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PAG presents 6th annual Swanson regional leadership award to Marana Community Development Director
T. VanHook, the Town of Marana’s Community Development Director, rides Sun Shuttle, talks to the customers and learns first-hand about their experiences and needs.

Today, the Pima Association of Governments’ Regional Council recognized VanHook with the Thomas L. Swanson Regional Leadership Award for her support of regional transit initiatives and Sun Shuttle neighborhood transit expansion in the Marana area.

“T. takes extra initiative to help understand customer needs and is a strong advocate for the transit dependent,” said Marana Mayor Ed Honea. “She is always quick to help them resolve issues in order to enhance their customer experience.”

The Swanson award is given in honor of PAG’s former executive director, the late Thomas L. Swanson, to acknowledge an individual or organization affecting positive change in the Tucson metropolitan region.

Criteria for the Swanson award include:

- Enhancing the regional community despite often restrictive jurisdictional boundaries.
- Promoting cooperation among citizens and local elected officials.
- Providing leadership for regional growth via strong local government representation.

Pima Association of Governments serves local, state and tribal governments with a mission to build consensus among its members and the public on regional planning for transportation, air quality and water 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. More information is available at www.pagnet.org or by calling (520) 792-1093.

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