

Transportation Open House

FY 2025-FY 2029 Transportation Improvement Program

March 19, 2024



Pima Association of Governments



Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. RTA Next Overview
3. TIP Presentation
4. Q&A



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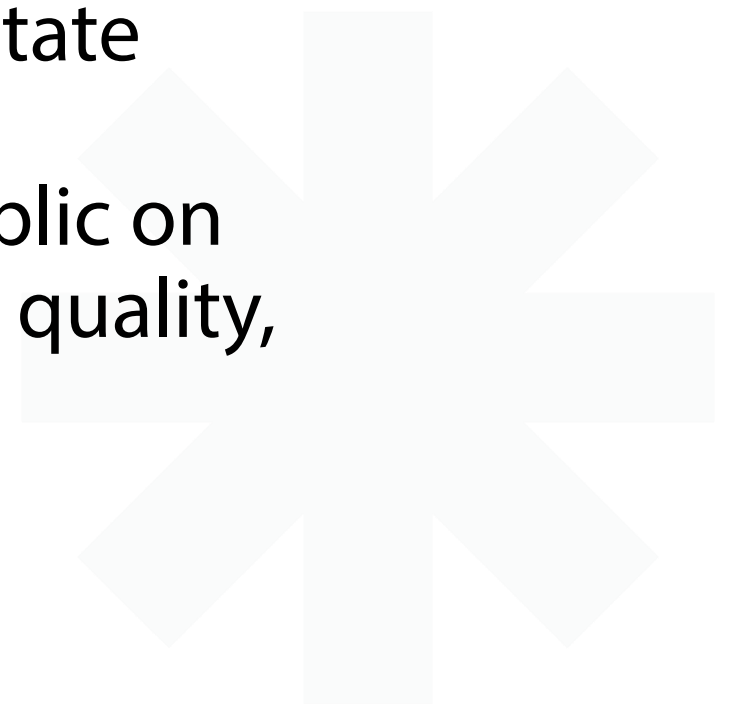
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>> What is PAG?



Pima Association of Governments is a metropolitan planning organization for the greater Tucson region and an association of local, state and tribal governments that works to build consensus among its members and the public on regional planning for transportation, water quality, air quality and economic vitality.



»» PAG's mission

To address regional issues through cooperative efforts and pooled resources, and to provide accurate, relevant data that leads to effective regional planning decisions



>> What is the RTA?



The Regional Transportation Authority is a political subdivision managed by PAG through a memorandum of understanding.

It is the fiscal manager of a \$2.1 billion, 20-year regional transportation plan approved by voters in 2006 along with a half-cent excise tax to fund the plan.

»» Who governs PAG and the RTA?

PAG and the RTA are governed by a nine-member Regional Council/RTA Board. These governing bodies include the chief elected official or appointed official from each member jurisdiction and the governor-appointed Pima County representative from the Arizona State Transportation Board.





Investing in transportation to meet your needs

IT'S YOUR PLAN



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Presented by Amanda Bruno | Community Affairs Administrator



Working together to benefit the region

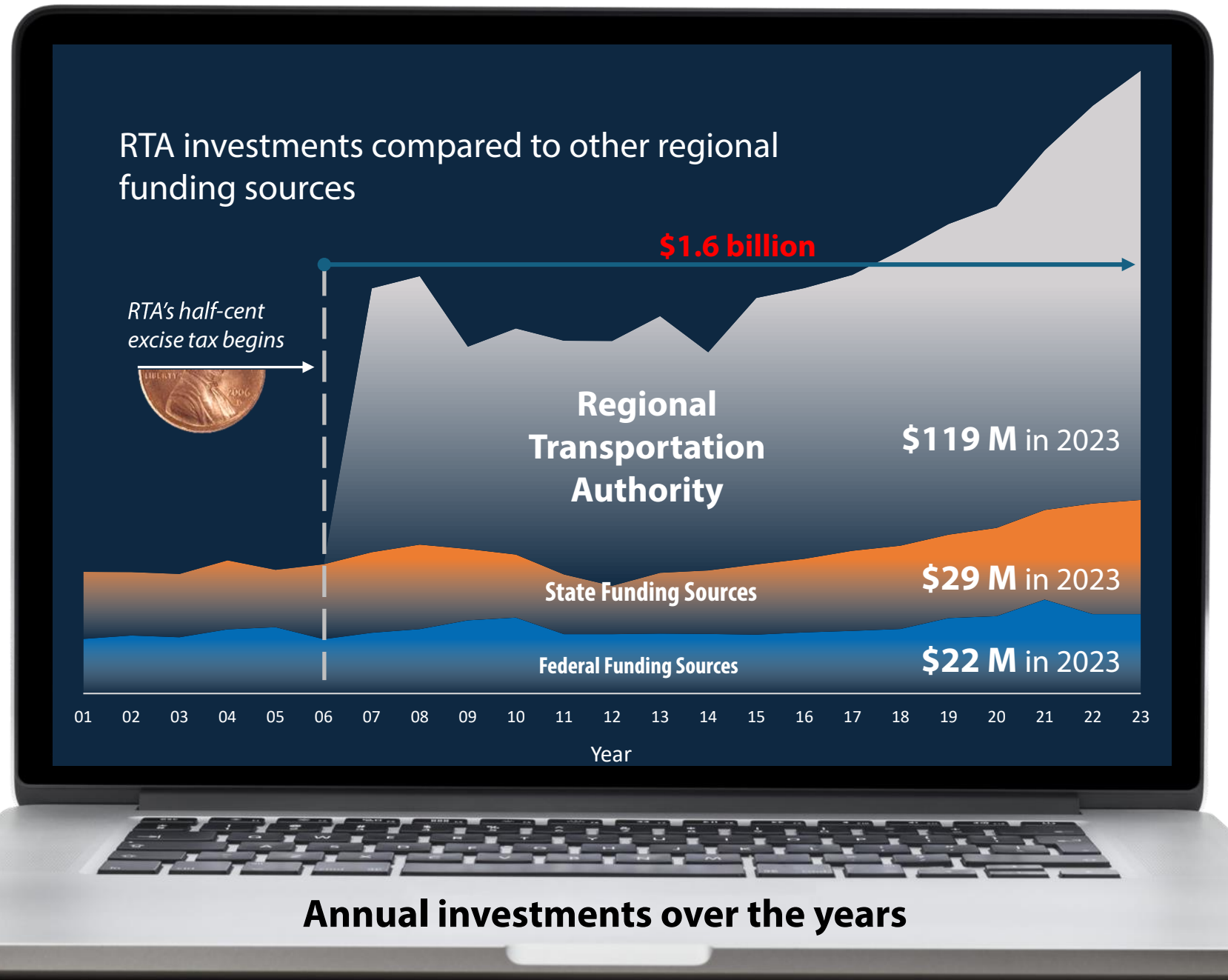


- The Regional Transportation Authority's draft plan will offer **regional** transportation improvements to benefit all communities regionwide.
- The RTA half-cent sales **tax extension** will be collected regionwide for transportation projects to benefit all network users. **No new tax/cost to you!**
- **Driven by public input** from across the region, plan development is overseen by the RTA Board, representing RTA partner governments.

