

**Citizens Advisory Committee's
Regional Framework
for RTA Plan Development
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The Regional Transportation Authority's Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is responsible to work in tandem with the RTA Technical Management Committee to develop a well-balanced regional transportation plan that meets the needs and expectations of all the communities served by the RTA's taxing district located within Pima County. Having a well-defined plan is important and allows for accountability long after the plan is established.

Following a discussion at the prior CAC meeting on what it will take to develop a plan that will be publicly supported, the following guiding principles to be considered for development of a regional transportation plan were drafted based on feedback from CAC members.

A future RTA plan:

- should prioritize regionally significant transportation needs and focus on regional projects
- should include an implementation timeline and identify specific projects
- should identify an implementation budget that matches projected excise tax revenues and local funding commitments
- must enhance the regional transportation system's overall efficiency and contribute to mobility, accessibility, safety, economic vitality and sustainability in the region
- should consider future land use, travel patterns, mode choices and technological advances
- must spell out future maintenance funding commitments secured from each responsible jurisdiction in the taxing district prior to plan approval

Additionally, the following transportation goals have been discussed as possible priorities in a well-balanced RTA plan:

- reduce congestion
- provide efficient crosstown mobility
- improve transit ridership
- reduce crashes at intersections
- reduce wildlife-related crashes
- improve the conditions of existing roadways
- provide safer bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- maintain or improve air quality
- improve access to workplaces
- add functionality to key corridors