



Regional Transportation Authority

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MEMO

Date: Aug. 8, 2022

To: RTA Board

From: Farhad Moghimi, RTA Executive Director

Cc: RTA Technical Management Committee
RTA Citizens Advisory Committee

Re: RTA Next milestones – A regional consensus-building process

Although the process to develop the RTA Next plan has been in place for a while, we are still in the early stages of plan development. Recently, we have been focused on orienting the new committee members on the RTA Citizens Advisory Committee and RTA Technical Management Committee while embarking on the work with which the board has tasked both committees in regard to plan development.

It's natural at this stage for everyone to have a lot of questions and diverse perspectives. Part of the process is to seek more information to understand and respect what others are bringing to the table.

We are at a point where the collaborative process really begins to take shape. Since we all have a stake in the outcome, I appreciate everyone's patience to move toward this key intersection of working together to ultimately support a new plan for voter consideration.

Consensus lies ahead of us, and it will take ongoing effort on the part of the RTA Board, the TMC and the CAC to reach that point of agreement.

The important thing to remember is our overarching plan development goal: to prepare a plan and RTA tax that the majority of Pima County voters will support – a new multibillion dollar regional transportation plan with a slate of new projects as well as "carryover" projects from the current, voter-approved plan to continue project delivery.

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The iterative process will guide project selection. The overall process is fluid and allows for flexibility to make adjustments along the way. A collaborative effort will recognize the different needs that must be addressed across the region, while still delivering a well-balanced plan, one that virtually provides something for everyone.

I encourage everyone to be responsive during this next cycle in the plan development process and respect the input, perspectives or opinions of everyone involved as we collectively work to meet important deadlines.

RTA staff is prepared to facilitate the process, as guided by the RTA Board, to work toward a successful outcome – not only for the RTA as an entity, but for the entire region.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment toward achieving another historic effort that will improve the quality of life in our region.

Below are RTA Next plan development milestones to align with the RTA Board's June 2, 2022, direction.

- **By Oct. 27, 2022** – RTA Board will review and confirm revenue updates, establish a fiscally constrained budget and provide direction on current RTA plan carryover projects
- **Oct. 27, 2022** – RTA Board approves budget for RTA Next and assigns percentages for main plan elements
- **By November 2022** – CAC will identify a list of named corridor projects with technical support from TMC
- **Dec. 8, 2022** – RTA Board to approve list of projects to analyze further for inclusion in the draft plan and will provide final direction on plan elements/subelements to be considered in the draft plan being prepared by the CAC
- **By March 2023** – RTA will develop final cost estimates for all the named projects
- **By May 2023** – RTA Board will finalize all policy considerations needed to complete the initial draft plan (e.g., set plan implementation periods, confirm financing sources)
- **By May 2023** – CAC fine tunes draft plan (elements/subelements, including carryover projects, new projects to match the budget as provided by the RTA Board)
- **By July 1, 2023** – CAC/TMC draft plan review and CAC recommendation of the initial draft plan
- **By August 2023** – RTA Board reviews and approves draft plan for public review
- **August through October 2023**– Public review of the draft plan and feedback
- **October to December 2023** – Final plan revisions based on public feedback, establishment of the election date and RTA Board approval for voter consideration