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Pima Find-a-Ride announcement to be made on Jan. 5

A new, online transportation tool for the Greater Tucson region will be announced at 10 a.m. on Jan. 5, 2012, by the Pima Association of Governments' Pima Find-a-Ride Coordination Team. Private, public and nonprofit providers of transportation services will be linked together in a new website which is being designed to help the public find the best transportation service to fit their needs.

Public, private and nonprofit transportation providers are invited to attend the announcement event which will be held in the Sentinel Building, City of Tucson Department of Neighborhood Resources, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop, Tucson.

Jim Murphy, Executive Director of Pima Council on Aging, will introduce this community resource at Thursday's event. Jennifer O'Connor, PAG Senior Transportation Planner, will unveil the scope of the project, inviting all transportation providers and riders to participate in the development of Pima Find-a-Ride. Refreshments will be served.

This event will be followed by the Arizona Department of Transportation application workshop for the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310, 5316 and 5317 transportation grant programs. (The grant numbers 5310, 5316 and 5317 refer to the section of the federal funding legislation for the Federal Transit Administration that defines these grants.) The Section 5310 grant, also known as the Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program, assists nonprofit agencies in acquiring vehicles to transport older adults and disabled clients. The Section 5316 program, which is also called the Job Access and Reverse Commute grant, assists in the development and maintenance of transportation services designed to transport low income individuals to jobs and activities related to employment in rural and suburban areas. And the Section 5317 program, known as the New Freedom program, provides funding for public transportation services and alternatives for individuals with disabilities beyond that required by the Americans with Disabilities Act in rural and suburban areas.

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