Presentation/Possible Direction

REGULAR AGENDA

4. Report from the Executive Director

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

4. Information

5. 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.

5. Information

DISCUSSION/ACTION

6. Approval of Minutes of Oct. 22, 2009

6. Discussion/Action

That the Regional Council approve the meeting minutes from Oct. 22, 2009.

7. Resolution Supporting Joint Planning Coordination between Pima Association of Governments (PAG), Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), and Central Arizona Association of Governments (CAAG) in the Sun Corridor

PAG has been coordinating with Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and Central Arizona Association of Governments (CAAG) on ways we may be able to work together within the Sun Corridor.

8. ADOT bqAZ and PAG Long Range Plans

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is engaged in its long-range statewide transportation planning process, "Building a Quality Arizona" (bqAZ). PAG's 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Task Force established a bqAZ working group to provide input to ADOT's bqAZ effort, which was proceeding on a schedule somewhat ahead of the 2040 effort. Input provided by the 2040 RTP Working Group focused on issues and challenges that it deemed critical for ADOT to address in its long-term planning process since it impacts Pima County.

7. Discussion/Action

Regional Council is asked to approve the resolution supporting planning coordination with MAG and CAAG.

8. Discussion/Action

Regional Council is asked to review and provide direction or additional input prior to finalization of ADOT's bqAZ planning effort.

CONSENT AGENDA

9. Consent Reports.

a. Environmental Planning Advisory Committee (EPAC) Report

A summary of the last committee meeting and subcommittee meeting activities is provided as an information item for Regional Council. This item includes details regarding PAG's letter commemorating the outstanding contributions of Maeveen Behan to our region's conservation planning efforts and the resolution to encourage and promote proper disposal of unused and out-of-date pharmaceuticals.

b. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Pima Association of Governments (PAG) and the Regional Transportation Authority

PAG and RTA have been cooperating for the past three years under a Memorandum of Understanding which requires renewal for FY 2009/2010. The MOU specifically addresses personnel, executive director, offices and equipment, administration, reimbursement, indemnification, insurance, financial books, annual reports, public records, inspections and audits for the upcoming year.

c. 2010 Legislative Policy Positions

The 2010 legislative session will begin on January 11, 2010. Pre-filing of 2010 legislation will likely begin in mid-November. PAG Environmental Staff have identified a possible additional item related to buffelgrass. PAG staff will update the Regional Council on the 2010 legislative positions.

d. Regional Transportation Art by Youth Program

PAG has a contract in place with each of its member jurisdictions for annual Transportation Art by Youth (TABY) projects. The TABY program was created to incorporate public art into transportation projects by providing summer employment for youth. Benefits of the program include the quick implementation time frame and the high visibility of resulting artwork along major transportation corridors.

e. Amendment #3 to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) prepared by Pima

9. Recommend Approval of Consent Agenda

a. Discussion/Action

Regional Council is asked to approve PAG's letter commemorating the outstanding contributions of Maeveen Behan to our region's conservation planning efforts as well as approval of the resolution to encourage and promote proper disposal of unused and out-of-date pharmaceuticals.

b. Discussion/Action

Regional Council is asked to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for FY 2009/2010.

c. Information/Discussion

Regional Council is asked to adopt the proposed 2010 legislative policy positions.

d. Information/Discussion

Regional Council is asked to authorize the Executive Director to enter into 5-year Transportation Art by Youth Program contracts with participating jurisdictions.

e. Information/Discussion

Regional Council is asked to approve Amendment #3 to the FY

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.

f. Air Quality Update - Ozone

On Sept. 16, 2009, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that it will reconsider the National Ambient Air Quality Standards set for ozone on March 12, 2008. The standards set in 2008 were more stringent than the previous standards set in 1997, but were not as protective as those recommended by EPA's Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee. The EPA is reviewing the scientific and technical record used for the 2008 ozone standards review and will propose any revisions needed by December 2009 to protect public health and welfare. The standards will be finalized by August 2010 after the public review process. Area designations will be finalized by August 2011 and any plans needed would be due to EPA by December 2013.

g. Census 2010 Update

The 2010 Census count will occur in April of 2010. In order to prepare for that, Pima Association of Governments has established a Complete Count Committee, including representation from member jurisdictions and community organizations. The CCC has established four subcommittees, including Education, Community-Based Organizations, Business and Media.

h. Program Highlights Report

A list of program highlights for October - November is attached.

i. Clean Cities/Energy Planning Report

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.