The RTA is the **single largest funder of regional transportation projects** annually to supplement limited federal and state dollars.

This means more funding to complete needed projects or enhancements that provide a reliable and efficient transportation network to support a vibrant economy for all.

TAX EXTENSION MEANS NO TAX INCREASE



Annual investments over the years

Why do we need a new plan?

- The RTA -- a state-established regional taxing district within the boundaries of Pima County -- developed its first plan for voter consideration in 2006.
- The 20-year, voter-approved plan and half-cent sales tax to fund it expire at the end of June 2026 or until new initiatives are passed.
- **To keep up with growing demands**, the RTA seeks to continue investing in the region's economic vitality by improving regional infrastructure that:
 - reduces congestion
 - enhances multimodal options
 - improves regional mobility and safety



Expected plan deliverables

The Regional Transportation Authority seeks to invest \$2.34 billion in regional transportation plan improvements over a 20-year period (2026-2046) to give you:

- Mobility Choices
- Connectivity
- Affordability and Accessibility
- Convenience and Safety
- Economic Vitality and Livability



RTA next WORKING DRAFT FRAMEWORK

I. Roadway (multimodal) Corridor Element
 \$1.45 billion in RTA funding, including \$1.12 billion for new projects and \$0.1 billion for contingencies

Corridor Element	RTA Project Dollars* (000s)	Non-RTA Dollars (000s)†	Construction Start Period
1. Colossal Cave Road: I-10 to Mary Ann Cleveland Way/Camino Loma Alta Widen to a 4-lane divided roadway including bicycle and pedestrian improvements	\$57,215	\$3,069	Period
2. Drexel Road: Cardinal Avenue to Mission Road Widen to a 4-lane divided roadway including bicycle, pedestrian and transit improvements	\$9,161	-	Period
3. La Villita Road: Sahuarita Road to Nogales Highway Improvements to existing roadway including bicycle, pedestrian, and a roundabout	\$13,985	-	Period
4. Lambert Lane: Thornydale Road to Rancho Sonora Drive Widen to a 4-lane roadway with new sidewalks, bike lanes and multi-use paths, and drainage improvements	\$38,208	-	Period
5. Shannon Road: Club Drive to Tangerine Road including Naranja Drive roadway with new sidewalks, drainage facilities, and traffic signals	\$42,304	\$25,800	Period
6. Ridge High School Highway Widen to a 4-lane roadway, including multi-use paths, drainage improvements, and traffic interchange	\$90,000	-	Period
7. State Route 210: Palo Verde Road to ... Extension of State Route 210 to I-10 (Stage 2)	\$18,000	-	Period
14. State Route 210: Palo Verde Road to ... Extension of State Route 210 to I-10 (Stage 2)	\$36,000	-	Period
15. State Route 210: Ajo Way to I-10 (Milepost 6.16 to Milepost 7.31) Extension of State Route 210 to I-10 (Stage 3)	\$14,078	-	Period
16. State Route 210: Ajo Highway to Mission Road Add 2 new roadway lanes, including bicycle, pedestrian, landscaping and intersection improvements	\$73,609	\$52,941	Period
17. Irvington Road: La Cholla Boulevard to Oracle Road Widen to a 4-lane roadway, including bicycle, pedestrian, drainage and landscaping improvements	\$51,936	\$36,936	Period
18. Orange Grove Road: La Cholla Boulevard to Oracle Road Widen to a 4-lane roadway, including bicycle, pedestrian, drainage and landscaping improvements	\$74,455	\$5	Period
19. Sonoran Corridor: I-19 to I-10 New limited-access roadway (right-of-way establishment and purchase)	\$6,084	-	Period
20. Valencia Road: Mission Road to Camino de Oeste Widen to a 6-lane divided roadway, including bicycle, pedestrian, drainage and landscaping improvements	\$13,519	\$20,000	Period
21. Speedway Boulevard: Alvernon Way to Wilmot Road Modernize corridor, including new bicycle, pedestrian, traffic signal and landscaping improvements	\$37,380	\$96,600	Period
22. Drexel Road: Mission Road to Midvale Park Road Removal of travel lanes to add bicycle, pedestrian, traffic signal and landscaping improvements, and new bridge over the Santa Cruz River	\$	\$	Period

What's in the proposed plan?

- **Roadway corridor projects - TBD**
 - *Reduce congestion; improve connectivity*
- **Expanded evening and weekend bus services - TBD**
 - *Improve bus stop frequencies*
- **Bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements - TBD**
 - *Add signalized crossings*
- **Safety improvements - TBD**
 - *Add new turn lanes at intersections*
- **Environmental improvements - TBD**
 - *Reduce emissions/improve air quality*



- Under state law, routine maintenance, such as **fixing potholes, is not eligible for RTA funding**
- Capital maintenance is allowed for restructuring to extend life of regional corridors

Think of the RTA as
a builder, not a fixer

YOUR ROLE

1 Review the draft plan

2 Tell us what you like or don't like

3 The RTA Board will consider all public input

4 A final draft will be presented to the public for comment

5 The RTA Board will seek placement of both new plan and half-cent sales tax extension initiatives on a future Pima County ballot

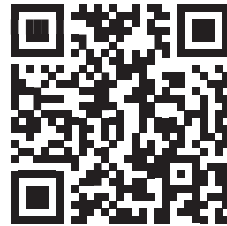
6 Pima County voters will decide on both initiatives (tentative election is May 2025)

