



# TIP Transportation Improvement Program

A short-term capital improvement program for priority transportation projects in the greater Tucson region.

## TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Pima Association of Governments (PAG), a federally designated metropolitan planning organization in Pima County, fulfills requirements to receive federal transportation dollars for the region and facilitates discussion and action on regional issues, including transportation, air quality management, water quality and solid waste.

Every four years, the Federal Highway Administration requires PAG to update a long-range transportation plan and a Transportation Improvement Program, or TIP. PAG's long-range plan is called the Regional Mobility and Accessibility Plan, or RMAP. Projects shown in the TIP must align with projects identified in the RMAP.

The capital improvement program includes transportation projects and programs and identifies regional priorities for all transportation modes. This includes national, state and local roadways, and transit, aviation, bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

PAG does not design or build projects identified in the TIP. Projects are designed and constructed by PAG members. Members include Pima County and the towns, cities and tribes in the county and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). PAG is governed by a Regional Council, which consists of the chief elected official of the governing bodies of Pima County, City of South Tucson, City of Tucson, Town of Marana, Town of Oro Valley, Town of Sahuarita, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, the Tohono O'odham Nation and the governor-appointed Pima County representative serving on the Arizona State Transportation Board.

### KEY OBJECTIVES OF TIP DEVELOPMENT ARE TO:

- Develop the TIP cooperatively with state, Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) and PAG regional partners
- Make optimal use of limited resources to meet regional transportation needs
- Identify regional priorities and deliver projects
- Maintain consistency with PAG's federally mandated, long-range Regional Mobility and Accessibility Plan
- Assess potential impacts, including traffic congestion and air quality
- Provide an opportunity for public input

### HOW IS THE TIP PREPARED?

- Local, regional and state governments and public transportation providers propose projects with public input.
- Funding or project schedule adjustments are made as necessary and based on five-year projections of estimated funding, project readiness and other factors.
- New projects may be introduced if funding is available and projects are consistent with PAG's RMAP.
- A draft TIP is analyzed for air quality and other regional impacts. Proposed adjustments are made to the TIP, including the project list, as needed by PAG committees.
- After stakeholder and public review, committee recommendations are considered by PAG's Regional Council for a final decision.
- By law, the newly adopted TIP is incorporated directly, as is, into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).