2010-2014 TIP.

f. Information/Discussion

Regional Council is asked

g. Information/Discussion

This is an information item.

h. Information/Discussion

This is an information item.

i. Information/Discussion

This is an information item.

OTHER INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

10. Future Agenda Items

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

11. Adjournment

10. Discussion

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.

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AGENDA PACKET MEMO

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #3–PRESENTATION BY DR. LATTIE COOR REGARDING THE ARIZONA WE WANT STATEWIDE GOAL-SETTING EFFORT

Background:

Dr. Lattie Coor, Chairman and CEO of the Center for the Future of Arizona, will present recent survey findings from the *Arizona We Want* goal-setting and visioning effort, as well as anticipated next steps.

Suggested Motion:

Presentation only, with possible direction provided by Regional Council.

AGENDA PACKET MEMO

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORTAGENDA ITEM #7 – RESOLUTION SUPPORTING JOINT PLANNING COORDINATION BY PAG, MAG AND CAAG IN THE SUN CORRIDOR**Background:**

PAG has been coordinating with Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and Central Arizona Association of Governments (CAAG) on ways we may be able to work together within the Sun Corridor.

Discussion Points:

The three regional planning agencies (PAG, CAAG and MAG) have been working together informally to coordinate work efforts wherever possible, and to share information as it relates to growth within the Sun Corridor. The three agencies share overlapping interests as they relate to transportation needs and air quality concerns. We feel it is critical that we share information and modeling data to support our travel, air quality and land use models that we use to analyze infrastructure needs throughout the corridor. We have also jointly funded a study, *North American Opportunities and the Sun Corridor*, conducted by the Arizona State University's North American Center for Transborder Studies that identifies common areas of interest.

Attached is a resolution for consideration by the Regional Council that encourages coordination and information sharing among the three regional planning agencies as well as with state agencies (specifically ADOT and the State Land Department). The resolution has been endorsed by the regional councils at MAG and CAAG. A joint planning meeting of Regional Council members will be held on Dec. 17 in Casa Grande when the resolution will be signed by the Chairs of the three agencies. Also during that meeting, representatives from ASU's Morrison Institute and the North American Center for Transborder Studies will be on hand to discuss Sun Corridor characteristics and opportunities, especially in the areas of transportation and economic growth.

Recommendation:

That Regional Council approve the attached resolution supporting planning coordination with Maricopa Association of Governments and Central Arizona Association of Governments.

AGENDA PACKET MEMO

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORTAGENDA ITEM #8 – ADOT BQAZ AND PAG LONG-RANGE PLANS**Background:**

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is engaged in its long-range statewide transportation planning process, "Building a Quality Arizona" (bqAZ). ADOT initiated this effort in 2007 by conducting transportation framework studies in several areas around the state looking at a 40-year planning horizon out to the year 2050. The bqAZ effort gathered input on future transportation projects and funding sources with an eye on planning how all the regions within Arizona connect and how citizens travel throughout the state. However, the ADOT planning studies were not conducted in either the MAG or PAG planning areas because both MAG and PAG have existing long-range plans.

PAG's existing long-range plan looks out to 2030 and was most recently updated in 2006. Information from that plan was provided to bqAZ. In mid 2008, PAG also began work on a 2040 Regional Transportation Plan and established a broad-based task force to guide development of that plan. It should be noted that there are significant differences between the bqAZ and the PAG 2040 planning efforts. These differences include a different horizon year, no need for fiscal constraint in bqAZ and a different planning schedule.