7 Voter approval of both plan and tax needed to go into effect on April 1, 2026



YOU DECIDE

Tell us what you think



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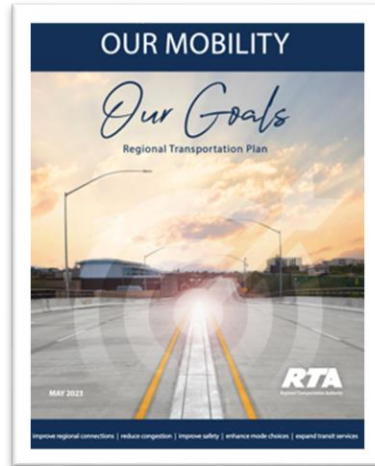
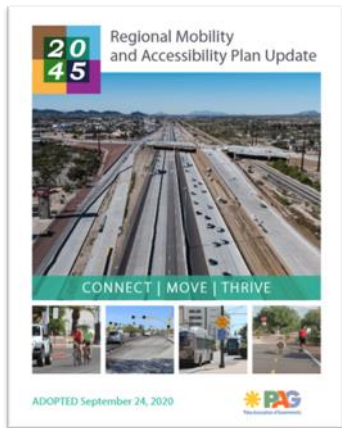


»» How the plans work together

RMAP - Long-range transportation plan with a 25-to-30-year horizon

TIP - a five-year capital improvement program that aligns with the RMAP and must be fiscally constrained

RTA plan - a 20-year, voter-approved plan with projects that must be identified in the RMAP and the TIP



**2045 Regional
Mobility and
Accessibility Plan**

**20-year
Regional
Transportation
Authority
(RTA 2026)**

**5-year Transportation
Improvement Program (TIP)**

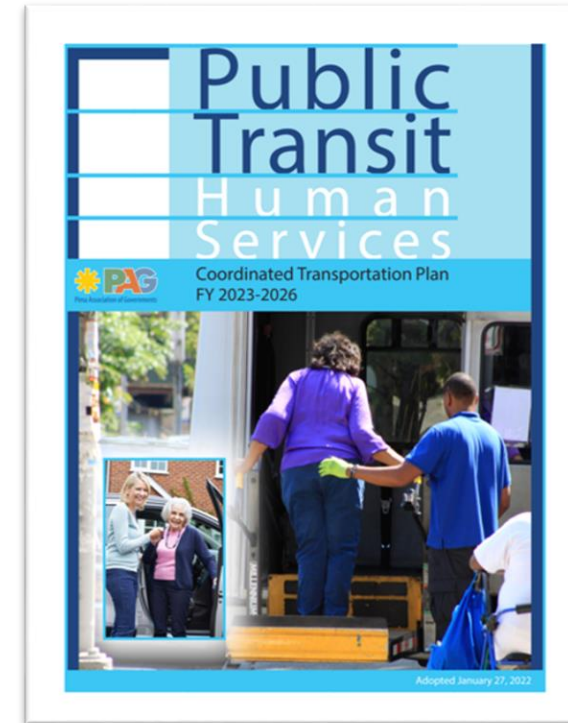
>> PAG/RTA plans (continued)



**PAG Long-Range
Regional Transit Plan**

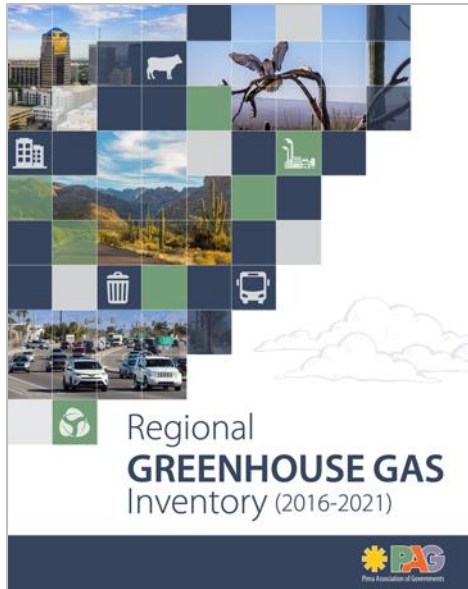


**PAG Short-Range
Transit Plan**



**PAG Public Transit
Human Services
Coordinated
Transportation Plan**

»» Other PAG/RTA products and services



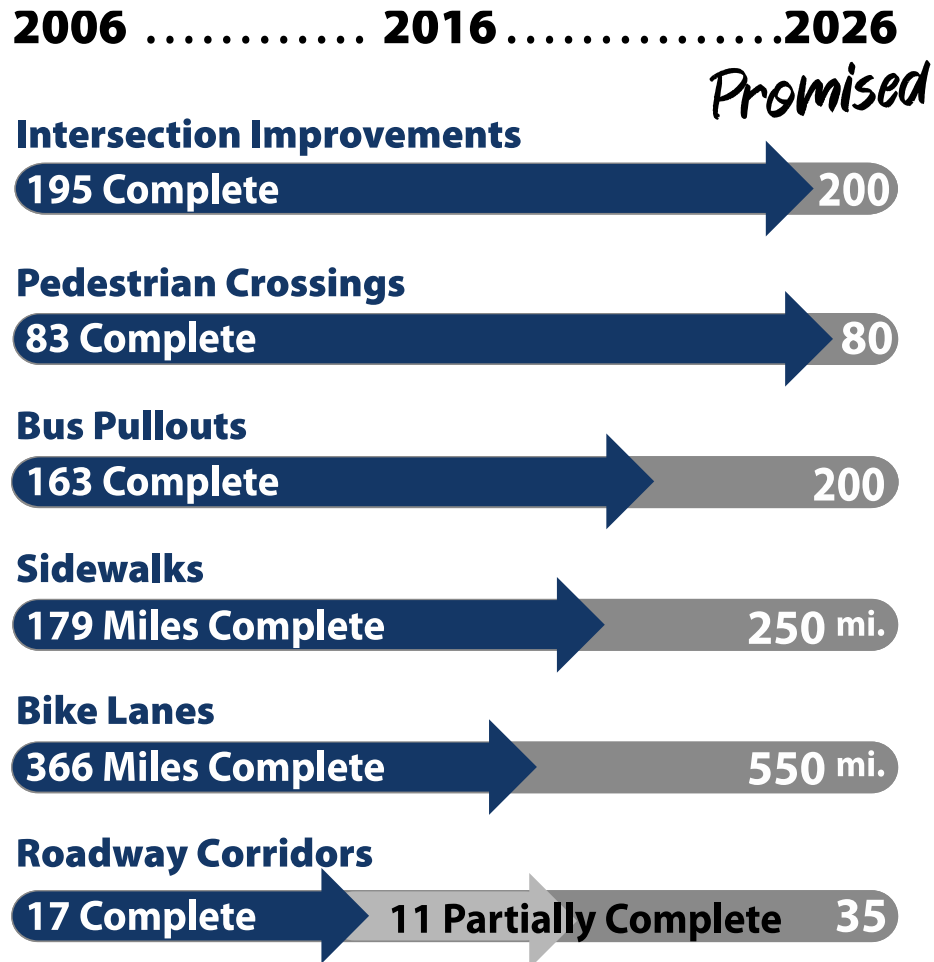
PAG serves as the region's planning agency for water quality, air quality and solid waste

