

## 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 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 updated based on feedback from CAC members.

A future RTA plan will prioritize:

- improving the performance of the regional network, and will prioritize regionally impactful projects, and focus on regional needs and goals
- identifying an implementation budget based on projected excise tax revenues, local funding commitments, and other funding sources including maintenance funding commitments secured from each responsible jurisdiction in the RTA taxing district prior to plan approval
- enhancing safety and the regional transportation system's overall ability to improve mobility, accessibility, livability, and economic and cultural vitality
- providing equitable services and equitable growth by making investments in historically underserved and disinvested areas and populations
- addressing the impacts of climate change and enhancing the region's environmental sustainability and resilience
- addressing future land use, travel patterns, mode choices and technological advances
- including an implementation timeline, identifying specific projects and categorical elements, and a process to reasonably respond to changing circumstances, conditions, new knowledge, and information over the life of the plan

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

- manage and reduce congestion by using strategies and tools such as travel demand management and intelligent transportation systems
- provide safe, reliable, healthy, and efficient regional mobility
- improve transit ridership
- reduce crashes among vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, and others
- reduce wildlife-related crashes and provide wildlife connectivity
- improve the conditions of existing infrastructure for all transportation modes
- provide safer, more connected bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and enhance health through active transportation options
- improve quality of air, water and wildlife habitat, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled
- improve multimodal performance and access to key destinations including, but not limited to, activity centers, workplaces, medical care, educational facilities, and grocery stores
- add multimodal functionality to key corridors