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FY07-08 Annual Report

Following are quotes from people who benefited from the RTA's business assistance program.

Craycroft & Grant Intersection Improvement Project:

"We would like to thank the RTA Business Assistance Program for considering the needs of small businesses such as ours. We were so pleasantly surprised and grateful for your assistance and hope that this is a trend in the right direction."

*- Lauri Kaye, Owner
Create Café & Catering Co.*

Modern StreetCar Project:

"The overall business assessment was quick, straightforward and very informative. The consultants' specific recommendations were good and their assistance with implementing those recommendations was phenomenal! This was a very valuable and productive experience from start to finish."

*- Eric Sophiea, Owner
B Line Restaurant*

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RTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Pima County's Regional Transportation Authority ("RTA") stepped up its activity level in fiscal year 2007-08 in fulfilling the voter's mandate toward improved mobility in the region. The RTA's broad-based approach to transportation continues to deliver in the four designated elements including Roadway, Safety, Transit, and Environment & Economic Vitality.

In this pivotal fiscal year, 15 Roadway projects were approved and \$12.6 million was spent. Most notable of these was the Twin Peaks Interchange project in Marana. This project includes several right-of-way acquisitions and significant design work in order to initiate the construction of this much-needed interchange. While this project and other Roadway projects often include complexities such as land acquisitions, utility realignments and environmental permitting that, at times, tend to slow down project activity, the RTA and jurisdictional staffs continue to work on ways to improve scheduling and project implementation.

For the same reasons, some of the Safety element projects also were delayed. To offset these delays, a number of smaller projects were accelerated, resulting in the construction of 11 bus pullouts and 14 pedestrian (H.A.W.K.) crossings. The bus pullouts allow for more fluid traffic flow and the H.A.W.K. crossings help protect students and other pedestrians. In addition, designs for key intersections including Grant/Craycroft, Campbell/Ft. Lowell, Houghton/Sahuarita, Kolb/Valencia, Wilmot/Park Place and Wilmot/Golf Links were started, and construction expenditures should follow in the next two fiscal years.

A number of Sun Tran route and schedule expansions were implemented in the Transit element during the year. The RTA funds these expansions, and expenses were in line with the plan. Several capital projects including Sun Tran's new \$30 million (\$22 million in RTA funds) maintenance facility are under way and should be completed in this upcoming fiscal year.

In the Environmental & Economic Vitality Element, \$1.9 million was spent for various bike lane and sidewalk projects. Also, the RTA rolled out its MainStreet business assistance program, a program designed to help businesses prepare for, endure during, and prosper following RTA construction projects. Five independent business consultants are working under the auspices of the RTA in this endeavor. We believe this program is a "best-of-class" offering to the small business community.

Toward the end of 2008, we started to see the effects of the economic downturn. Sales tax receipts started to decline and petroleum costs soared, impacting the cost of asphalt and fuel. We expect the economy to continue to negatively impact RTA tax collections during fiscal year 2009. One side benefit of a down economy is a stronger competitive bidding environment, resulting in some project cost savings. To take advantage of these savings and to provide local economic stimulus, the RTA has asked each jurisdiction to consider projects that they can accelerate in fiscal years 2009 and 2010.

As of June 30, 2008, nearly \$274 million for 241 projects was committed and approved for funding by the RTA Board since inception. We are committed to deliver the RTA program in its entirety to the people of Pima County. We look forward to another progressive year in 2009.

Sincerely,

Paul Loomis, Chairman
RTA Board of Directors



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On behalf of the Citizens Accountability for Regional Transportation (CART) Committee, I would like to formally state that CART members are satisfied with the performance of the Regional Transportation Authority in fiscal year '07-'08.

The RTA continues to meet its statutory obligations, and the results of last year's performance are shown in this Annual Report.

There were no substantial changes from the RTA plan as approved by the voters, and no significant changes in the project schedule have occurred.

Members of the CART are satisfied with the project and financial information they have received from the RTA. We encourage the public to review this information and visit www.RTAmobility.com for additional details and updates.

Kelle Maslyn
 Kelle Maslyn, Chair
 CART Committee

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Critical steps occurred in implementing the RTA during fiscal year 2007-2008. Planning and design efforts were initiated on 15 of the 35 Roadway Element projects. With today's public involvement requirements and environmental regulations, these necessary efforts are paving the way for the future delivery of needed regional projects. Difficult and important decisions on roadway alignments and mitigation treatment have been and continue to be made. Roadway Element projects, which have seen significant progress in planning, include 22nd Street (I-10 to Tucson Boulevard), DOWNTOWN Links, La Cholla Boulevard (River to Ruthrauff), Houghton Road (Tanque Verde to I-10) and Grant Road (Oracle to Swan).

Additionally, a number of projects have progressed to the point that they are expected to go to construction during FY 2008-2009. These projects include Twin Peaks Road (Silverbell to Camino de Mañana, including an Interchange at I-10), Camino de Mañana (Twin Peaks to Tangerine Road) and Houghton Road with a new intersection at Old Vail Road. Multiple projects will follow in FY 2009-2010.