PAG manages the Sun Rideshare program



RTA manages the Sun Shuttle service for the region

RTA project delivery to date



Project delivery through June 30, 2023



Transit services to date

- Expanded evening/weekend services
- Increased frequency of service along high-demand routes
- Sun Shuttle and Sun Shuttle Dial-a-Ride
- 8 streetcars, 3.9-mile route
- Nearly \$3 billion public, private investments along streetcar route



»» What is a TIP?

Transportation Improvement Program

- Schedule of transportation project funding for the next five years
- Budget document, not a planning document
- Federally required



»» Federal requirements for TIP

- Updated at least every four years
- Multimodal (i.e., includes roadway, bicycle, pedestrian, transit, aviation, rail and other modes of transportation)
- Fiscally constrained
 - Does not schedule more funds in the five-year program than can be reasonably expected each year from each funding source



»» TIP's role in the funding process

- Project is identified as a regional priority
- Project is included in the region's Long-Range Transportation Plan
- Sponsor preparation (CIP, cost estimates, project scoping, etc.)
- TIP process and 5-year TIP approval

We are here



Project is funded!



»» TIP process: Notice of Funding Availability

- Usually starts in August biennially
- Revenue forecasts and estimates for regional federal and state sources determine how much funding will be programmed over five years
- If funding is available for new projects, jurisdictions submit applications for projects from the region's long-range plan to be considered for TIP funding



»» TIP process: Modeling

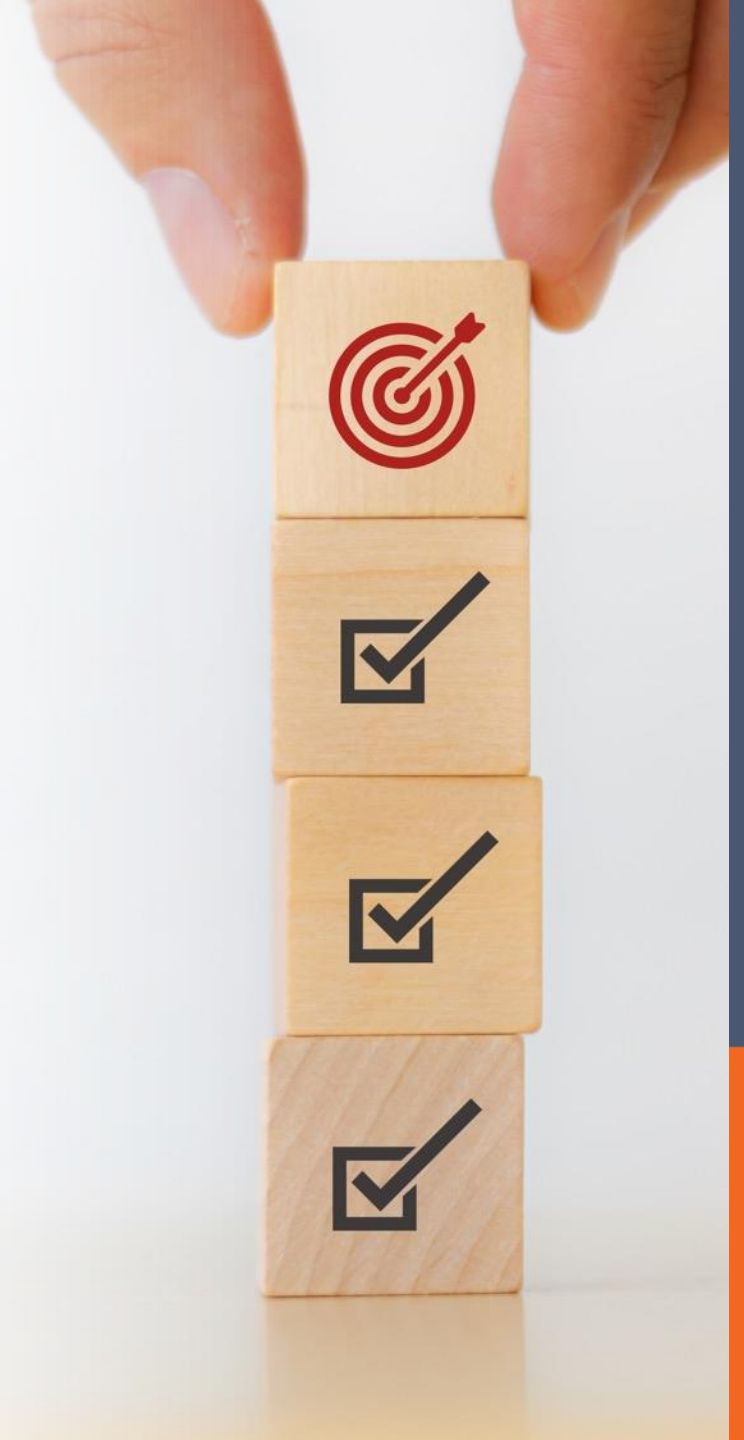
- **Update PAG transportation model:** Calculate average trip times
- **Title VI analysis:** Are protected populations benefiting from improvements?
- **Air quality analysis:** How will these projects impact air quality?



