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## RTA symposium speakers tout need for regional governance to manage transit system

The delivery of quality transit service is best done at a regional level with regional governance was the message sent to local officials from transit industry experts during a symposium hosted Dec. 2 by the Regional Transportation Authority.

The RTA, which is interested in exploring the consolidation of regional transit services in Pima County, brought in transit officials from major cities in the Southwest to identify what it takes to make that happen.

Jacob Snow, General Manager of the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada, said it makes sense for a regional transit authority and a metropolitan planning organization, such as Pima Association of Governments, to be managed by one group because transportation planning and regional transit planning need to be decided together. Pima Association of Governments manages the RTA.

Other Panelists included Keith Parker, President/CEO of VIA Metropolitan Transit in San Antonio, Texas; John English, General Manager/CEO of Utah Transit Authority, and Cal Marsella, CEO of MV Rail and Chief of Business Development in Colorado and California.

"We invited local officials to the symposium to learn from the best in the industry about their experiences with regional transit development," said RTA Executive Director Gary Hayes. "We are interested in finding ways to make local transit more accessible and cost effective at the same time."

The RTA, established in 2004, oversees the \$2.1 billion RTA plan, which includes \$533 million for transit improvements. Since voters approved the plan in May 2006, transit improvements include expanded evening and weekend service, new neighborhood transit circulator service, new express bus service and a new bus storage and maintenance facility.

In January, the RTA announced a new regional branding commitment that capitalizes on the Sun Tran brand and includes Sun Van, Sun Express, Sun Shuttle and Sun Rideshare. The branding effort will include the use



of a "smart card" that can be used interchangeably among the transit services to pay fares.

These initial steps are paving the way for the RTA to move toward development of a regionally managed transit system, Hayes said.

"It's important that the population supports and trusts the entity that will build the system," Marsella stated via a video-taped message.

When it comes to developing a regional transit system, English said one of the critical components is governance and putting together a long-term plan that recognizes how the regional system will be built and be equitable over time. In the long run, everyone should get what they want, but the focus in the short-term may be in one area.

The panelists agreed that the time to pursue regional transit consolidation is now because it can lead to economies of scale, improved service, operating efficiencies and reduced costs.

In response to a question from the audience on the timing of pursuing regional transit consolidation, Snow said that transit development is a tremendous opportunity during a contracted economy. "People are looking for value and economic development opportunities and employment opportunities."

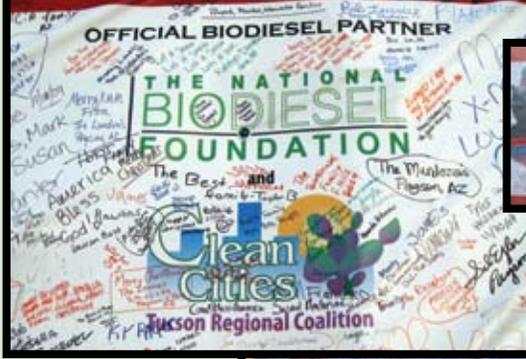
In fact, interest in transit development is growing. English said such interest is growing due to several global issues, including energy dependency, global warming, air quality, national security, congestion and the economy.

Since Utah has built up its transit system, 90 percent of the state's residents favor more transit, according to a poll taken earlier this year.

Ridership is growing in other areas across the country. Parker said a recent survey shows that Charlotte's transit ridership increased 47 percent between 2006 and 2008, the highest increase of ridership in the country.

Parker, who previously served as Director of Public Transit for the Charlotte (N.C.) Area Transit System (CATS), said that in the 1990s, when

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## Local sponsors help move Christmas tree from Arizona to Washington, D.C.

### Tree lighting to be aired on Dec. 18 and Dec. 20

Arizona Petroleum, Jim Click Automotive, Coulomb Technologies and Bookmans, all members of the Tucson Regional Clean Cities Coalition, provided support to help transport the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree from Arizona to Washington, D.C.

This year's Christmas tree was harvested from the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, headquartered in Springerville, Ariz., on Nov. 7 and was transported to D.C. on a Southwest Industrial Rigging truck fueled by biodiesel. The 85-foot blue spruce was presented to the U.S. Congress on Nov. 30.

Bookmans donated a Toyota Prius for the advance team to travel from Tucson to Washington, D.C. The other members each donated \$1,000 toward the effort.