While the Roadway Element projects moved forward in planning and design, construction activities started in the RTA Safety and Environmental and Economic Vitality Elements. Through the end of FY 2007-2008, 48 RTA-funded projects in these two elements were completed, with another 15 projects under construction at the end of the fiscal year. These projects, with construction costs varying between \$20,000 and \$2 million were distributed throughout the region, and included intersection signalization, bike lane, pedestrian crossing and sidewalk improvements.

Transit Projects also advanced in FY 2007-2008, with the weeknight evening Sun Tran service expansion fully implemented and the first weekend service expansions introduced. The new \$30 million (\$22 million in RTA funds) bus storage and maintenance facility for Sun Tran also commenced construction, to create capacity for expanded transit services in the future. Other RTA-funded transit services included expanded paratransit services, volunteer transportation reimbursements through Pima Council on Aging and enhanced transit services in and to Ajo.

We look forward to the coming year with high expectations, knowing we have created a substantial foundation for these efforts.

Sincerely,

James DeGroot
 Director of Transportation Services

FY2007-08 PROJECT STATUS

These projects and services are scheduled to begin within the first five years of the RTA plan.

Planning and design was under way in FY2007-08 for these 18 roadway projects.

ROADWAY

- Twin Peaks, Silverbell to I-10 (Including Interchange)
- Camino De Mañana, Linda Vista to Tangerine
- Magee/Cortaro Farms, La Cañada to Thornydale
- La Cholla Blvd., River to Ruthrauff
- La Cañada, Calle Concordia to River
- Broadway, Euclid to Country Club
- Grant Road, Oracle to Swan
- 22nd. Street, I-10 to Tucson Blvd.
- Valencia, Ajo to Mark Road
- Tanque Verde, Catalina Hwy. to Houghton
- Houghton, I-10 to Tanque Verde
- I-19 Frontage Road, Continental to Canoa Road
- Sahuarita Rd., to Country Club
- Magee, La Cañada to Oracle
- Downtown Links, I-10 to Broadway
- Silverbell, Ina to Grant
- Sunset, Silverbell to River
- Speedway, Camino Seco to Houghton



PLAN ELEMENT	Projects Completed @ 6-30-08	Projects in Process @ 6-30-08
SAFETY		
Intersection	20	2
Elderly & Pedestrian	8	9
Bus Pullouts	11	2
Signal Technology	4	1
Total Safety	43	14
ENVIRONMENTAL & ECONOMIC VITALITY		
Greenways, Bikeways, Pathways & Sidewalks	4	1
Transportation-related Critical Wildlife Linkages	1	0
Total Environmental & Economic Vitality	5	1
TRANSIT		
Weekday Evening	21*	6*
Weekend Expansion	15**	8**
Bus Frequency & Overcrowding Relief	6***	1***
Special Needs	2	0
Neighborhood Circulator	0	1
High Capacity Streetcar	0	1
Total Transit	44	17

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

** 15 routes received expanded weekend service, another 8 routes to upgrade 8/2008

*** 6 routes received overcrowding relief; construction of a bus maintenance facility was under way on 6/30/08

The RTA MainStreet business assistance program provides the following services:

- Construction project information and communication to outreach area businesses before and during construction
- A point-of-contact (ombudsman) for business issues related to the project.
- Free individual business consulting services to identify opportunities to strengthen your company and help mitigate potential issues.

assisting small business
MainStreet

For more information, visit www.mainstreetinfo.org or call 838-4352.





RTA PROJECTS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION IN FY2008-09

ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

- Twin Peaks Road, Silverbell to I-10
- Camino de Mañana, Tangerine to Linda Vista
- Houghton Rd, Old Vail Intersection

SAFETY - INTERSECTION

- Tangerine & Thornydale
- Grant & Craycroft
- Duval Mine & Alpha Avenue
- Houghton & Sahuarita
- Wilmot & Park Place
- Silverbell & Coachline

SAFETY - BUS PULLOUTS

- Various Locations, Regionwide

ENVIRONMENTAL & ECONOMIC VITALITY

- Pedestrian & Bike Safety Improvements to Agua Caliente Schools
- Provide MainStreet small business assistance
- Restriping for Bike Lanes, Regionwide
- New Sidewalks, Regionwide

FY2007-08 RTA FINANCIAL REPORT

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REVENUES		
Sales Tax		\$74,423
Investment Income		\$3,381
Total Revenues		\$77,804
EXPENDITURES		
Roadway Improvements		\$12,600
SAFETY		
Intersection		\$2,752
Transit Corridor Bus Pullouts		\$466
Elderly & Pedestrian		\$1,122
At-grade Rail/Bridge Deficiencies		\$110
Signal Technology		\$356
Total Safety		\$4,806
ENVIRONMENTAL & ECONOMIC VITALITY		
Greenways, Bikeways, Pathways & Sidewalks		\$1,521
Transportation-related Critical Wildlife Links		\$11
Small Business Assistance		\$356
Total Environmental & Economic Vitality		\$1,888
TRANSIT		
Suntran Services Expansion		\$3,918
Special Needs		\$1,917
New Buses & Maintenance Facilities		\$1,907
Neighborhood Circulator		\$32
Modern Streetcar		\$400
Total Transit		\$8,174
Administration Expenses		\$676
Total Expenditures		\$28,144
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$49,660

