

Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) of Pima County Board of Directors Meeting Legal Action Items

Legal Actions of Thursday, September 24, 2026, meeting
1 E. Broadway Blvd., 4th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

Meeting Audio/Presentation (if technologically available): [Recorded Video Link](#)

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:23 a.m.

2. Call to the Audience (Remote Access Option)

None.

3. Meeting Summary Approvals

Motion was made by Mayor Joe Winfield, Town of Oro Valley, seconded by Mayor Jon Post, Town of Marana, and unanimously carried that the RTA Board of Directors approve the meeting summary of June 5, 2025, June 16, 2025 and August 6, 2026.

4. RTA Technical Management Committee (TMC) Report

On behalf of Technical Management Committee Chair Jan Leshner, Carmine Debonis, Pima County alternate, provided a report from the September 9, 2026 meeting and shared the committee's recommendations.

This is an information item.

5. RTA Citizens Accountability for Regional Transportation (CART) Committee Report

On behalf of CART Committee Chair Fred Nacaroti, PAG Executive Director Michael J. Ortega provided an update from the September 9, 2026 meeting and shared the committee's recommendations.

This is an information item.

6. Consent Agenda Items

Motion was made by Mayor Jon Post, Town of Marana, seconded by Mayor Joe Winfield, Town of Oro Valley, and unanimously carried that the RTA Board of Directors approve the consent agenda items 6a-6b as provided in the meeting materials and recommended by the Executive Director.

a. 2026 RTA Title VI Implementation Plan

Action: Move to approve the consent agenda items as provided in the meeting materials and recommended by the Executive Director.

b. RTA Sun Shuttle and Sun Shuttle Dial a Ride Contract Amendment

Action: Move to approve the consent agenda items as provided in the meeting materials and recommended by the Executive Director.

c. Contracts and Agreements Report

This item is information only.

7. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Pima Association of Governments (PAG) and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) for Fiscal Year 2027 to Fiscal Year 2031

RTA Executive Director Michael Ortega gave a short review of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion was made by Mayor Joe Winfield, Town of Oro Valley, seconded by General Ted Maxwell, AZ State Transportation Board, and unanimously carried that the RTA Board approve renewal of the PAG/RTA Memorandum of Understanding for Fiscal Year 2027 to Fiscal Year 2031 as provided in the meeting materials and recommended by the Executive Director.

8. RTA Jurisdiction Master Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) – City of South Tucson, Town of Oro Valley, Town of Marana, Town of Sahuarita, Pima County and City of Tucson

RTA Executive Director Michael Ortega gave an overview of the Master IGA and cooperative work with the jurisdictions.

Motion was made by Supervisor Matt Heinz, Pima County, seconded by Mayor Jon

Post, Town of Marana, and unanimously carried that the RTA Board approve the Master IGA between the RTA and the City of South Tucson, Town of Oro Valley, Town of Marana, Town of Sahuarita, Pima County and the City of Tucson and to adopt the accompanying resolutions.

9. RTA Jurisdiction Master Transit Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) – City of Tucson and Town of Oro Valley

RTA Executive Director Michael Ortega presented a short overview of the Transit IGA.

Motion was made by Mayor Joe Winfield, Town of Oro Valley, seconded by Mayor Jon Post, Town of Marana, and unanimously carried that the RTA Board approve the Master Transit IGA between the RTA and the City of Tucson, and Town of Oro Valley.

10. RTA Quarterly Report

PAG Deputy Director Greg Byres presented the update, highlighting RTA Plan activities, project delivery tracking, project performance analysis and financial components. Jurisdictional progress updates were provided.

Motion was made by Mayor Joe Winfield, Town of Oro Valley, seconded by General Ted Maxwell, AZ State Transportation Board, and unanimously carried that the RTA Board authorize a letter to the Union Pacific Railroad.

11. FY 2027 RTA Amended Budget

RTA Executive Director Michael J Ortega reviewed the proposed amended fiscal year 2027 annual RTA budget.

Motion was made by Mayor Joe Winfield, Town of Oro Valley, seconded by General Ted Maxwell, AZ State Transportation Board, and unanimously carried that the RTA Board approve Resolution 2026-023, adopting an amended RTA budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

12. RTA Delivery, 30% Design Approval, 1st Avenue from Grant Road to Wetmore Road (Local) and from Wetmore Road to River Road (Federal)

RTA Executive Director Michael J. Ortega presented a brief overview of the item.

Motion was made by General Ted Maxwell, AZ State Transportation Board, seconded by Mayor Joe Winfield, Town of Oro Valley, and unanimously carried that the RTA Board approve the 30% design for the 1st Avenue project, from Grant Road to Wetmore Road (Local) and from Wetmore Road to River Road (Federal) in accordance with Section 5.3.e.i of the RTA Administrative Code, adopted December 4, 2025, as recommended by the Executive Director.

13. RTA Project Delivery-Authorization for the RTA to Serve as Lead Agency for the Delivery of the 1st Avenue and Houghton Road RTA Projects

RTA Executive Director Michael J. Ortega requested authorization for the RTA to serve as the responsible entity for delivering the projects specified in the meeting materials, in partnership with the City of Tucson.

Motion was made by Mayor Joe Winfield, Town of Oro Valley, seconded by Supervisor Matt Heinz, Pima County, and unanimously carried that the RTA Board authorize the RTA to serve as the entity responsible for the delivery of First Avenue (RTA #2006-14) and Houghton Road (RTA #2006-32) RTA projects in partnership with the City of Tucson.

Motion was made by Mayor Joe Winfield, Town of Oro Valley, seconded by Supervisor Matt Heinz, Pima County, and unanimously carried that the RTA Board authorize the RTA Executive Director to execute contracts and acquire real property (rights of way) as necessary to deliver RTA projects #2006-14 and #2006-32.

14. RTA Process Mapping

PAG Deputy Director Greg Byres provided an overview of the creation of standardized process mapping necessary for delivering projects to create a more seamless working relationship across the jurisdictions.

15. RTA Experience Builder Demonstration

PAG GIS Coordinator Derek Weatherly gave a live demonstration of the interactive web map that allows all jurisdictions to quickly access property research and analysis.

16. Executive Director Report

On behalf of the Regional Council & RTA Board, Chair Tom Murphy Chair Jon Post and PAG Executive Director Michael J. Ortega presented Mayor Joe Winfield with a gift of appreciation for his many years of service to the PAG & RTA.

17. Request for Future Agenda Items

Mayor Joe Winfield, Town of Marana, requested that meeting materials be shared earlier to allow jurisdictional members more time for review.

18. Executive Session

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.03 (A)(3) (discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body) and (4) (discussion or consultation with the attorneys of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position regarding pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation) regarding the following topics: Moghimi v. PAG/RTA lawsuit; WeDriveU billing dispute; Rio Nuevo property disposal dispute; status update on recent claims (Thomas, Russell-Gentry, Levine).

Executive Session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03(A)(1) (discussion or consideration of employment of a public officer, appointee or employee of any public body) (Review of Executive Director's performance).

Executive Session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03(A)(7)(discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property (right of way acquisition for projects identified in the RTA Next Plan).

12:33 p.m.: Motion was made by Mayor Joe Winfield, Town of Oro Valley, seconded by General Ted Maxwell, AZ State Transportation Board, and unanimously carried that the RTA Board of Directors move into closed Executive Session.

2:19 p.m.: The RTA Board returned from Executive Session.

19. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.