"I'd like to thank our Coalition members for generously supporting this effort," said Colleen Crowninshield, Manager of the Clean Cities program which is housed at Pima Association of Governments. The lighting of the tree will be broadcast nationally for the first time on public television. In southern Arizona, Channel 6 on Arizona Public Media will air the 60-minute program at 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 18, and again at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20.

"This is a great undertaking, and one that Arizona should be proud of," said Tom Verry, Executive Director of the National Biodiesel Foundation. "We are happy that renewable, cleaner burning biodiesel will be part of our Capitol's Christmas tradition."

**Symposium** *from page one* the city was the 2nd fastest growing city in the country, community leaders recognized the need to get in front of the growth by supporting development of regional transit. In 1998, voters approved a sales tax to fund expanded transit services. Charlotte formed the Metropolitan Transit Commission and, in 2000, established CATS.

Parker said community leaders wanted to make transit a major component of how Charlotte would grow and engaged political leadership, businesses, neighborhood associations and others.

In recognition that a sound transportation plan is a core component of community development, Marsella said proactive cities that do things such as developing a regional transit system will be the great American cities of the future. "If you want to become a great city, you need to be a great region."

Since growth is inevitable and will place pressure on the regional transportation system, he said people need to ask themselves if they want to do something about it now or wait for congestion to arrive and deal with it after the fact.

"Deal with it up front," he recommended.



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## Member Profile



**Name:** Stephen W. "Steve" Christy

**Title:** Board member – ADOT State Transportation Board

**Represents:** District 2 – Pima County

**Served in this capacity since:** September 2009

**Professional background:** New car dealer

**Civic involvement:** Rotary, Tucson Airport Authority, Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, Southern Arizona Leadership Council, RTA Citizen Advisory Committee

**Region's most pressing issue in your opinion:** Unemployment

**Region's best opportunity for economic success:**

Supporting businesses in regulation and tax reductions.

**What do you like best about what is currently happening at the regional level?**

The cooperation among municipalities, communities, stakeholders, local government to secure economic success.

**What's your No. 1 priority in your current role?**

To champion road projects that will benefit our region and state.

## REGIONAL Outlook December 2009

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jurisdictions and a greater understanding of regionally significant activities, resources and services. PAG invites submissions about items of interest. Please send your submissions to [sstorm@PAGnet.org](mailto:sstorm@PAGnet.org).



## Sun Tran operates out of new bus storage, maintenance facility near Prince and I-10

Sun Tran's new bus storage and maintenance facility, partially funded with dollars from the Regional Transportation Authority, opened in mid-November at 3920 N. Sun Tran Blvd., just east of the intersection of Prince Road and Interstate 10.

This project was designed and constructed in three phases. Phase I, \$8 million funded by the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) and 1994 City of Tucson bonds, included the completion of Sun Tran Boulevard and the fueling facility in October 2005. Phase II involved building the maintenance and operations buildings capable of operating up to 150 buses with funding of \$32 million provided by the RTA and FTA.

Phase II includes a state-of-the-art facility with 17 bus bays to repair and maintain the fleet, a fare retrieval area, bus wash and dispatch center.

The building complex is the City of Tucson's first "green" transit facility built to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) specifications.

LEED is an internationally recognized green building certification system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

LEED focuses on using less water, energy and resources, while creating less waste throughout the construction process.

In 2006, the City of Tucson's Mayor and Council adopted LEED Silver standards for all new City-owned buildings and renovations over 5,000 square feet. Sun Tran's Northwest Facility is LEED Silver registered, which is only the third City-owned facility to be completed using the USGBC specifications for green building.

Specifically, this facility features solar panels for power generation, the use of natural lighting to save energy, the use of reclaimed water and water efficient features to reduce water consumption, and a comfortable state-of-the-art work space for employees.

When fully built, Sun Tran's new Northwest Facility will have the capacity to operate and maintain 250 buses. The current Park Avenue facility, only designed for 150 buses, had maintained 230 buses in the fleet. Sun Tran now operates out of both facilities and will do so until the Northwest Facility's 25 acres are fully built in mid-2011.

Phase III, currently being designed, will expand the maintenance building and construct an administration building for regional transit operations with \$16 million in funding from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulus funds. Construction is scheduled to begin in mid-2010.



Todd Emery, ADOT Tucson District Engineer

## ADOT announces new Tucson District Engineer

The Arizona Department of Transportation named Todd Emery as the new Tucson District Engineer. He will be responsible for all construction, maintenance and operational programs in the Tucson District.