»» TIP timeline to final approval

- **April 17, 2024:** Draft TIP reviewed by PAG Transportation Planning Committee
- **May 8, 2024:** Draft TIP reviewed by PAG Management Committee
- **May 30, 2024*:** Draft TIP considered for approval by PAG Regional Council

**Anticipated review and approval date*



>> How to read the TIP

TipID SponsorID StateID	RTAID Length ExistingLanes	STREET/PROJECT NAME LOCATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION AQ STATUS	PROPOSED FUNDING (IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)							
			FISCAL YEAR							
			2022		2023		2024		2026	
		Purchase of Sun Shuttle Vehicles Regionwide Transit Purchase Sun Shuttle Vehicles AO STATUS = Exemot Total Cost = 8897	1390 RTA P 229 FTA5307 PMT 210 FTA5311 PMT -439 RTA REV	141 RTA P 686 RTA P 686 FTA5307 PMT -686 RTA REV	725 RTA 145 RTA 580 FTA5307 -580 RTA			155 RTA P 621 FTA5307 PMT 776 RTA PMT -621 RTA REV		
The sponsor of this project is: RTA										
		Regional Traffic Signal Program: Equip Regionwide Equipment for traffic signal program AO STATUS = Exemot Total Cost = 20190	Project funding amount for year in thousands							
The sponsor of this project is: RTA										
28.23		Replacement Midsize Cutaway Regionwide Procurement of a Midsize Cutaway AO STATUS = N/A Total		287 FTA5339 P 51 LOCAL P						
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Project Name

Project Location

Project Sponsor

Project tested & analyzed for air quality conformity in the model

Project Description

Funding Year
FY July 1-June 30

Funding Source

Project phase for year
C: construction, D: design, etc.



»» How to read the TIP

Project listed first by project sponsor:

- ADOT
- Marana
- Oro Valley
- Pascua Yaqui
- Pima County
- Sahuarita
- South Tucson
- Tohono O'odham
- Tucson
- Tucson Transit

Within each sponsor's list of projects, projects are listed by project name, in alphabetical order.

Project names follow the same general format:

Project Location: Project Limits

For example:

Thornydale Rd: Cortaro to Linda Vista





Funding sources:

- Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF)
- Surface Transportation Program (STP/STBG)
- Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)
- Local Funds
- Federal Transit Grants (FTA)
- State Discretionary Funds (NHPP, NFP)

»» Putting it all together

Funding Source	Amount in FY 2025-2029 TIP Draft Project List
Regional HURF	\$168.8 million
RTA	\$114.8 million
State Discretionary Funds	\$60.6 million
STP and Other Federal Sources	\$968.6 million
Federal Transit Grants	\$117.0 million
Aviation Grants	\$348.0 million
Local Funds	\$140.3 million

Total funding in the TIP = \$1.9 billion

»» TIP highlights: Freeways

- Widening of I-10 between Ina Road and Ruthrauff Road
- New traffic interchange on I-10 at Country Club Road combined with reconstruction of existing interchange at Kino Pkwy and I-10
- Design of reconfigured interchange at Irvington and I-19



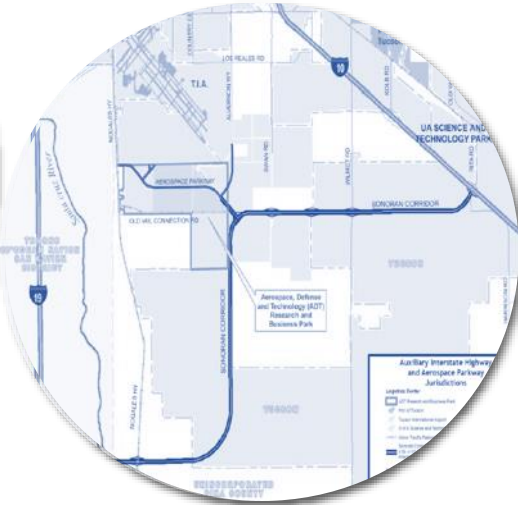
»» TIP highlights: RTA plan delivery

- Construction of the final phase of the Downtown Links project
- Construction of the Sunset Road connection to River Road
- Design and construction of Tangerine Rd, from I-10 to Dove Mtn Blvd
- Design and construction of improvements to Grant Road under the railroad crossing and also from Palo Verde to Swan
- Design and construction of improvements to Silverbell from Goret to Camino del Cerro
- Design and construction of various bike boulevard and pathway projects



»» Other TIP highlights

- Continuation of current transit service levels through RTA funding and federal transit grants
- Aviation grants for improvements at Tucson Airport and Ryan Airfield
- Wildlife crossing on State Route 86



»» How to get involved

- Attend committee meetings (meeting schedule at PAGregion.com)
- Review and comment on TIP documents as they become available online
 - Visit PAGregion.com to comment on draft TIP
 - Email comments to: publiccomment@pagregion.com
- Contact your local jurisdiction



Next Steps

- 30-day Public Notice and Comment Period from **mid-April to mid-May***
- Regional Council Public Hearing, review and approval: **May 30, 2024***
- Comment form and more information about the TIP process available online at www.PAGregion.com/TIP