PAG's 2040 RTP Task Force is in process of developing a project list for the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan. The list will be fiscally constrained for roadway, transit, bicycle and pedestrian projects throughout Pima County. The list will be provided for Regional Council review in January 2010, followed by additional public outreach activities in early 2010. Regional Council approval of the 2040 plan will be sought prior to June 2010.

The 2040 Task Force established a bqAZ working group to provide input to ADOT's bqAZ effort, which was proceeding on a schedule somewhat ahead of the 2040 effort.

ADOT is currently seeking additional input into the bqAZ effort prior to finalizing their recommendations.

Discussion:

Input provided by the 2040 RTP working group focused on issues and challenges that it deemed critical for ADOT to address in its long-term planning process since it impacts Pima County. Many of these challenges centered on the enormous growth that is projected to occur throughout the Sun Corridor and the need for a process to address growth at the regional and state level.

The project list for the 2040 RTP is expected to include four projects that would impact Pinal County and allow for improved connections between Pima and Pinal counties by increasing transit and easing congestion through roadway widening.

- 1) I-10. Widen to eight lanes from I-19 to the Pinal County line; reconstruct the traffic interchanges; add railroad grade separation at Ina Road and Tangerine Road.
- 2) Oracle Road/SR 77. Widen to eight lanes from Rudasill Road to Magee Road; widen to six lanes from Calle Concordia to the Pinal County Line; roadway drainage improvements in the unincorporated Town of Catalina.
- 3) Regional component of Tucson/Phoenix Passenger Rail, from downtown Tucson to northern Marana.
- 4) High Capacity Transit, most likely consisting of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) from Tucson International Airport to Tangerine Road, including Oracle Road.

Since the 2040 RTP is a fiscally constrained list of transportation projects, there are a large number of projects proposed by the jurisdictions and the public that cannot become part of the final 2040 RTP project list. Those projects will be placed on a “reserve” RTP project list that will be included in the final plan, and can also be included in the bqAZ map for Pima County, identified as Scenario Pima, which is not fiscally constrained.

PAG’s bqAZ Working Group recognized the need for more routes and connectivity between Pima and Pinal counties but was also aware that the roadway and transit improvements recommended in Scenario Pima will not solve the traffic congestion projected for the Sun Corridor. In order to address unresolved planning issues between Pima, Pinal and Maricopa counties, the Working Group stressed that interregional planning should be facilitated by ADOT. The consensus of the group was that that state should not expect these major interregional transportation challenges to be solved at the local level or in a regionally focused and fiscally constrained planning effort such as the 2040 RTP.

To further the state’s role in solving interregional planning, the following policy recommendations were developed by the bqAZ Working Group.

1. **Pima / Pinal County Planning and Addressing Projected Congestion along the Sun Corridor .** ADOT and their consultants have developed traffic projections for the Sun Corridor that show significant congestion on roadways within and between Pima, Maricopa and Pinal Counties. While the PAG 2040 Task Force acknowledges that further congestion relieving options are needed, it is clear that the major interregional transportation challenges that are evolving within the Sun Corridor cannot be solved at the local level or in a regionally focused and fiscally constrained planning effort such as the 2040 RTP. The Task Force recommends that ADOT join with PAG and the other MPOs in the Sun Corridor, MAG and CAAG, to initiate additional planning to actively address the projected congestion. This planning for the Sun Corridor should commence immediately and should consider a full range of congestion-relieving options, from technology and operational improvements to expansion of alternate modes as well as construction of additional interregional roadway arterials. An added planning focus should address how needed improvements could be developed in an environmentally sensitive manner.

It should be noted that Pinal County’s bqAZ recommendations include a La Cholla Corridor extending from Tucson to Oracle Junction and a highway to connect with a potential I-10 bypass loop west of downtown Tucson, neither of which is included in Scenario Pima. Environmental and ecological impacts of the roadway projects along the proposed alignments need to be comprehensively analyzed and publicly reviewed prior to projecting the roadway for Pima County.

