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PAG Regional Council and RTA Board approve resolution for pledge of unity

Members of the Pima Association of Governments Regional Council and Regional Transportation Authority Board approved a resolution today that outlines a pledge for regional unity. A formal signing of the pledge by all members will occur at a later date.

The pledge reflects that the PAG Regional Council and RTA Board members will speak with a unified voice on regionally relevant issues.

The pledge was recommended as part of a joint study session by the PAG Regional Council and RTA Board on May 3 and also comes on the heels of a state audit of the performance of the RTA in its first 10 years of RTA plan implementation. The audit report concluded that the RTA met performance expectations during its first decade, stating that “We found the RTA plan partners established a robust framework and oversight structure to help ensure the RTA plan is implemented as envisioned.”

“When everyone works together, we deliver improved transportation infrastructure,” said RTA Board Chair Tom Murphy. “A better system, in turn, provides safer, more reliable and efficient mobility to enhance the quality of life for all of our residents. Improved infrastructure also attracts new development that further strengthens our economy.”

PAG Regional Council Chair Satish Hiremath said the audit speaks volumes to the collaborative

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process established with the launch of the RTA. “Ongoing collaboration will keep us focused on our goals of improving regional safety and mobility and, in turn, our economic vitality.”

The resolution emphasizes collective decision making to help the region reach its fullest potential guided by regional values of healthy, vibrant and livable communities. The pledge reaffirms commitments by the PAG and RTA members to the spirit of collaborative and transparent leadership to honor public accountability and common ground.

Pima Association of Governments is an association of local, state and tribal governments with a mission to build consensus among its members and the public on regional planning for transportation, watershed, air quality and economic vitality. Please visit www.PAGregion.com or www.facebook.com/PAGregion for more information.

The Regional Transportation Authority is the fiscal manager of the \$2.1 billion regional transportation plan approved by Pima County voters on May 16, 2006. The RTA Board is comprised of elected representatives from the cities of Tucson and South Tucson, Pima County, the towns of Marana, Oro Valley and Sahuarita, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and the Tohono O’odham Nation. The Pima County representative of the Arizona State Transportation Board also serves on the board. The RTA is managed through Pima Association of Governments, the region’s metropolitan planning organization. For more information about the RTA plan, visit www.RTAmobility.com, see www.facebook.com/RTAPimaCounty or call (520) 792-1093.