For the past two years, Emery was Tucson District Maintenance Engineer. Prior to that, Emery spent five years with the Federal Highway Administration overseeing and monitoring various projects, transportation program reviews and environmental assessments. In 2001, he spent a year as an engineering intern with ADOT while attending the University of Arizona.

Emery graduated from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. He is a registered Professional Civil Engineer licensed in Arizona and Utah.

## Marana receives three awards for collaborative efforts

The Town of Marana won three Common Ground Awards at a ceremony Oct. 16 at Reid Park Zoo. Common Ground Awards annually are given by the Metropolitan Pima Alliance to celebrate collaboration in the community.

The Town's awards were for its Strategic Plan (public policy), Thornydale Road improvements (public works) and Yuma Wash Heritage and Silverbell Road project (archaeology and historic preservation).

"We believe in the value of partnerships," said Town Manager Gilbert Davidson. "We work with our neighbors and members of the private sector to benefit everyone who lives in, does business in or visits Marana."

The Strategic Plan, which serves as a comprehensive document that identifies Marana's vision for its future, was reviewed by the public at more than a dozen community forums. The Thornydale Road project greatly improved traffic flow, public safety and business access between Orange Grove Road and the CDO Wash. The Town preserved vital Native American artifacts while improving an important roadway during the Yuma Wash/Silverbell Road project.

Marana won three of the nine awards given at the ceremony. Seventy projects were submitted by various entities in Pima County for consideration and 26 finalists were chosen from that group.

The Town also was a partner in the winner from the events category, "Crafting Tomorrow's Built Environment: A Community Conversation on Regional Land Use."

The Metropolitan Pima Alliance is an alliance of business, government and non-profit organizations in Pima County. Common Ground Awards were established in 2005.

## Oracle Road widening nearly complete; asphalt work starts in spring 2010

The Arizona Department of Transportation is 99 percent finished with the \$19.5 million Oracle Road (State Route 77) widening project from Tangerine Road to Calle Concordia in Tucson.

The project closed down last month for the winter because of weather considerations. ADOT will finish rubberized paving on the 4.4-mile construction zone next spring. No roadway construction or impacts on businesses are expected to occur during the holiday season.

Paving with rubberized asphalt is guided by temperature — air must be between 85 to 95 degrees Fahrenheit for the material to mix and adhere to the surface properly. In Arizona, the months during which rubberized paving can be performed are April, May, September and October.

An unscheduled milling and paving from Tangerine Road to Pusch View Lane was added to the project, which pushed back the original timetable for the rubberized paving.

Work that has been completed includes an additional travel lane in each direction, new traffic signals, 10-foot wide shoulders, improved medians and left- and right-turn lanes, and new retaining walls and a sound wall over the Cañada del Oro with cattle brand artwork from the original ranches that make up Oro Valley today.

The project design began in October 2004, and public and small-group meetings to gather input from businesses and homeowners followed in 2005 and 2006. Hunter Contracting was awarded the project and began construction in May 14, 2008. Some 75 businesses were within the project corridor when roadwork began, and now the area has grown to accommodate more than 250 businesses.

## Cienega Creek in Long-term drought



Cienega Creek is in the middle of a long-term drought, based on hydrologic monitoring conducted by Pima Association of Governments during the past 20 years. Due to the lack of precipitation this summer, the drought has worsened to an acute stage.

Pima County and the State of Arizona rely on PAG's data to determine drought status for the region's watershed. Over the years, the Pima County Regional Flood Control District has provided

continuous support for PAG's monitoring program, in recognition that this unique perennial stream, with its pristine native riparian habitat, is a critical resource in southern Arizona.

Portions of both Cienega Creek and its tributary, Davidson Canyon, are protected through their designation as Outstanding Arizona Waters by the State.

Typically representative of other parts of the region, Cienega Creek experienced less than half the average precipitation during the 2009 monsoon according to rain gauge readings.

PAG's groundwater level data reveal that drought impacts have been noticeable since 2002 (approximately 5 feet lower than average), but they were even lower this September with a 14-foot drop in one year.

In addition, surface flows greatly decreased this year. Within the Pima County Cienega Natural Preserve, flow extent was reduced to less than two miles in September, whereas it generally exhibited nine miles of flow extent during pre-drought years.