2. **Alternative Modes of Transportation.** ADOT should include accommodations for bicycles and pedestrians on new roadways, as well user-friendly connections between alternative modes and roadways throughout Pima County.
3. **High Capacity Transit including Light Rail Transit and Commuter Rail Transit on Oracle Rd.** Light rail transit on Oracle Road between downtown and Tangerine Road is a regional priority to reduce local congestion along one of Tucson’s major north-south corridors as is the proposed commuter rail transit between Tucson and Florence. Bus rapid transit is assumed to precede light rail transit and commuter rail transit within Pima County until construction of the rail lines is completed. ADOT’s participation in HCT recommendations for the region is encouraged.
4. **Rail Planning.** ADOT should lead inter-regional discussions on future freight movements and continue conversations about high-speed rail between Tucson and Phoenix. A minimum of three freight rail lines through the Tucson metropolitan area would include the two current interstate freight lines, plus a new passenger rail line and a potential new Tucson-Phoenix freight line. The additional freight line could take some truck traffic off of I-10 and provide for faster freight movement between Tucson and Phoenix as well as within Pima County.

A freight line through Pima County along SR 85 to Lukeville is not supported due to its impact on

environmentally sensitive Organ Pipe National Monument and the fact it would draw economic activity away from the county's primary economic generator, the Tucson region.

5. **Wildlife Crossings and Infrastructure.** Maintaining habitat connectivity for wildlife is critical to transportation planning in Pima County and wildlife crossing structures should be included in the bqAZ plan. Five wildlife crossing structure locations are shown on the bqAZ Scenario Pima map.

Suggested Motion:

That the Regional Council of the Pima Association of Governments reviews and offers direction or additional input prior to finalization of ADOT's bqAz planning effort.

Attachments: Map of bqAZ Statewide Scenario
 Map of Scenario Pima

AGENDA PACKET MEMO**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT****AGENDA ITEM #9a – ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPAC) REPORT****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 Points:**EPAC Updates**

- EPAC meeting was held on Nov. 6

September EPAC Items of Interest:

At the November EPAC meeting, the Committee recognized Maeveen Behan for her outstanding contribution to the region's conservation planning efforts. EPAC asked that PAG staff draft a letter to commemorate Dr. Behan in recognition of her accomplishments. The Committee asked that the letter be submitted to Management Committee and Regional Council for their endorsement and also provided to her family in commemoration. The letter is included as an attachment.

In November, EPAC voted approval of a pharmaceutical resolution, which describes ramifications of improper disposal of unused pharmaceuticals and encourages member jurisdictions to promote proper disposal. Over the past month, several EPAC members and jurisdictional members provided input to ensure that the resolution accurately represents their perspectives. The Resolution is included as an attachment.

EPAC received a presentation from Lindy Brigham, Executive Director of the Southern Arizona Buffelgrass Coordination Center, in which she informed the Committee about the Regional Council's decision to provide financial support for regionwide buffelgrass mapping. EPAC appreciated Regional Council and Management Committee's decision that EPAC be kept informed and review progress on the project. EPAC supports regionwide mapping as a means to determine and track the extent of the threat from buffelgrass. They will receive monthly updates from Ms. Brigham who will regularly attend the meetings.

Each year, EPAC develops a list of priority environmental issues facing the PAG region, and uses the list as a guide when developing meeting agendas for that year. The draft list for 2010 was first distributed to EPAC members in mid-September. Suggestions from members have been incorporated and the list is now available for review on the PAG Web site. The issues list for 2010 will likely be approved at the December EPAC meeting and forwarded to Management and Regional Council in January 2010.

Besides the above items, EPAC received a presentation on Phase II of the City/County Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Supply and Planning Study. The final report has been drafted and should be finalized in January 2010. In addition, EPAC received an update on PAG's Greater Tucson Region Indicators Report, which was last published in January 2006. The revised report is scheduled to be finalized in January or February 2010, and it includes several new pages and updates on all of the existing pages.

