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PAG to host public open houses highlighting transportation projects planned for next five years

Pima Association of Governments will hold three transportation open houses in March where the public can comment on regional transportation projects that will be funded over the next five years, learn about selection criteria and available transportation funding, and share insights on transportation needs in the region.

PAG, the region's metropolitan planning organization and a council of governments, will present its draft short-range transportation improvement program (TIP), which includes projects to be scheduled for construction or design during FY 2018-22 across the greater Tucson region. The value of programmed improvements identified within the TIP is approximately \$1.1 billion.

The open houses are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, March 28, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr. Library
7800 N. Schisler Drive, Tucson

Wednesday, March 29, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Randolph Clubhouse
600 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson

Thursday, March 30, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Joyner-Green Valley Library
601 N. La Cañada Drive, Green Valley

Representatives of PAG member jurisdictions, Sun Tran and the Regional Transportation Authority will be available to answer questions.

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The proposed improvements are part of PAG's federally mandated capital improvement program. A committee made up of PAG's jurisdictional members updates the TIP annually. The TIP identifies priorities for federal, state and local roadways, transit or bus services, aviation projects, and programs such as ride sharing, vanpooling, or bicycle and pedestrian safety programs and projects.

Major projects in the FY 2018-22 TIP, including new and continuing projects, are:

- Expansion of Aerospace Parkway
- New or reconstructed traffic interchanges on I-10 at Ina Road and at Ruthrauff Road, on I-19 at Ajo Way, and widening of I-10 between Ina and Ruthrauff roads

The TIP includes projects funded through the Regional Transportation Authority plan, which Pima County voters approved on May 16, 2006. The 20-year RTA plan will be implemented through fiscal year 2026.

The draft TIP document will be available for review online at www.PAGregion.com, and at several locations, starting March 14, as follows:

- Pima Association of Governments, 1 E. Broadway Blvd., Suite 401, Tucson
- City engineers' offices for the cities of Tucson and South Tucson, and public works offices 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, and the San Xavier District.

The TIP is scheduled to be presented to PAG's Regional Council for final approval at its May 25 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, water quality, air quality and economic vitality. 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