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## **PAG announces recipient of annual Swanson Regional Leadership Award**

Pima Association of Governments announced today that Rick Myers is the recipient of the 2017 Thomas L. Swanson Regional Leadership Award.

The Swanson award is given in honor of a former PAG executive director, the late Thomas L. Swanson, to acknowledge an individual or organization that has affected positive change in the region in the areas of transportation, air quality, water quality or economic vitality.

Rick Myers co-chaired the 2005 citizens committee that helped to develop the 20-year Regional Transportation Authority plan approved by voters in May 2006. Myers continues to be an avid supporter of the RTA and recently appeared in the RTA's 10-year anniversary video to reflect on the importance of regional collaboration and community engagement that led to the success of the plan. More than 770 transportation improvements have been completed to date

"Rick spent countless hours to help lead the citizens committee to consensus support of the multimodal plan," said Katie Dusenberry, who served as co-chair of the citizens committee and nominated Rick for the award. "He helped to educate the public on the plan's benefits both from the public and private sector point of view."

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Myers is actively engaged in the region and has been recognized by various local awards for his many civic contributions.

To view past Swanson award recipients, please visit [www.PAGregion.com](http://www.PAGregion.com).

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