Pima Association of Governments (PAG) facilitates discussion and action on regional issues. PAG is governed by a Regional Council, which consists of one representative from each of the jurisdictions within and including Pima County, two tribal communities and a representative from the Arizona State Transportation Board. Additional stakeholders are involved in the PAG planning process. PAG is a federally designated metropolitan planning organization and fulfills requirements to receive federal transportation funding.

PAG does not build projects. Projects are constructed by the jurisdictions.
What are the TIP Goals?

• To identify priorities and deliver regional projects as promised.

• To provide an opportunity for public input.

• To maintain consistency with PAG’s federally mandated, long-range Regional Mobility and Accessibility Plan.

• To make optimal use of available resources to meet transportation needs.

• To assess potential impacts, including air quality.

How is the TIP Prepared?

• Local and state governments and local transportation providers propose projects with public input.

• Funding or project schedule adjustments are made as necessary.

• New projects may be introduced if funding is available and projects are consistent with the long-range plan.

• Candidate projects are evaluated using established criteria.
  • Safety Benefits
  • Congestion Benefits
  • Accessibility Improvements
  • Volume of Use
  • Environmental Benefits
  • System Preservation
  • Regional Significance
  • Improved System Continuity

• A draft TIP is analyzed for air quality and other impacts. Adjustments are made to the TIP as needed.

• After stakeholder and public review, recommendations go to PAG’s Regional Council for a final decision.
Representatives from each member jurisdiction and other regional transportation stakeholders are involved in the TIP review and recommendation process.

Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)  Regional Transportation Authority
City of South Tucson  Sun Tran
City of Tucson  Tohono O’odham Nation
Pascua Yaqui Tribe  Town of Marana
Pima Association of Governments  Town of Oro Valley
Pima County  Town of Sahuarita
Pima County Department of Environmental Quality  Tucson Airport Authority
University of Arizona
Frequently Asked Questions

What is the connection between the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Regional Mobility and Accessibility Plan (RMAP) and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) plan?

The TIP is a federally mandated five-year capital improvement program that shows the region’s funding commitments to transportation projects. The RMAP is the federally mandated long-range plan. The TIP must be consistent with the RMAP. The 20-year RTA plan was approved by Pima County voters on May 16, 2006, and is tied to a 1/2-cent excise tax. The TIP will include RTA-funded projects. The RTA funding for these projects however is “fixed” and not subject to adjustment through the TIP process. The total amount of regional funds committed to these projects cannot exceed the amount approved by voters in the RTA plan. However, additional local funds may be used.

How are projects selected for the TIP?

- Each jurisdiction uses its own capital improvement plan process to decide which projects to propose.
- Federal regulations state that projects identified for funding through the TIP must be consistent with the RMAP.
- Some projects are local in nature and are funded with local sources that are not required to be listed in the TIP.
- Some projects may not be ready for implementation until they have been studied and carefully planned.
- While PAG prepares the TIP, it has no authority over the jurisdictions concerning which projects they will submit for funding consideration. The TIP is adopted by the PAG Regional Council.

How can I get involved?

- Put your name on a mailing list for additional information.
- Attend a TIP Open House to provide public input.
- Discuss proposed programs with members of local transportation departments.
- A 30-day public comment period precedes adoption of the TIP by PAG’s Regional Council. Submit comments through the PAG website at www.PAGregion.com.

For more information, contact PAG or your local jurisdiction.