EPAC Subcommittee and Program Updates

Air Quality

The Air Quality Subcommittee held its quarterly meeting on Oct. 6, and the meeting focused on climate change. Presentations were given by PAG on the updates to the City and County inventories along with an update by the County on its Sustainability Action Plan Report Card and a presentation by the City on its Climate Change Committee and mitigation and adaptation activities. Staff also reported that ozone levels for the Tucson region for the summer remained below the EPA health standard, but that the EPA will reconsider the ozone standards set in March 2008.

Watershed Planning Subcommittee

At the most recent Watershed Planning Subcommittee, Oct. 26, 2009, PAG presented the Watershed Planning Program's recent findings of an acute drought through PAG's hydrologic monitoring efforts on Cienega Creek. PAG's unique long-term dataset reveals the lowest water levels at the creek on record. The Subcommittee also heard from the Local Drought Impact Group to which PAG is a primary contributor. The Subcommittee also received a presentation on a UA survey to assess the public's perceptions of water reuse in Arizona. In addition, WPS members provided input on the EPAC Environmental Issues List. The next meeting will be held in conjunction with EPAC on Dec. 4, when the topic will be the water/ energy nexus. The regular meeting schedule will resume on Jan. 25, 2010.

Stormwater Management Working Group

The Stormwater Management Working Group plans to meet again in early January 2010. The group has taken a hiatus after the summer stormwater outreach activities. The 2009 Stormwater Outreach received first place in the National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies (NAFSMA) "Excellence in Communication" award in the "Improving Water Quality" category. A copy of the PAG outreach campaign has been circulated to all NAFSMA members throughout the nation. The group will meet early next year and resume planning and preparation for 2010 Stormwater Outreach and Stormwater Construction Seminar.

Future EPAC Agenda Items

The next EPAC meeting will be held on Friday, Dec. 4, at 9:30 a.m. in PAG's 5th floor conference room. Central Arizona Project (CAP) will provide an overview of CAP energy use and current power supplies, and ADWR staff will present an overview of solar technologies and implications for water use in Arizona.

Recommendations:

Approval of PAG's letter commemorating the outstanding contributions of Maeveen Marie Behan to our region's conservation planning efforts.

Approval of the resolution to encourage and promote proper disposal of unused and out-of-date pharmaceuticals.

AGENDA PACKET MEMO

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**AGENDA ITEM #9b – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN PIMA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (PAG) AND THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (RTA)****Background:**

PAG and RTA have been cooperating for the past three years under a Memorandum of Understanding which requires renewal for FY 2009/2010. The MOU specifically addresses personnel, executive director, offices and equipment, administration, reimbursement, indemnification, insurance, financial books, annual reports, public records, inspections, and audits for the upcoming year.

Discussion Points:

A draft MOU is provided to the Regional Council for review.

Suggested Motion:

It is recommended that Regional Council adopt the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

AGENDA PACKET MEMO

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #9c – 2010 LEGISLATIVE POLICY POSITIONS

Background:

Prior to each new year, the PAG Regional Council adopts a set of legislative policy positions to guide regional coordination of legislative issues and provide a basis for timely and effective actions. These goals are reviewed and updated each year prior to the next legislative session. The proposed 2010 legislative policy positions include:

- A. Maintain Integrity of the Highway Users Revenue Fund (HURF)
- B. Adjust and Index State Gas Tax
- C. Seek to Expand Transportation Revenues such as a statewide Sales Tax for Transportation
- D. Support a Statewide Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program
- E. Continue Local Transportation Assistance Funds (LTAF I and II) for Transportation Purposes
- F. Protect and Retain State Shared Revenues
- G. Maintain Vehicle License Tax Revenues
- H. Support Restoration of HURF Revenues Lost to the Region
- I. Support Adoption of a Primary Seat Belt Law
- J. Maintain the Airport Capital Improvement Program
- K. Protect and Maintain the Integrity of the Regional Transportation Authority Enabling Legislation
- L. Support Legislation that Provides for Tax Equity Exemption for Prior Purchases
- M. Oppose Intergovernmental Competition for Economic Development
- N. Support Bottle-Bill Legislation that Requires a Deposit for Certain Recyclable Retainers
- O. Support Legislation that Provides for Safer and More Efficient Transit Operations such as "Yield to Bus" Legislation
- P. Oppose Any Change in the Make-up of the Arizona State Transportation Board Unless that Change Results in Improved Representation for the PAG Region

The enclosed Legislative Policy document identifies an additional item "Q" related to Buffelgrass and has been endorsed by PAG TPC and Management Committee.