**Anticipated dates*

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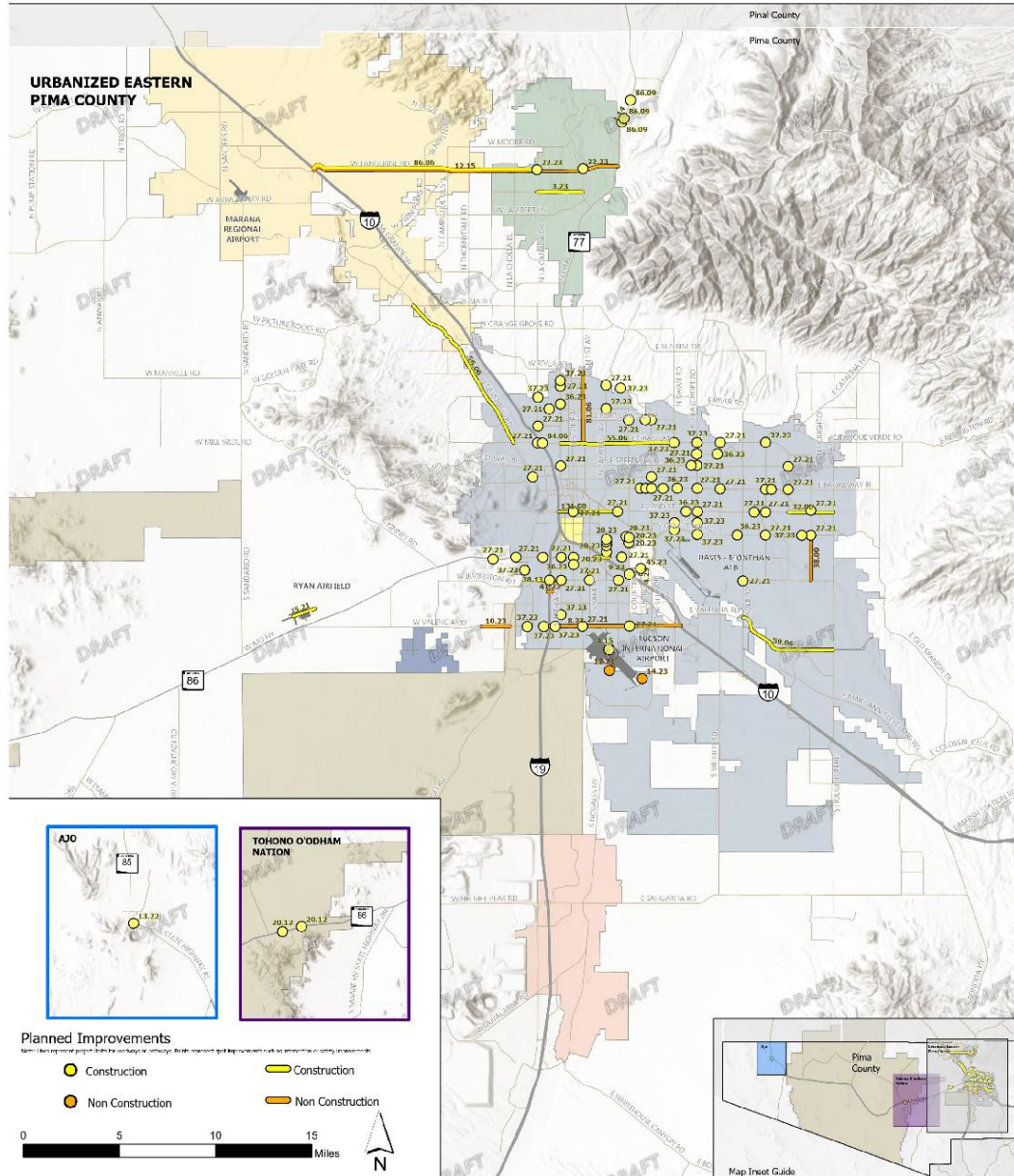
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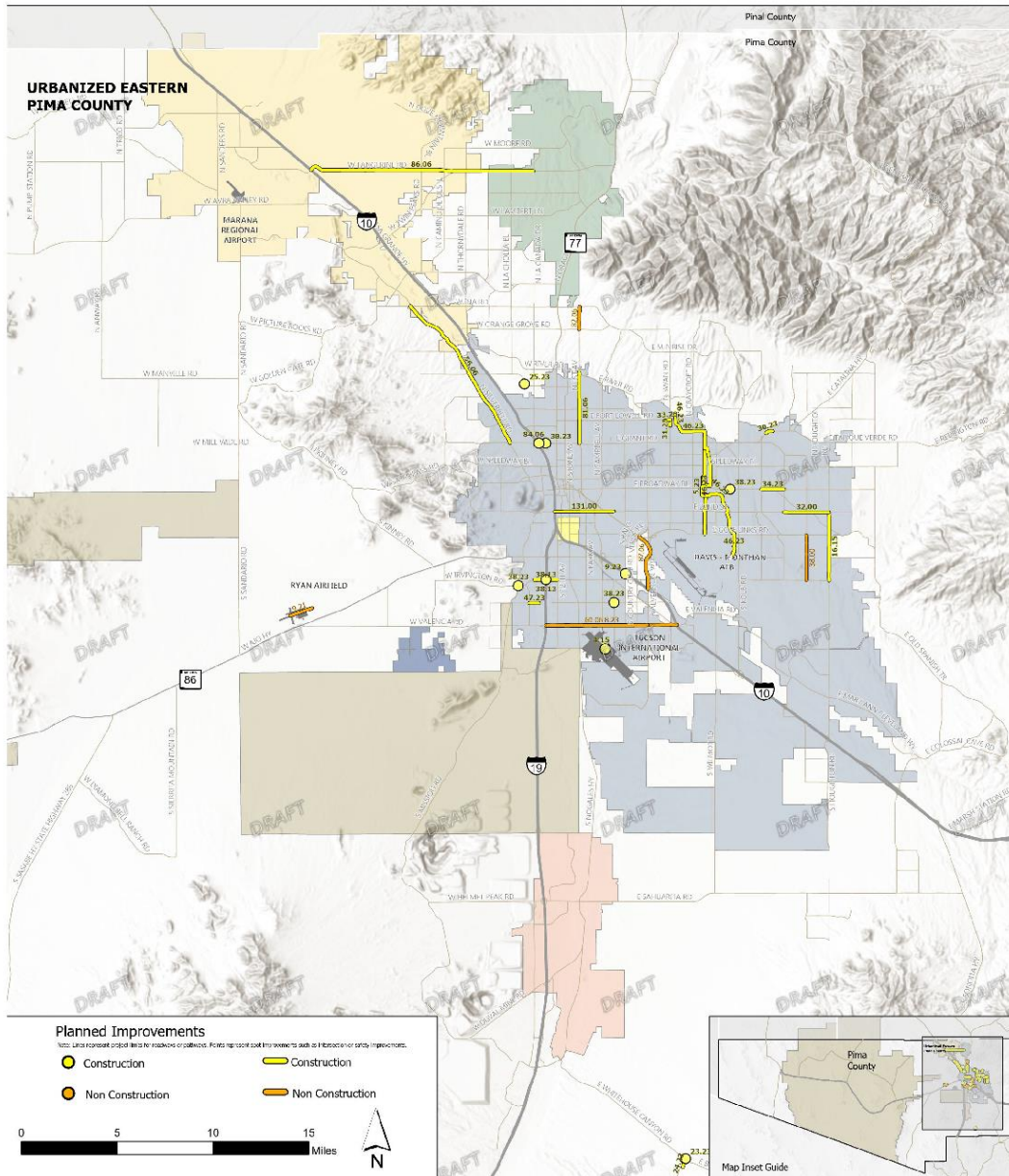
