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RTA Board Meeting

**At 12:00 p.m. (or later), Thursday, April 22, 2010
(Immediately Following the PAG Regional Council Meeting)**

**Pima Association of Governments
5th Floor Large Conference Room
177 N. Church Ave., Tucson, AZ**

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the public and to the Board's members that the Board of Directors of the Regional Transportation Authority will have a meeting at the above stated time and location. This meeting is open to the public. The following is an agenda of the matters to be considered, discussed and acted upon. The order of the agenda may be changed by order of the Board.

The Board may vote to go into Executive Session on any agenda item, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A) (3), for discussion and consultation for legal advice with its attorney on any matter(s) as set forth on the agenda.

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of Minutes of March 25, 2010, Meeting**
- 3. Call to the Audience**

Speakers are limited to a three-minute oral presentation and may submit written comments of any length for the Board's files. Those wishing to address the Board should complete a Citizen Information Card prior to the meeting being called to order, which will specify the topic to be addressed. Individual Board Members may respond to criticism made by those individuals who have addressed the Board and may ask staff to review a matter and place it on a future agenda. However, the Board will not discuss or take action on a matter raised during a call to the audience that is not already on the agenda.

4. Report from the Executive Director

This is a summary of updates, events, and happenings regarding all of the RTA's recent activities, including the activities of its committees.

5. Modern Streetcar Update, Intergovernmental Agreement

The City of Tucson will present an update on the status of the Modern Streetcar project, including the progress on planning, design, procurement, and funding. The City will also present a request to deviate from the RTA's proportionate reimbursement financial policy, in order to accelerate the project.

Two Resolutions are recommended for approval in conjunction with this item:

- a. Resolution 2010-22, Resolution Rescinding prior RTA Resolution 2009-12*
- b. Resolution 2010- 23, Resolution adopting an IGA between the Regional Transportation Authority of Pima County and the City of Tucson for the Design and Construction of the Downtown/University High Capacity Transit (Streetcar). (RTA #50)*

6. Status of RTA Projects

To-date, 394 projects have been approved by the RTA Board. One hundred fifty-four projects have been completed and another 24 are under construction, including eight Roadway Element projects. Planning and pre-design activities have begun on 22 Roadway Improvement Element projects. Twenty-one transit service enhancements are operational. The Board will review the ongoing RTA projects and be updated on schedules and project timing. This is an information item, although the Board may make recommendations.

7. Finance Report

The Finance report will include RTA revenue collections, interest earnings and expenditures to-date.

8. Future Agenda Items

Members of the Board and the Executive Director may request items for future discussion/action.

9. Adjournment

Two Board Briefing Packets containing material related to the Meeting are available for public review the day before and the day of the Meeting during office hours at: 177 N. Church, Suite 405, Tucson, Arizona 85701 (520) 792-1093. The Briefing Packets are also available for public review at the Meeting.

The Meeting Room is accessible to individuals with disabilities. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons requiring special assistance, such as large-type face print, sign language or other reasonable accommodations, may request those through the administrative offices at: 177 N. Church, Suite 405, Tucson, Arizona 85701 (520) 792-1093, at least twenty-four hours before the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #4 - REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 22, 2010
REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This is a brief summary of current events, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02 (K), regarding all of the Authority's activities, including the activities of its committees.

AGENDA ITEM #5 - REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 22, 2010
MODERN STREETCAR UPDATE

Background:

The RTA Plan included the development of the Downtown/University High Capacity Transit (Streetcar) project, together with funding in the amount of \$87,727,000. The ballot materials for this project also included the commitment of \$75,000,000 in other, non-RTA funds for capital costs.

Discussion Points:

The City of Tucson will provide an update on the current status of the project, the status of the recently awarded TIGER grant, and review the project's immediate financial needs.