Discussion:

Request for proposed policy additions from jurisdictions

The 2010 legislative session will begin on Jan. 11, 2010. Pre-filing of 2010 legislation will likely begin in mid-November. PAG staff will update the committee on the 2010 legislative positions.

PAG Environmental Staff have identified a possible addition item related to buffelgrass. See attached.

Suggested Motion:

That the Regional Council of the Pima Association of Governments adopts the proposed 2010 legislative policy positions.

Attachment: 2010 Draft Legislative Policy Positions

AGENDA PACKET MEMO

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORTAGENDA ITEM #9d – REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ART BY YOUTH**Background:**

PAG has a contract in place with each of its member jurisdictions for annual Transportation Art by Youth (TABY) projects. The current 5-year contract expires December 31, 2009.

The TABY program was created to incorporate public art into transportation projects by providing summer employment for youth. An average of 40 to 50 youth benefit from the program each summer, gaining both artistic experience and valuable work ethic. The students' efforts aim to humanize the roadway system, enhance urban gateway features and help define the unique identity of their respective communities. PAG member jurisdictions work with summer youth programs, local school art programs or Las Artes Art and Educational Center, and partner with professional artists to design and construct projects. Other benefits of the program include the quick implementation time frame and the high visibility of resulting artwork along major transportation corridors.

Discussion:

Information on projects completed over the last several years is attached.

The maximum amount of funding is typically \$25,000 per year per PAG member jurisdiction. Funding for the program is included in the current 2010-2014 TIP. A new 5-year draft contract is attached.

Suggested Motion:

That the Regional Council of the Pima Association of Governments authorizes the Executive Director to enter into 5-year Transportation Art by Youth Program contracts with participating jurisdictions.

Attachment: Transportation Art by Youth Project Information
Draft contract

AGENDA PACKET MEMO

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORTAGENDA ITEM #9e – AMENDMENT #3 TO THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**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.

As the annual TIP is developed, the last four years of the previous TIP are adjusted for changing project costs and regional fund revenue estimates. The fifth year of the TIP is developed based on regional funds available, with priority given to finish projects already in the TIP before any new projects are added.

Discussion:

With the recent downturn in the economy, revenue receipts are substantially down from previous projections. There is concern that, if not addressed, fund balances will be insufficient to cover jurisdictional drawdown requests. Over the past couple of weeks, jurisdictional staff members have been working to develop a reasonable regional cash flow of when funds will be expended. PAG staff will discuss the progress made to date and the need, if any, for additional adjustments.

The following is a summary of the items included in TIP Amendment #3 to the FY 2010-2014 TIP, recommended by the TIP Subcommittee for approval:

- Item A – The Town of Oro Valley's request to increase funding on its Hardy Road: Northern Ave/Calle Buena Vista to Oracle and Magee Road: Oracle to First Ave. projects by decreasing excess funding from its La Cholla Blvd.: Town limits to Tangerine (interim improvement) project.
- Item B – City of Tucson's request to increase and advance funding on its Cushing Street bridge project by reducing and delaying funding on its RR & R FY10 project and dropping three projects: RR & R FY09, FY11 and FY12.
- Item C – Pima County's request to add its RTA repair and reconstruction project of heavily damaged sections of Catalina Highway from M.P. 0 to M.P. 25 with ear-marked Public Land Highway (PLH) funds specific to this project.
- Item D – Adds four RTA wildlife related projects to the TIP which have already been approved by the RTA Board: A City of Tucson RTA wildlife design study and three Sahuarita RTA wildlife projects including a Phase I crossing size project with an additional Phase II pre and post construction crossing monitoring element and an initial Sahuarita wildlife assessment.

