March 1, 2013

For immediate release
Contact: Sheila Storm, (520) 792-1093

Public invited to comment at open houses on regional transportation improvements
Residents, businesses and the general public will have the opportunity at three upcoming open houses to share their thoughts about proposed transportation improvements in the region over the next five years.

Starting March 12, Pima Association of Governments will host the open houses for public review and comment on the proposed regional transportation improvements that start construction or design in the next five-year period. The value of the improvements identified within the FY 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is approximately $1.1 billion.

The open houses are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, March 12, 9 to 11 a.m.
Joyner-Green Valley Library meeting room
601 N. La Cañada Drive, Green Valley

Wednesday, March 13, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
William Taft Abbett Library
7800 N. Schisler Drive, Tucson
(Southeast corner of Silverbell and Cortaro Rd.)

Thursday, March 14, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Randolph Golf Club House
600 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson

The proposed transportation improvements are part of PAG’s federally mandated capital improvement program. A subcommittee made up of PAG’s jurisdictional members

--MORE--
updates the TIP annually. The TIP identifies priorities for national, state and local roadways, transit or bus services; aviation, bike and pedestrian facilities as well as programs such as ride sharing, VanPool and Safe-Routes-to-School.

The TIP includes projects funded through the Regional Transportation Authority plan, which Pima County voters approved on May 16, 2006. The $2.1 billion RTA plan will be implemented through 2026.

The draft TIP document will be available for review online at www.pagregion.com, and at several locations, starting March 8, as follows:

- Pima Association of Governments, 177 N. Church Ave., Suite 405, Tucson
- City engineers’ offices for the cities of Tucson and South Tucson, and for the towns of Marana, Oro Valley and Sahuarita.
- Pima County Department of Transportation Administrative Offices at 201 N. Stone Ave., 7th floor
- Tribal offices of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and Tohono O’odham Nation
- All branches of the Pima County library system

The TIP is scheduled to be presented to PAG’s Regional Council for final approval at its May 23 meeting.

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, watershed and air 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.PAGregion.com for more information or www.facebook.com/PAGregion

--30--