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From: Armando Rios Jr., Chair, RTA Citizens Accountability for Regional Transportation (CART) Committee

To: Tom McGovern, Chair, RTA Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Re: Continuation of RTA promise to deliver projects

Cc: RTA Citizens Advisory Committee members

Dear Mr. McGovern,

Members of the RTA CART Committee appreciate the work ahead of you and the CAC to develop a draft regional transportation plan that will carry on the work of the Regional Transportation Authority.

As you know, the CART Committee is charged with oversight of the delivery of the voter-approved FY 2007-2026 RTA plan.

Our committee has been monitoring RTA's project delivery and financial status over the years, and the RTA Board has worked diligently with the CART to maintain the trust of the voters. The results of the RTA's 10-year performance audit of the plan and the recent recognition by Arizona Senate President Karen Fann of the RTA's success in project delivery further put a stamp of approval on the ability of the RTA and its members to deliver projects in the plan on time and on budget.

Our oversight role is to ensure that all of the projects in the original RTA plan are delivered as pledged by the RTA Board. We look forward to a seamless transition from the current plan to the new plan, upon voter approval.

During plan development, I strongly encourage on behalf of the CART that any overlapping of the two plans honors the promise to deliver original plan projects as part of the new draft plan, based on original pledged revenues.

The voters have put their trust in the RTA to deliver projects in the original plan, and the new plan will carry that promise forward along with introducing new revenue for new projects to further enhance regional mobility, safety and reliability.

Thanks again for the efforts you and the CAC are putting forward to draft a balanced plan that will gain eventual support of the voting public by continuing the promise to deliver and to meet future transportation system needs.