- Item E – Moves excess funds from the Pascua Yaqui Tribe’s Ignacio M. Baumea: Valencia to Los Reales project to the Camino de Oeste – Phase I project from Los Reales to Valencia which is on the Tribes’ inventory with BIA and considered an access road to the reservation.

Amendment #3 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				
Hardy Rd: Northern Ave/Calle Buena Vista to Oracle (TIP ID #111.00)	Increases funding on the Town of Oro Valley’s project to realign intersection and add bike lanes	846	1046	+ 200
La Cholla Blvd: Town limits to Tangerine (Interim improvements) TIP ID #115.08	Decreases funding on the Town of Oro Valley’s interim improvement project , including paved shoulder, etc.	2230	1530	- 700
Magee Rd: Oracle to First Ave (TIP ID #3.04)	Increases funding on the Town of Oro Valley’s project to reconstruct w/5’ shoulders, left turn lanes and multi, etc.	1023	1523	+ 500
Item B				
Cushing Street Bridge (TIP ID #51.09)	Increases and advances funding on the City of Tucson’s new bridge project over the Santa Cruz	3000	12957	+ 9957
RR & R – FY09 (TIP ID #44.03)	Drops City of Tucson pavement rehabilitation project on arterial and collector streets	4544	0	- 4544
RR & R – FY10 (TIP ID #26.05)	Reduces and delays funding on the City of Tucson’s resurfacing of existing streets project until 2014	4641	4233	- 408
RR & R – FY11 (TIP ID #28.06)	Drops City of Tucson’s resurfacing of existing arterial and collector streets	3441	0	-3441
RR & R – FY12 (TIP ID#43.07)	Drops City of Tucson’s resurfacing and rehabilitation project to be defined	5302	0	- 5302
Item C				
Catalina Highway (General)	Adds Pima County’s PLH project for repair and reconstruction at heavily damaged			

Project/TIP ID Number	Sponsor/ reason for the amendment	Funding before amend.*	Funding after amend.*	Total change*
Hitchcock Highway) M.P. 0 – 25 (TIP ID #81.09)	sections	0	1662 PLH	+ 1662 PLH
Item D				
Houghton Rd.: I-10 to Speedway Wildlife Design Study (TIP ID #82.09)	Adds the City of Tucson’s RTA wildlife design study project to determine wildlife crossing locations	0	43	+ 43
Sahuarita Rd.: La Villita Rd. to Country Club Rd. – Phase I Wildlife Crossings (TIP ID #83.09)	Adds the Town of Sahuarita’s Phase I RTA size project for wildlife crossings	0	568	+ 568
Sahuarita Rd.: La Villita Rd. to Country Club Rd. – Phase II Wildlife Crossing Monitoring (TIP ID #84.09)	Adds the Town of Sahuarita’s Phase II RTA pre and post construction crossing monitoring project	0	135	+ 135
Sahuarita Wildlife Assessment: Pima Mine, Old Nogales Hwy., Nogales Hwy., Quail Creek Crossing (TIP ID #85.09)	Adds the Town of Sahuarita’s RTA initial wildlife assessment project	0	100	+ 100
Item E				
Camino de Oeste – Phase I: Los Reales to Valencia Rd. (TIP ID #63.01)	Increases funding on Pima County’s project to widen & overlay existing pavement w/bike lanes, etc.	2850	3350	+ 500
Ignacio M. Baumea: Valencia to Los Reales (TIP ID #39.07)	Reduces surplus funding on the Pascua Yaqui Tribe’s project from Valencia to Los Reales to construct a new roadway w/sidewalks, bike lanes, etc.	4500	4000	- 500

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

Recommendation:

Regional Council approve Amendment #3 to the FY 2010-2014 TIP, noting a special provision for Item “B”. Included in this motion, and made part of the record, is a provision attached to item “B” the “Cushing Street” amendment. Approval of this amendment sets aside the outlined regional funding for the project, however, the City of Tucson agrees that it will neither drawdown the regional HURF 12.6% funds or obligate any portion of the regional federal STP funds until the City receives final project approval by the PAG Regional Council. This approval is predicated on the provision that the City of Tucson provide;

- A detailed status update on the entire “Modern Street Car” project, including but not limited to, engineering plans, procurement of rolling stock and financing plan.

