

# The RTA DELIVERS



Across the greater Tucson region, Regional Transportation Authority plan projects completed during fiscal year 2018-19 included phases of Tangerine Road, Grant Road and Houghton Road, plus a railroad overpass at the Ina Road interchange at Interstate 10.

RTA project signs indicate where other projects are getting underway or are in full construction. Since the RTA plan was voter approved in 2006, more than 850 project or service completions are improving transportation mobility, safety and reliability regionwide.

The RTA plan is funded by a half-cent excise (sales) tax from the RTA's taxing district, which is within the boundaries of Pima County. This tax, approved by voters in 2006 and continuing through June 2026, generates about \$85 million annually in revenues to fund RTA plan projects. On an annual basis, the RTA is the largest financial contributor of transportation dollars for regional projects and plays an important role in funding needed improvements to maintain and enhance the region's transportation system.

Eighteen months remain before the RTA plan moves into its fourth and final five-year period of projects. 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 that the citizens' committee will consider as it develops 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. The citizens' advisory committee is charged with developing a draft regional transportation plan that will address regional transportation needs and have a balanced budget. Earning public support of the plan will be key, and this will be accomplished through extensive public input throughout the plan development process.

Once the citizens' advisory committee recommends a final draft plan to the RTA Board, the board will consider setting an election date. In the meantime, the RTA is committed to working with its member jurisdictions to deliver the remaining projects in the current plan.

## 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, 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Santa Rita Avenue
- Houghton Road, Phase 5, Union Pacific Railroad bridge replacement

### INITIATED IN FY 2019/ CONTINUING 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
- 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 Lomas Road, pedestrian signal
- Houghton Road at Civano Blvd., pedestrian signal

#### Transit Corridor Bus Pullouts

- Oracle Road at Las Lomas Road (northbound)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue /26<sup>th</sup> Street (northbound)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue /29<sup>th</sup> Street (northbound)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue /36<sup>th</sup> Street (northbound)

### INITIATED IN FY 2019/ CONTINUING IN CONSTRUCTION

#### Transit Corridor Bus Pullouts

- Stone Avenue/Prince Road (northbound)
- Stone Avenue/Prince Road (southbound)
- Stone Avenue/Yavapai Road (northbound)
- Stone Avenue/Glenn Street (northbound)
- Stone Avenue/Glenn Street (southbound)
- Stone Avenue/Fort Lowell Road (southbound)

### TO BE INITIATED IN 2020

#### Elderly and Pedestrian Safety

- El Paso and Southwestern Greenway, pedestrian signal
- Ft. Lowell Road at Treat Avenue Bike, pedestrian signal
- White Elementary School/Pistor Middle School, safety improvements

## ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC VITALITY ELEMENT PROJECTS

### COMPLETED IN FY 2019

#### Greenways, Pathways, Bikeways and Sidewalks

- Columbus Blvd., 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 6<sup>th</sup> 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

## FY 2018-19 RTA FINANCIAL REPORT

	(Audited)	(000s)
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Excise Tax	\$	86,850
Program	\$	6,402
Grants	\$	1,711
Bond/Investment	\$	2,147
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>97,110</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
<b>ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS</b>		
<b>Total Roadway</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>35,938</b>
<b>SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS</b>		
Intersection	\$	3,318
Transit Corridor Bus Pullouts	\$	904
Elderly & Pedestrian	\$	377
At-grade Rail/Bridge Deficiencies	\$	1
Signal Technology	\$	189
<b>Total Safety</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,789</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL &amp; ECONOMIC VITALITY IMPROVEMENTS</b>		
Greenways, Bikeways, Pathways & Sidewalks	\$	591
Transportation-related Critical Wildlife Linkages	\$	312
Small Business Assistance	\$	378
<b>Total Environmental &amp; Economic Vitality</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,281</b>
<b>TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS</b>		
Transit Operations	\$	22,536
Sun Link Streetcar	\$	1,200
Park & Ride	\$	0
<b>Total Transit</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>23,736</b>
<b>Administration Expenses*</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>20,357</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>86,101</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,009</b>
<b>Beginning of the Year Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>87,553</b>
<b>Year-end Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>98,562</b>

\* Includes bond principal, interest and administration costs

## FY 2007-19 PROJECTS COMPLETED

PLAN ELEMENT	
<b>ROADWAY</b>	
<b>Total Roadway</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>SAFETY</b>	
Intersection	182
Elderly & Pedestrian	153
Bus Pullouts	128
Railroad Bridge	12
Signal Technology	72
<b>Total Safety</b>	<b>547</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL &amp; ECONOMIC VITALITY</b>	
Greenways, Bikeways, Pathways & Sidewalks	162
Transportation-related Critical Wildlife Linkages	18
<b>Total Environmental &amp; Economic Vitality</b>	<b>180</b>
<b>TRANSIT</b>	
Weekday Evening	21*
Weekday Service	23
Bus Frequency & Overcrowding Relief	9**
Park & Ride Transit Centers	8***
Neighborhood Circulator	7
High Capacity Streetcar	1
Express Service	3
Special Needs	3
Maintenance Storage Facilities	3
<b>Total Transit</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>844</b>

\* 21 routes received weekday evening service, fully implementing this service expansion

\*\* 9 routes received overcrowding relief and/or expansion

\*\*\* Includes completed temporary lots

The full RTA FY 2018-19 Annual Report, the auditor's report of the RTA plan and updated project maps will be available online at [www.RTAmobility.com](http://www.RTAmobility.com) after Jan. 1, 2020. Si necesita ayuda con traducción, llame por favor at 792-1093 y comuníquese con Nathan Barrett.