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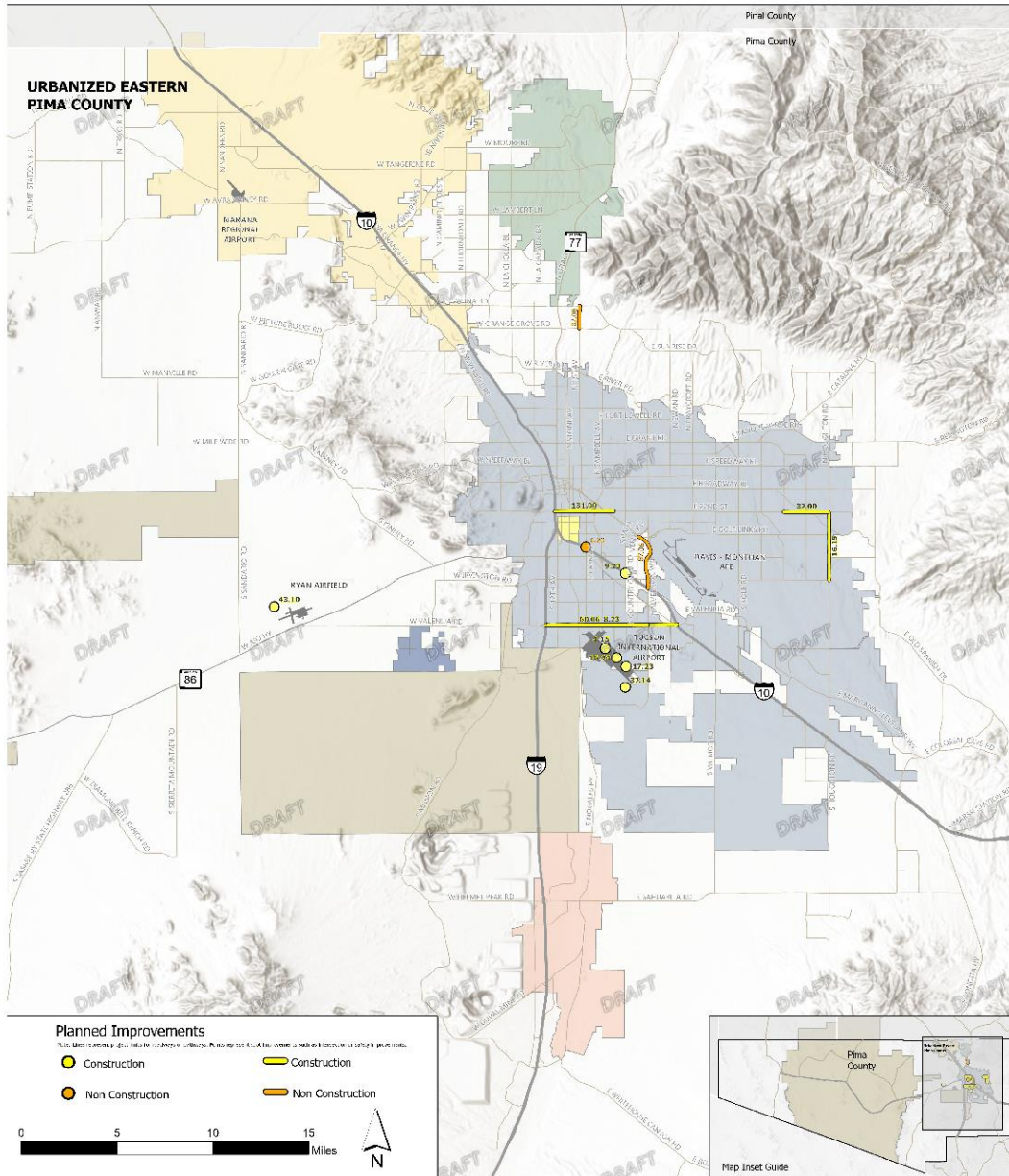
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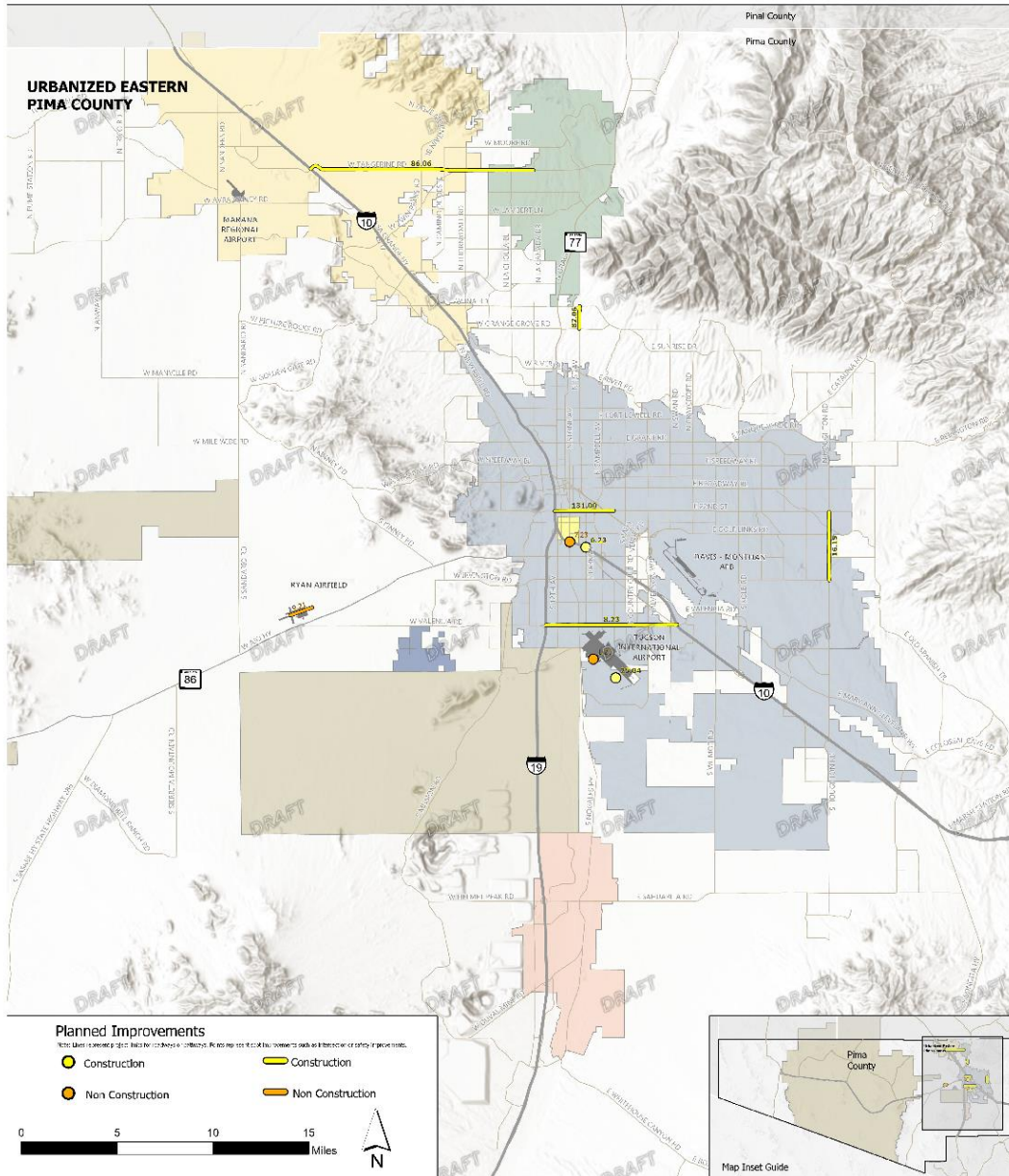


