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What is the Regional Transportation Authority?

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is a public entity established by state law as a special taxing district which encompasses all of Pima County. The taxing district is governed by an independent, nine-member board responsible for establishing policies to develop a regionally funded transportation plan for voter approval and to oversee plan implementation.

The chief elected official from each city, town, county and tribal government within the district and one member from the Arizona State Transportation Board, appointed by the Governor, serve on the RTA Board. By state statute, each member is vested with one vote on RTA transportation policies.

Who will develop the next RTA plan?

The RTA Board has delegated a 35-member Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC), established in 2018, to draft a new RTA plan that will provide for a seamless transition of project delivery from the 2006 voter-approved RTA plan. The CAC is responsible for establishing regional transportation priorities. Through extensive public outreach and technical support from the RTA's Technical Management Committee, the CAC is charged with recommending a draft plan to the RTA Board.

Who pays for the RTA plan improvements?

RTA plan improvements are paid by a dedicated 20-year, half-cent excise, or sales, tax*. The RTA has authority to seek approval of the tax from voters who reside within the RTA taxing district. The current RTA plan and half-cent tax were approved by the voters in 2006. The current plan includes roadway, bicycle, pedestrian, transit, safety, environmental and economic vitality improvements.

*Groceries, prescription drugs and rental housing are not taxed.

Who oversees RTA plan delivery?

The RTA Board is solely responsible for ensuring that projects in the RTA plan are delivered on time and on budget. The board also established a Citizens Accountability for Regional Transportation (CART) Committee to oversee progress and expenditures to make sure the RTA is meeting its promise to the voters. Upon review by the CART Committee, the RTA issues an annual report to the public outlining the status of project delivery and finances.