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RTA unveils new Web site for regional plan information

The Regional Transportation Authority presented its newly redesigned Web site to the RTA Board at its meeting today. The new site has more entry points for the public and jurisdictions to access RTA project and event information.

The functionality of the new site allows for faster updates and easier access to RTA-related project news from each of the RTA member jurisdictions.

"The new site will serve as a portal for information on all RTA projects and will provide monthly project status information and financial information," said RTA Executive Director Gary Hayes. "We know that it's important to be transparent and provide information to the public on how the RTA projects are moving forward."

The site, which is available at the same Web address of www.RTAmobility.com, also contains meeting information for the RTA Board, RTA committees and other RTA events.

The RTA plan, which was approved by Pima County voters in May 2006 along with a half-cent sales tax to fund the plan, has roadway, transit, safety and environmental and economic vitality elements. The projects are primarily managed by RTA-member jurisdictions.

To date, the RTA Board has approved 371 projects with 138 currently in development and 123 completed. Forty-three are under construction and 14 transit projects are completed. The Sun Tran Bus Storage and Maintenance Facility was dedicated today.

Nine of the 11 roadway projects are expected to be under construction before the end of the year. Projects already under construction include: the Twin Peaks interchange at Interstate 10 and the Camino de Manana extension between Tangerine Road and Linda Vista in Marana, the intersection improvement at Old Vail and Houghton roads as part of the Houghton Road corridor project in Tucson, the roadway improvement to Sahuarita Road, between I-19 and La Villita Road in Sahuarita, and improvements to the I-19 frontage road, between Continental and Canoa roads in Green Valley.

The Regional Transportation Authority is the fiscal manager of the \$2.1 billion plan approved by Pima County voters on May 16, 2006. The RTA Board is comprised of representatives from the local jurisdictions in Pima County, including 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. A representative of the Arizona State Transportation Board also serves on the board. For more information about the RTA plan, visit www.RTAmobility.com or call (520) 770-9410.