Cienega Creek is an intermittent stream, where some segments flow year round, but others are often dry or flow seasonally. Generally, flow is most extensive during September, whereas more of the creekbed is dry during June months.

Based on records dating back to 1975, September 2009 flows were less extensive than any previous record during the month of September and even when compared with previous June monthly flows.

Similarly impacted by the drought, the volume of water flowing at Marsh Station Bridge in September was approximately 10 percent of the quantity found in pre-drought years.

Decreased streamflows and groundwater levels have direct implications for the region's water resources, especially because groundwater aquifers are primarily replenished through mountain front and stream recharge. In addition, since Cienega Creek supports a rare riparian habitat and is an active wildlife corridor, species found in the stream or migrating wildlife are affected by the drought.

## PAG's stormwater program recognized nationally

Pima Association of Governments' annual stormwater outreach program, conducted in conjunction with its member jurisdictions, received a first place award at the 2009 National Association of Flood and Stormwater Agencies' conference.

The "Excellence in Communication Award" was in the "Improvement in Water Quality" category.

Since PAG is not a NAFSMA member, PAG coordinated with the Town of Oro Valley to submit the outreach program, which promotes stormwater pollution prevention. On Oct. 22, 2009, the Town accepted the trophy on behalf of PAG. The television ad featuring the slogan "Clean Water Starts with Me" was highlighted and played during the awards presentation. The ad, as well as a new brochure, billboard displays, and movie theater advertisements formed the core of the 2009 outreach effort.

By collaborating in this joint effort through PAG's Stormwater Management Working Group, each jurisdiction saves time and money, and the region benefits by having consistent messaging throughout the greater Tucson region.

NAFSMA represents more than 100 public agencies that conduct stormwater and flood management activities. The City of Tucson and Town of Oro Valley are members.



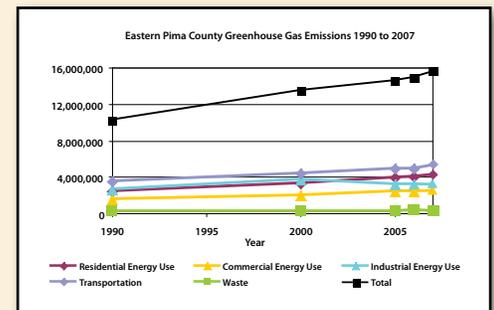
Malini Banerjee, PAG Senior Watershed Planner

## Data updated in greenhouse gas inventory

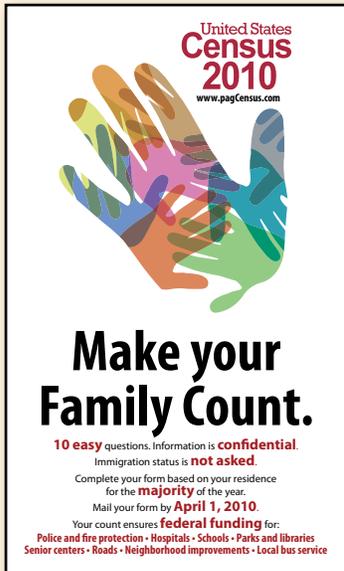
PAG's Air Quality Planning staff recently updated the initial Regional Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Inventory released in 2008. This addendum includes eastern Pima County and City of Tucson 2007 community data, revised computer modeling and Central Arizona Project energy-related emissions.

County GHG emissions continued their upward ascent, increasing by 55 percent from 1990 to 2007. Most of this increase can be attributed to the 50 percent rise in County population over this same period. Energy use by the various economic sectors and transportation continued to generate the largest share of GHG emissions. In 2007, combined residential, commercial and industrial energy uses represented 63 percent of total emissions, with electricity use being the predominant source of these emissions. On-road vehicle travel contributed 35 percent to the 2007 total County emissions with personal and commercial vehicle use producing 99 percent of all transportation emissions.

The 2009 GHG EI Addendum and associated Appendices are available at: <http://www.pagnet.org/Programs/EnvironmentalPlanning/Air/tabid/179/Default.aspx>



## Census 2010: Make Your Family Count



The regionally coordinated public outreach effort led by PAG's Census 2010 Complete Count Committee will use the slogan in English and Spanish, "Make Your Family Count."

A flier/poster using the slogan is available at [www.pagCensus.com](http://www.pagCensus.com) for anyone to download and post at their jurisdiction office, organization or business.