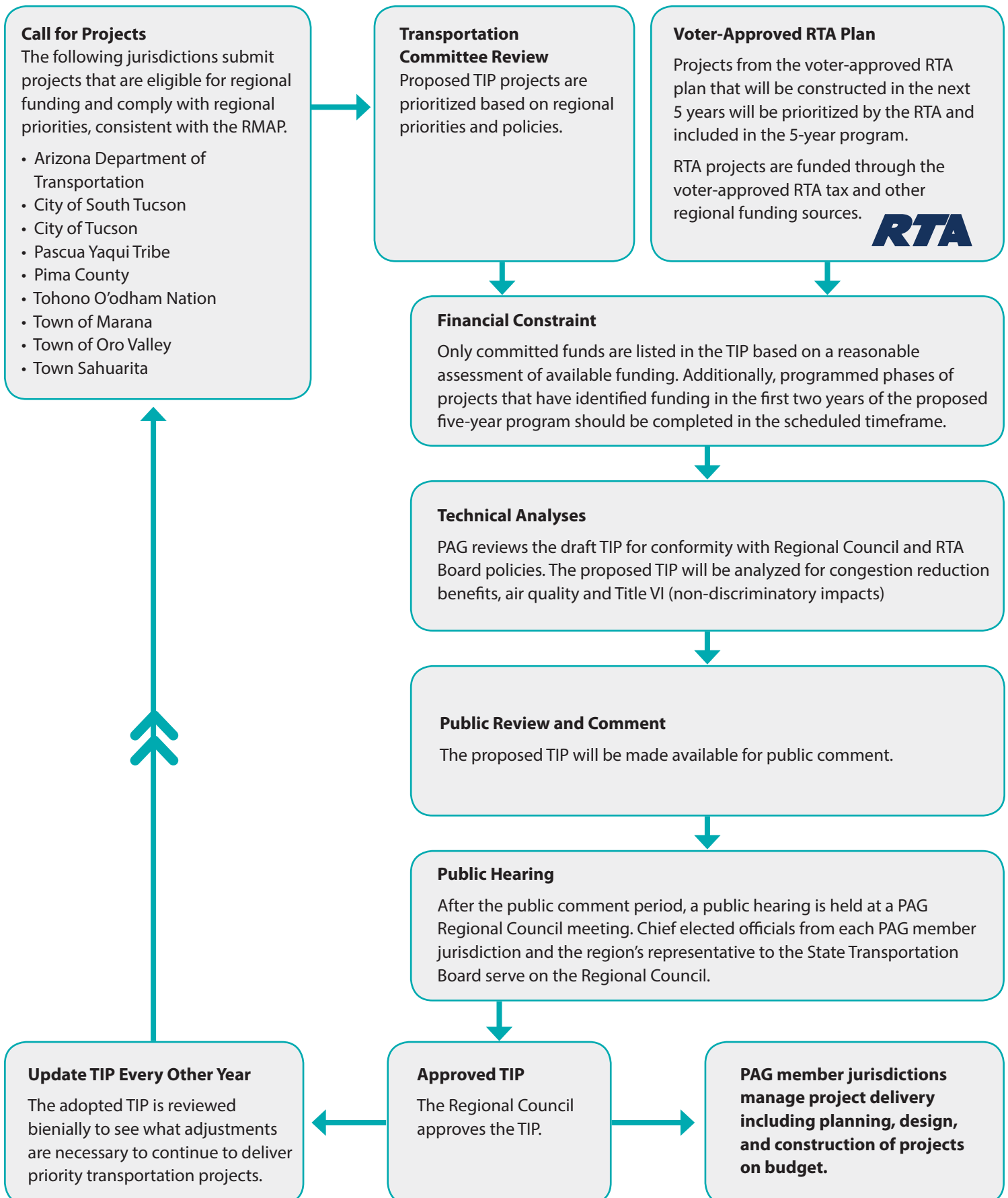
**Identifying regional priorities for all transportation modes including national, state and local roadways, and transit, aviation, bicycle and pedestrian facilities**

**A representative from each member jurisdiction and other regional transportation stakeholders serve on a subcommittee established to review and develop the TIP.**

- ADOT Multimodal Planning and/or Southcentral District
- City of South Tucson
- City of Tucson
- Pascua Yaqui Tribe
- Pima County
- Tohono O'odham Nation
- Town of Marana
- Town of Oro Valley
- Town of Sahuarita
- Tohono O'odham Nation – San Xavier District
- Tucson Airport Authority
- University of Arizona

# TIP DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

## (5-year capital improvement program)





## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### ***Q. What is the connection between the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Regional Mobility and Accessibility Plan (RMAP) and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) plan?***

The TIP is a federally mandated capital-improvement program that shows the region's funding commitments to transportation projects. The RMAP is a federally mandated long-range transportation plan. Projects and programs in the TIP must be consistent with the projects and programs identified in the RMAP. The \$2.1 billion, 20-year RTA plan approved by Pima County voters on May 16, 2006, is funded by a voter-approved half-cent RTA excise tax. The RMAP and TIP identify RTA-funded projects. As part of the biennial TIP development process, RTA tax funding is not subject to any adjustment since those dollars are designated by state statute to be used only for RTA voter-approved projects.

### ***Q. Why are certain projects not included in the TIP?***

- Each jurisdiction uses its own capital improvement program process to decide which projects to propose for the five-year program.
- Federal regulations state that projects receiving funding through the TIP must be consistent with the RMAP.
- Local projects funded with local sources are not required to be listed in the TIP.

### ***Q. How can I get involved?***

- Visit the PAG website calendar at [PAGregion.com](http://PAGregion.com) for meeting information to attend PAG transportation-related committee meetings, which are open to the public.
- Attend the TIP Open House to provide public input and discuss proposed programs with members of the TIP Subcommittee or local transportation departments.
- A 30-day public comment period precedes adoption of the TIP by PAG's Regional Council. The draft TIP will be available online for review. Submit comments through the PAG website at [PAGregion.com](http://PAGregion.com).



**For more information about the TIP or transportation planning,  
visit [PAGregion.com](http://PAGregion.com) or contact your local jurisdiction.**