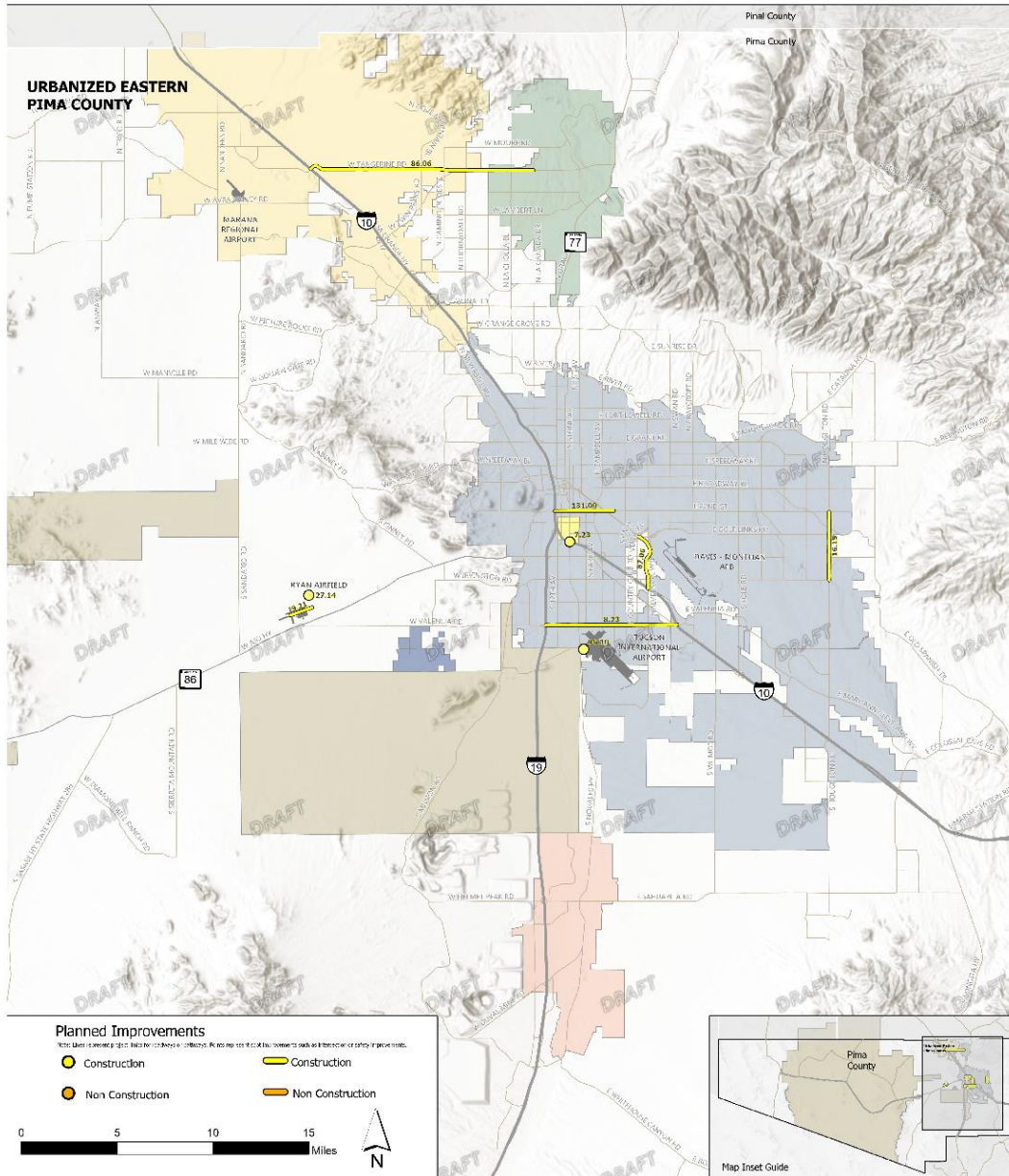
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The panel will answer questions verbally in the order they are received.

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We are open to differing opinions and discussions, but we have a strict no-tolerance policy towards hate speech and personal attacks, as we aim to maintain a safe and constructive space for all participants.

Questions submitted that violate these rules won't be considered. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in upholding these guidelines.

Let's all foster a positive and constructive environment together, where everyone feels valued and respected.

Thank you for coming and being part of our community.