The public outreach efforts will include a media campaign, census promotion at community and organization events this month and early into 2010, Census article submissions for employer newsletters, census education in the schools, a major census promotional event and a speakers' bureau.

The census is conducted every 10 years and public outreach is targeted to the hard-to-count populations, including the homeless, low-income residents and non-English speaking residents. Immigration status is not questioned.

The U.S. Census Bureau will send a 10-question form to all residents in February or March of 2010 and everyone who receives a form is asked to fill it out and return it by mail by April 1, 2010. The form is easy to fill out and the information remains confidential with the bureau.

The data is used to determine how federal funds are distributed to states and regions. For every person counted, the region receives approximately \$1,000. A family of four that is counted will bring nearly \$40,000 to the region over a 10-year period. The funding is used

to help pay for such things as books at libraries, road improvement projects and family services, including health care.

If you have questions about the Census public outreach process, please contact Robert Done or Sheila Storm at (520) 792-1093. Visit [www.pagCensus.com](http://www.pagCensus.com) for ongoing updates.

## 2009 bike count tracks 98 locations

Volunteers assisted Pima Association of Governments for its 2nd Annual Regional Bicycle Count in Tucson held on Oct. 27-29. The count helps the region to better understand the trends in cycling, the behavior of cyclists, and to identify locations needing improvements.

This year, over 100 staff and volunteers counted bicyclists at 98 locations. A big thanks goes to all those who helped during the count week.

During the 2008 count, there were over 8,000 cyclists at 50 locations. Detailed information about this year's count will be available early next year.

During the count, PAG collects different attributes (gender, approximate age, helmet use, etc.).



## Sun Rideshare announces monthly Commuter Contest

Sun Rideshare, a program of Pima Association of Governments, started a monthly Commuter Contest in November. Over the next 12 months, Pima County commuters will have a chance to win a variety of prizes by "greening" their commute to work.

Each month, the prizes and the rules change so everyone will have a chance to play and win. The promotion is running for a year to reinforce the use of alternative modes of transportation over a long time period, keep the community engaged with different ways to play and win, and support as many Travel Reduction Program companies as possible.

During the promotion, PAG will buy all the contest prizes from TRP employers. "We know many TRP employers are suffering with the economic downturn, so PAG and Sun Rideshare want to help stimulate the local economy and thank the TRP companies for their dedication to reducing pollution and congestion," said Ruth Reiman, Manager of PAG's Travel Demand Management program.

Commuters who become a fan of Sun Rideshare on Facebook will get a sneak preview of the new contest each month. Pima County residents can visit [884ride.org](http://884ride.org) for more information or call 884-RIDE.

### November Winners



Ginger Fryer,  
Tucson Orthopedic Institute



Sarah Titone,  
First Scripts Network Services



Look for project status information under RTA Plan at RTAmobility.com



As part of the Twin Peaks interchange project, partially funded by the RTA, the Town of Marana and ADOT, 60 concrete bridge girders were delivered in early September for the bridge going over the Santa Cruz River. Each girder is 120 feet long.



## PAG coordinates regional cleanup event along Houghton corridor

More than 40 people participated in a litter cleanup on Nov. 6 along the Houghton Road corridor, between Golf Links and Drexel, and collected more than 100 bags of trash.

The event is the 4th regional cleanup coordinated by Pima Association of Governments.

The public-private effort is a partnership involving PAG, Tucson Regional Economic Opportunities, Southern Arizona Leadership Council and Tucson Clean and Beautiful. The cleanup also included PAG's member jurisdictions.

The cleanup events are designed to help improve the aesthetics of the region's main corridors to provide a positive first impression to visitors and residents alike. Private sector businesses are invited to participate in regular cleanup activities through Tucson Clean and Beautiful and to maintain landscaping on their own property along major corridors.

Tucson Clean and Beautiful, a nonprofit community-based organization, runs the Adopt-a-Street program. For more information about adopting a corridor for clean up, please call (520) 791-3109 or visit [www.tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org](http://www.tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org). The Web site includes information about other cleanup programs available through the various jurisdictions.



## Construction under way on Sahuarita Road

Sahuarita Road improvements began Sept. 8 and this was the fourth RTA roadway project to begin construction.