The City of Tucson requests the adoption of a new Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) which will enable the City to:

1. Continue the Planning and Engineering design work, completing the final plans and specifications for bidding and award; and,
2. Continue with Project Management, systems design, architectural design of the Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF), and oversight of the streetcar development/manufacture; and,
3. Purchase the girder rail, a long lead time construction commodity which will be pre-purchased and supplied to the contractors awarded the construction projects.

The proposed IGA establishes the RTA as a project co-manager, with co-approval authority and additional oversight responsibilities. It provides for the City to move forward with the purchase of materials and equipment (including progress payments on streetcar equipment) *provided that the RTA Board expressly approves these purchases.*

The IGA also provides for the City to request total reimbursement (instead of proportionate reimbursement, pursuant to RTA Board adopted policy) for the early phases of work, *provided that the RTA Board expressly approves moving forward with construction contract(s) prior to the availability of TIGER funding.*

The first IGA includes \$12,806,372, bringing the total RTA commitment to \$21,706,372 of the \$87,727,000 authorized by the voter approved RTA Plan. *Although the City hopes to be able to draw upon FTA funding for the reimbursement of the rail purchase, it specifically requests the ability to have the RTA fully reimburse this cost should FTA funding be delayed.*

It is anticipated that the City will request an IGA Amendment for the funding of streetcar equipment once the City has concluded its streetcar procurement process.

Recommendations:

Staff recommends the RTA Board approve a resolution rescinding the IGA Amendment for the Downtown/University High Capacity Transit (Streetcar) project approved at the March 26, 2009 meeting.

Staff further recommends the adoption of a new, more comprehensive IGA for the Downtown/University High Capacity Transit (Streetcar) project which gives the RTA more oversight and management responsibility, provides an additional \$12,806,372 in project funding to the City, and provides the City with the opportunity to request total reimbursement of certain phases of work/performance advance purchase of materials and progress payments for equipment manufacture, with the prior approval of the RTA Board.

Attachments:

Resolution 2010-22, Rescinding Resolution 2009-12

Resolution 2010-23, Adopting an IGA for the Downtown/University High Capacity Transit (Streetcar) project

Downtown/University High Capacity Transit (Streetcar) project IGA

AGENDA ITEM #6 - REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 22, 2010
STATUS OF RTA PROJECTS

Background:

To-date, the RTA Board has approved 394 RTA transportation projects. Every RTA jurisdiction has at least one Board-approved project, and there are Board-approved projects in every RTA Element. One hundred fifty-four construction projects have now been completed, and another twenty-four projects are currently under construction. Twenty-one transit projects have been implemented

Discussion Points:

A strong effort is being made to develop and construct RTA projects as quickly and efficiently as possible. To-date, there are:

- 22 projects in the *roadway element* totaling \$211.43 million
- 274 projects in the *safety element* totaling \$100.10 million
- 66 projects in the *environmental and economic vitality element* totaling \$36.82 million
- 32 projects in the *transit element* totaling \$170.16 million

Recommendations:

This is an informational item; however, the Board may make recommendations.

Attachments:

Jurisdictional Project Status Report
Approved Detailed Project Listing
RTA Projects Update
RTA Status Report
EVM Graph

AGENDA ITEM #7 - REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 22, 2010
FINANCE REPORT

Background:

To provide fiscal accountability, integrity and transparency, staff is committed to producing financial reports that identify fiscal year-to-date revenues, expenditures and a fund balance. This report is intended to serve that purpose.

Discussion Points:

The RTA Sales Tax collections have declined twenty-three consecutive months over prior year including a 6.57% year-over-year decline in March. These declines are broad-based across all major sales tax components.

The RTA fund balance at the end of February, 2010 was \$73.2 million. The fund balance declined \$5.3 million during the month of March, and \$29.3 million since the beginning of the fiscal year. It is expected that the fund balance will continue to decline, as major construction projects progress.

Attachments:

RTA Sales Tax Collections
Year Over Year Monthly Collections Graph
Fund Balance Graph