

Broadway - PAG Regional Council selects new PAG Executive Director

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In a special meeting on Aug. 2, Farhad Moghimi was selected by the PAG Regional Council to lead Pima Association of Governments, pending contract approval by the Regional Council, most likely at their next meeting scheduled for Sept. 25.

Following the meeting, City of Tucson Mayor and PAG Regional Council Chair Jonathan Rothschild said, "I'm looking forward to working with Farhad. He has great regional experience working with all of the jurisdictions and he has great technical experience. He's the kind of person we hope can take us into the next generation of transportation needs."

Mr. Moghimi currently is the Assistant Town Manager for the Town of Sahuarita and previously was the Town's Director of Public Works. He also has worked in private consulting and for the Town of Marana. He currently chairs the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Technical Management Committee's Policy Subcommittee and is Vice Chair of PAG's Transportation Planning Committee.

Pima Association of Governments, the region's metropolitan planning organization, conducts transportation, air quality and watershed management planning. PAG prepares a long-range regional transportation plan, currently the 2040 RTP, and a short-range capital improvement program, referred to as the Transportation Improvement Program, or TIP. The value of the improvements identified in the FY 2014-2018 TIP is approximately \$1.1 billion.

In addition, PAG manages the Tucson Clean Cities program, a U.S. Department of Energy program which promotes the use of alternative fuels and alternatively fueled vehicles. PAG also conducts the annual Clean Water Starts With Me program to promote stormwater pollution prevention in coordination with member jurisdictions and prepares the Regional Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory report. PAG has GIS and transportation modeling services that support PAG programs and member jurisdictions.

By statute, PAG also manages the Regional Transportation Authority. The RTA is the fiscal manager of the \$2.1 billion, 20-year RTA plan, which has roadway, safety, transit, and environmental and economic vitality improvement elements. The RTA plan, which was approved by Pima County voters in May 2006, is funded through June 30, 2026, through a half-cent transaction privilege tax. More than 500 projects have been completed to date.

PAG is governed by the PAG Regional Council, which consists of the chief elected officials of local, state and tribal governments.

Pima Association of Governments is an association of local, state and tribal governments with a mission to build consensus among its members and the public on regional planning for transportation, energy, watershed and air quality. PAG's staff gather and analyze data, provide accurate information, and coordinate an open and cooperative planning process to promote good decision-making for the region. Please visit www.PAGregion.com for more information or www.facebook.com/PAGregion

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