Documentation that full funding for the "Modern Street Car" project has been obtained and is available to construct the project up to the Cushing location with operating rolling stock.

Attachment: Amendment #3 to the FY 2010-2014 TIP

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**AGENDA ITEM #9f – AIR QUALITY UPDATE - OZONE****Background:**

On Sept. 16, 2009, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that it will reconsider the National Ambient Air Quality Standards set for ozone on March 12, 2008. The standards set in 2008 were more stringent than the previous standards set in 1997, but were not as protective as those recommended by EPA's Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee. The EPA is reviewing the scientific and technical record used for the 2008 ozone standards review and will propose any revisions needed by December 2009 to protect public health and welfare. The standards will be finalized by August 2010 after the public review process. Area designations will be finalized by August 2011 and any plans needed would be due to EPA by December 2013.

Discussion Points:

While the Tucson region has had a fairly good summer with respect to ozone and would be considered in attainment for the ozone standards set in 2008, it is possible that the proposed standards will be more stringent and that we will once again be very close to or exceeding a more stringent standard.

Suggested Motion:

This is an information item.

AGENDA PACKET MEMO**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT****AGENDA ITEM #9g – CENSUS 2010 UPDATE****Background:**

Pima Association of Governments will coordinate jurisdiction participation in the 2010 Census count in spring of 2010.

Discussion Points:

The 2010 Census count will occur in April of 2010. In order to prepare for that, Pima Association of Governments has established a Complete Count Committee, including representation from member jurisdictions and community organizations. The CCC has established four subcommittees, including Education, Community-Based Organizations, Business and Media.

PAG set aside \$30,000 for public outreach for the 2010 Census and anticipated another \$35,000 from a local grant process. However, the grant was not awarded due to a high volume of competition for the funding. PAG received a smaller funding request (\$2,999) for promotional items through the Census Partnership Program.

Approximately \$20,000 to \$25,000 of the \$30,000 will be set aside for media advertising through a combination of TV/Cable, radio, billboard and bus poster advertising. The Media Subcommittee will leverage these dollars to the degree possible for additional free PSAs.

At this time, PAG requests that member jurisdictions consider member contributions to the coordinated Census effort through the CCC and its subcommittees to broaden public outreach through the media to further leverage our resources or to increase support to jurisdiction efforts that complement the work of the CCC for message consistency.

In addition to placing advertising, the CCC and its subcommittees are pursuing the following outreach options: distributing screensavers with a Census 2010 message to public libraries and employment centers, conducting at least one major media event/news conference in the spring, distributing poster/fliers regionwide (town halls, businesses, other public places) that are both paid partly by the original \$30,000 budget and also made available online for member jurisdictions to print from a downloadable PDF, asking utilities to include bill inserts, and making Census information/promo items available at community events that are staffed by CCC and subcommittee members or volunteers, including member jurisdiction staff.

Recommendation:

No action. For review only.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #9h – PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

Background:

Lists of program highlights for October - November

Discussion:

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

Suggested Motion:

This is an information item.

AGENDA PACKET MEMO

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORTAGENDA ITEM #9i – 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 Points:Nissan Electric Vehicle The Leaf and EV Infrastructure

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. Nissan has embarked on a 25 city tour in the United States with The Leaf. Tucson has been slated as a destination point for the tour. Tucson's Clean Cities will host Nissan and The Leaf on Dec. 30, 2009. Location and times have not yet been determined.

See attached press releaseUnited States Capitol Christmas Tree

The U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree, which was established in 1964, was harvested from the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, headquartered in Springerville, Ariz., on Nov. 7 and will be transported to D.C. on a Southwest Industrial Rigging truck fueled by biodiesel. The 85-foot blue spruce will be presented to the U.S. Congress on Nov. 30.

See attached press release