"The Sahuarita Road Improvements project will transform the appearance and mobility of the Town. Residents, stakeholders, Town officials and staff have put a lot of work into the road design and plan and I am excited to see that design and planning work coming to life," said Sahuarita Mayor Lynne Skelton.

Other completed / implemented RTA improvements in the Sahuarita area include:

- New Sun Shuttle neighborhood transit service that connects residents to the main Sun Tran system and provides access to local destinations, such as medical, school and recreational facilities
- Intersection improvements at La Canada/Duval Mine, Duval Mine/Alpha Avenue
- Safety improvements including battery backups on all of Sahuarita's traffic signals, a crossing flasher for Great Expectations School and speed monitoring equipment on Nogales Highway
- Bicycle lanes on Old Nogales Highway and pedestrian improvements along Santo Tomas

The RTA is the major funding source for the project. Other funding sources include the Town of Sahuarita, Sahuarita Unified School District and the Arizona Department of Commerce. Southern Arizona Paving is the project's construction contractor.

Additional project information may be found on the Town's Sahuarita Road Web site at <http://www.sahuaritaroad.com>, which has construction updates and traffic information for residents and stakeholders.



## Road widening begins on Camino de Mañana

Construction on Camino de Mañana, one of the Regional Transportation Authority's 35 major roadway projects, got under way in late August in the Town of Marana.

The prime contractor for the \$35 million project is Borderland Construction Company Inc. Once completed, the 3.3-mile roadway will be a four-lane median divided roadway that connects the Dove Mountain area to the new Twin Peaks interchange at Interstate 10. The Twin Peaks interchange is also a RTA roadway improvement project.

The project team is working with area residents, school officials, and emergency personnel to accommodate their travel needs during the construction period. Construction alerts will be issued prior to any closures or major impacts.

For more information on this project or to be placed on the construction alert notification e-mail list, please contact Kimberly Gale at (877) 394-8245 or Kimberly@kaneenpr.com.

## Sun Shuttle service expands reach, restructures fares

The Regional Transportation Authority's Sun Shuttle neighborhood transit service continues to expand.

Launched in May 2009 to serve Marana, Oro Valley, Sahuarita and Green Valley, four routes formerly provided by Pima County Rural Transit began operating Nov. 2 under the Sun Shuttle brand.

New Sun Shuttle schedule brochures are available at various locations in each of the communities and is available online at [www.suntran.com](http://www.suntran.com).

The brochures offer detailed route and schedule information effective Nov. 9 through Feb. 13. The brochures contain information on the new



fare structure for all Sun Shuttle routes effective Nov. 2, including a reduced fare option for qualified passengers.

Marana now has four routes, including the new Route 410 serving Anway/Trico and Route 413 serving Marana along I-10. Route 430 serving Tucson Estates and Route 440 serving San Xavier are also new transit options for Sun Shuttle passengers.

Sun Shuttle now offers reduced fares for seniors, Medicare cardholders, disabled and low-income individuals. Full fare one-way cash fares remain unchanged at \$1.25 for regular service and \$2.50 for deviated service.

Qualified low-income passengers with the proper identification are eligible for the \$.40 regular fare and \$.80 for deviated service. Seniors 65 years and older, persons with disabilities and Medicare cardholders are also eligible for the \$.40 regular service fare, but must pay the full fare deviated service price of \$2.50.

To be eligible for the low-income fare, passengers must obtain a Sun Tran Transit ID from the City of Tucson Special Services Office, 35 West Alameda, Tucson, 791-4100. Deviated service passengers must obtain a valid ADA Paratransit Eligibility ID from the City of Tucson's ADA Eligibility Office, 791-5409.

Additional information is available by calling the Customer Service Center at (520) 792-9222 [for individuals with TDD equipment, call (520) 628-1565]. Except on major holidays, the Customer Service Center is open weekdays from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## RTA unveils new Web site for regional plan information

The Regional Transportation Authority has redesigned its Web site, available at [www.RTAmobility.com](http://www.RTAmobility.com). The new site has more entry points for the public and jurisdictions to access RTA project and event information.

The functionality of the new site allows for faster updates and easier access to RTA-related project news from each of the RTA member jurisdictions. The site contains meeting information for the RTA Board, RTA committees and other RTA events.

The RTA plan, which was approved by Pima County voters in May 2006 along with a half-cent sales tax to fund the plan, has roadway, transit, safety and environmental and economic vitality elements. The projects are primarily managed by RTA-member jurisdictions.

