The RTA DELIVERS

FY 2018-19 ANNUAL REPORT

6th Avenue Bus Pullout
Valencia Road Wilmot to Kolb Road
Tangerine Road
Houghton Road
El Paso/Southwestern Greenway
Grant Road

Regional Transportation Authority
Eighteen months remain before the Regional Transportation Authority plan moves into its fourth and final five-year period of project delivery. To date, the RTA has delivered more than 850 projects in the 20-year plan, which continues through June 2026.

As we approach the final stretch of the RTA plan implementation, we have started the process to address how we can provide seamless project delivery with a future RTA plan.

A citizens’ advisory committee, appointed by the RTA Board in May 2018, drafted guiding principles in early 2019 and sought public feedback this fall on the principles and goals to get the pulse of the community before the citizens’ advisory committee begins to develop the foundation for a future plan.

By June 30, 2020, RTA member jurisdictions will submit their respective project lists to the RTA for consideration for the next regional transportation plan. These proposed projects will be reviewed by members of the citizens’ advisory committee, with technical support from the RTA’s Technical Management Committee.

Charged with developing a draft regional transportation plan that will be publicly supported, the citizens’ advisory committee will assess regional transportation needs based on anticipated funding of about $2 billion, based on our latest forecast from the University of Arizona’s Eller College of Management. Earning public support of the plan is our goal, and this will be accomplished through extensive public input throughout the plan development process.

The next RTA plan will need to be well defined and anchored with clear policies to ensure the plan is delivered as approved by the voters. This RTA commitment will help build the trust that is needed to gain the necessary public support to continue RTA funding that will apply toward new regional transportation projects.

Some may believe that a more flexible plan would allow adaptations down the road, but that opens the door to political whim and could move away from a commitment to the voters.

The RTA has demonstrated over time that a plan with identified projects is a surefire way to keep on track with meeting public expectations.

We intend to address those expectations during extensive public input as part of the plan development process. We look forward to your feedback.

Michael S. Hammond
RTA Chair
Arizona State Transportation Board Member

What is the RTA?

The Regional Transportation Authority is a state-established political subdivision and taxing district within Pima County. In May 2006, voters approved a 20-year regional transportation plan and a half-cent excise (sales) tax to fund the plan.

The RTA is governed by a nine-member board with chief elected officials from Pima County, the cities of South Tucson and Tucson; the towns of Marana, Oro Valley and Sahuarita; the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Tohono O'odham Nation and Arizona State Transportation Board.

The plan includes roadway, safety, transit, environmental and economic vitality improvements to improve the region’s transportation mobility, safety and reliability.

The current plan and tax are effective through June 2026.

The RTA is managed by Pima Association of Governments, the region’s metropolitan planning organization.
The Regional Transportation Authority continues to deliver projects from its 20-year regional transportation plan approved by voters in 2006. To date, more than 850 project and service improvements have been made to our regional transportation system.

As a model of collaboration and transparency, the RTA’s progress and delivery record has stood the test of time. The RTA has proven to be a significant investor in the region with transportation improvements of more than $1.2 billion. The RTA investment has led to more than double that investment with other public and private sector economic development activity along key transportation corridors.

During the past year, as part of its core mission and function, the Citizens Accountability for Regional Transportation (CART) Committee received an update on long-range transportation performance measures based on the prior year’s state audit recommendations for the RTA. Performance measures addressed were in the areas of system maintenance, system performance, environmental stewardship, freight and economic development, safety, multimodal choices, land use and transportation.

In addition to receiving consistent, thorough updates on project status and financials, we also received an update on the citizen-driven process to develop a future RTA plan. As the RTA works diligently with its members to complete scheduled projects, we encourage the public to participate in the upcoming RTA plan development process.

This will be an excellent opportunity for you to give voice to what’s important to you regarding future regional transportation improvements. Collaboration and citizen involvement are imperative in creating a new plan and extending the RTA tax in order for the RTA to deliver additional regional transportation improvements for another 20 years.

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RTA Revenue Collection

Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) revenue collections during fiscal year 2018-19 improved substantially with total transaction privilege tax (half cent sales tax) deposits of $86,849,994, an increase of $4,263,985 from fiscal year 2017-18 collections (5.16%). This represents the second largest annual growth rate in RTA revenue since the RTA was established in 2006.

The RTA updates its long-range revenue forecast every two to three years, most recently in April 2019, when the RTA received an updated revenue forecast from the Economic and Business Research Center of the University of Arizona’s Eller College of Management. The most recent forecast showed a baseline forecast of $1.640 billion in revenue over the 20-year life of the RTA tax. This is an improvement from the April 2017 estimate of $1.598 billion but is still well short of the original $2.1 billion revenue forecast from 2006 when the RTA plan was approved. The full revenue forecast report is available for review at: http://www.rtamobility.com/documents/pdfs/RTABOARD/2019/RTABoard-2019-05-23-Item-4A-RTA-Revenues-2019-4-30-19-FULL.pdf

To ensure that all major projects in the RTA plan will be funded at the levels shown in the 2006 voter-approved regional transportation plan, the RTA Board has dedicated other federal and state funding resources appropriated for the region to the RTA projects.

Project Delivery

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FY 2018-19
RTA FINANCIAL REPORT

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* Includes bond principal, interest and administration costs
The RTA celebrated the completion of a number of significant roadway element projects during fiscal year 2018-19. Completions included the first phase of Tangerine Rd., between La Cañada Drive and Dove Mountain Blvd. This was followed shortly by the completion of the second phase of Grant Rd., between Stone Ave. and Park Ave. These two corridors are among the largest in the RTA plan.

Another significant project completed during the fiscal year was the Ina Rd. Railroad Overpass project. This project was coupled with additional work by the town of Marana and the Arizona Department of Transportation. The combined projects marked a major improvement to mobility in the northwest portion of the Tucson metro area, with improved freeway access, a railroad grade crossing, safety improvements and a new bridge over the Santa Cruz River.

Completed shortly after the end of the fiscal year was the improvement of the Kolb Rd. and Valencia Rd. intersection. This project is the first parkway-at-grade intersection in the region and has substantially reduced delay to what was previously the second most congested intersection in the region.
### Project Highlights

A similarly large number of projects were under construction during fiscal year 2018-19. These projects included:

- **Houghton Road, Phase 5, Union Pacific Railroad Bridge Replacement**
- **Houghton Road, Phase 6, Union Pacific Railroad Bridge to Interstate 10**

The opening of these two projects occurred in late 2019. The next phase of the Houghton Rd. project, to begin construction in 2020, between Valencia Road and Mary Ann Cleveland Way, will result in a continuously improved corridor between Irvington Road and I-10.

- **La Cholla Blvd., Overton Road to Tangerine Road**, is the final phase of the La Cholla Blvd. project and is slated to conclude in mid-2020.
- **Valencia Road, Phase 2, Wade Road to Ajo Highway (State Route 86)**, will be completed in 2020.
- **Broadway Blvd., Camino Seco to Houghton Road**, will conclude construction in early 2020.

Other Roadway Element projects which will commence construction in 2020 include the **Broadway Blvd., Euclid to Country Club**, project and the final phases of the **Downtown Links** project. The Arizona Department of Transportation will also initiate the reconstruction of the **Ruthrauff Road Interchange**, which will include a railroad grade crossing.

Design and right-of-way work will continue during 2020 on the **Grant Road, Palo Verde to Venice Ave.**, project as well as the **22nd Street, Kino Blvd. to Tucson Blvd.**, project; **Silverbell Rd., Goret Rd to El Camino del Cerro**, as well as the **Houghton Rd., 22nd St. to Irvington Rd.**, project.

Projects with design work starting in 2020 include the **Grant Rd. Railroad Underpass, Grant Rd. phases 5 & 6, Valencia Road, Kolb to Houghton, and Sunset Rd., I-10 to River Rd.**

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### RTA PROJECTS COMPLETED

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* 21 routes received weekday evening service, fully implementing this service expansion
** 9 routes received overcrowding relief or expansion
*** Includes completed temporary lots
ROADWAY ELEMENT PROJECTS

COMPLETED IN FY 2019

• Tangerine Road: I-10 to La Cañada Drive, Dove Mountain Road to Thornydale Road
• Tangerine Road: I-10 to La Cañada Drive, Thornydale Road to La Cañada Drive
• Railroad overpass at Ina Road interchange
• Grant Road, Phase 2, 9th Avenue to Santa Rita Avenue
• Houghton Road, Phase 5, Union Pacific Railroad bridge replacement

INITIATED IN FY 2019/CONTINUING IN CONSTRUCTION

• La Cholla Blvd., Phase 2, Overton Road to Tangerine Road
• Valencia Road, Phase 2, Wade Road to Ajo Highway (SR 86)
• Valencia Road, Wilmot Road to east of Kolb Road, Phase 2
• Broadway Blvd., Camino Seco Road to Houghton Road
• Houghton Road, Phase 6, Union Pacific Railroad bridge to I-10

TO BE INITIATED IN 2020

• I-10/Ruthrauff Road interchange and railroad overpass
• Magee Road/oracle Road left-turn bay improvements
• Houghton Road, Valencia Road to Mary Ann Cleveland Way
• Downtown Links, Phases 3 & 4, Broadway Blvd. to St. Mary’s Road
• Broadway Blvd., Euclid Avenue to Country Club

SAFETY ELEMENT PROJECTS

COMPLETED IN FY 2019

Intersection Safety and Capacity
• La Cañada Drive/El Conquistador, traffic signal

Elderly and Pedestrian Safety
• Oracle Road at Las Lomitas Road, pedestrian signal
• Houghton Road at Civano Blvd., pedestrian signal

Transit Corridor Bus Pullouts
• Oracle Road at Las Lomitas Road (northbound)
• 6th Avenue/26th Street (northbound)
• 6th Avenue/29th Street (northbound)
• 6th Avenue/36th Street (northbound)

ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC VITALITY ELEMENT PROJECTS

COMPLETED IN FY 2019

Greenways, Pathways, Bikeways and Sidewalks
• Columbus Blvd., 22nd Street to Timrod Street, pedestrian path
• Camino de la Tierra, Rillito Riverpark to CDO Riverpark, bike lanes
• Camino de la Tierra, riverpark bridge

Transportation-Related Critical Wildlife Linkages
• Bat boxes at Houghton Road/Union Pacific Railroad bridge
• Bat boxes at Ina Road/Santa Cruz River bridge

CONTINUING IN CONSTRUCTION

Greenways, Pathways, Bikeways and Sidewalks
• El Paso and Southwestern Greenway, 11th Avenue to 6th Avenue

Transportation-Related Critical Wildlife Linkages
• State Route 77 (Oracle Road), off-highway wildlife fencing

TO BE INITIATED IN 2020

Greenways, Pathways Bikeways and Sidewalks
• Copper Street, bike boulevard
Ribbon Cutting Events:

- Valencia Road, Wilmot to Kolb Road
- Tangerine Road
- Houghton Road
- Grant Road

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