TRANSIT SERVICES TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN FY2008-2009

- Expanded Service Areas for Special Needs Transportation Services
- Begin Neighborhood Circulator Service in Marana, Green Valley and Sahuarita
- Begin New Express Service Between Oro Valley and Downtown
- Begin New Express Service Between Oro Valley and Raytheon
- Begin New Express Service Between Rita Ranch and Downtown
- Begin Construction of New Park-and-Ride Centers in Oro Valley and Rita Ranch





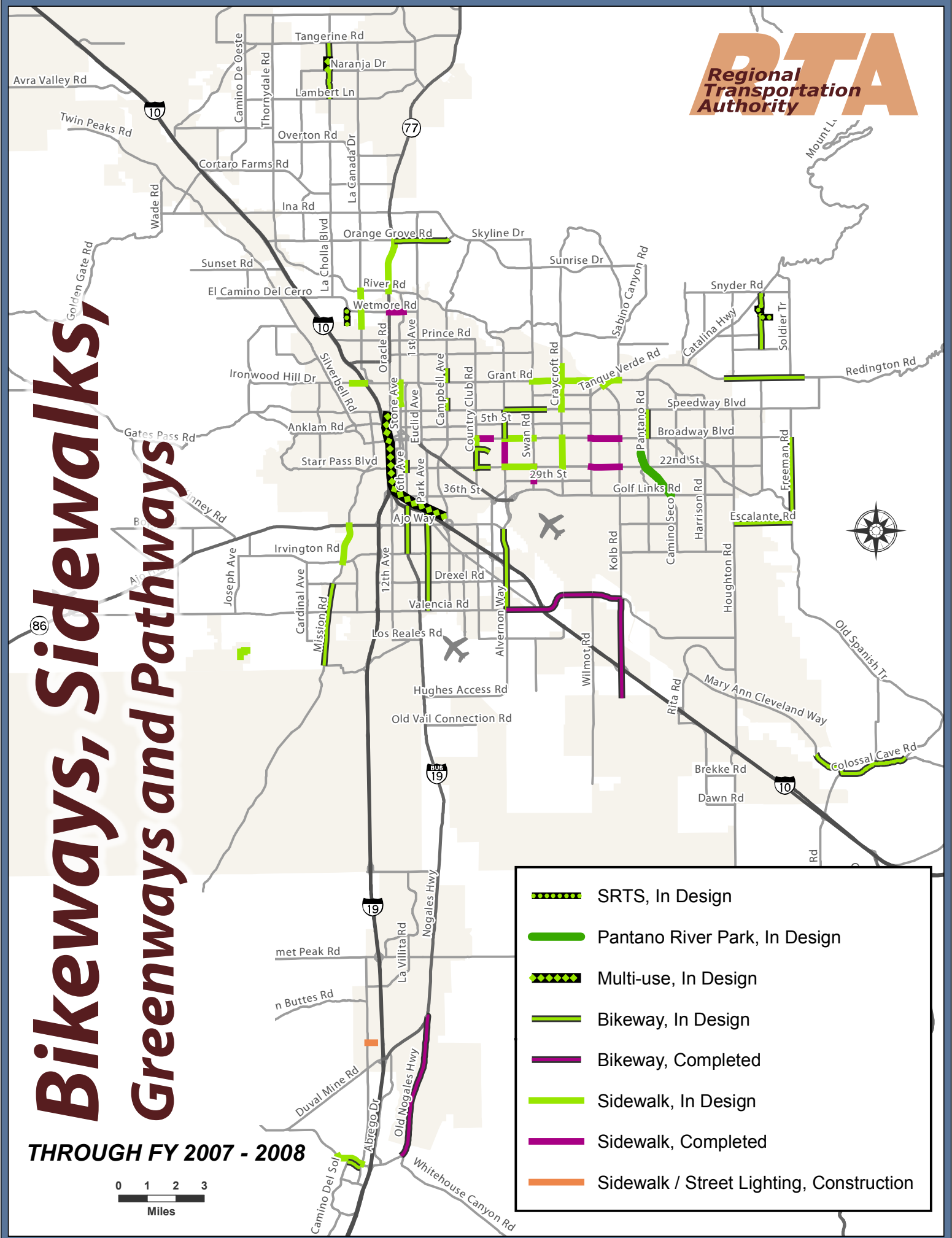
The information presented here represents the Regional Transportation Authority's activities during FY2007-08, from July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008. Pima County voters approved the RTA plan on May 16, 2006, and a half-cent excise tax to fund the plan over 20 years. For full details of the RTA plan, please visit www.RTAmobility.com.

Bikeways, Sidewalks, Greenways and Pathways

THROUGH FY 2007 - 2008

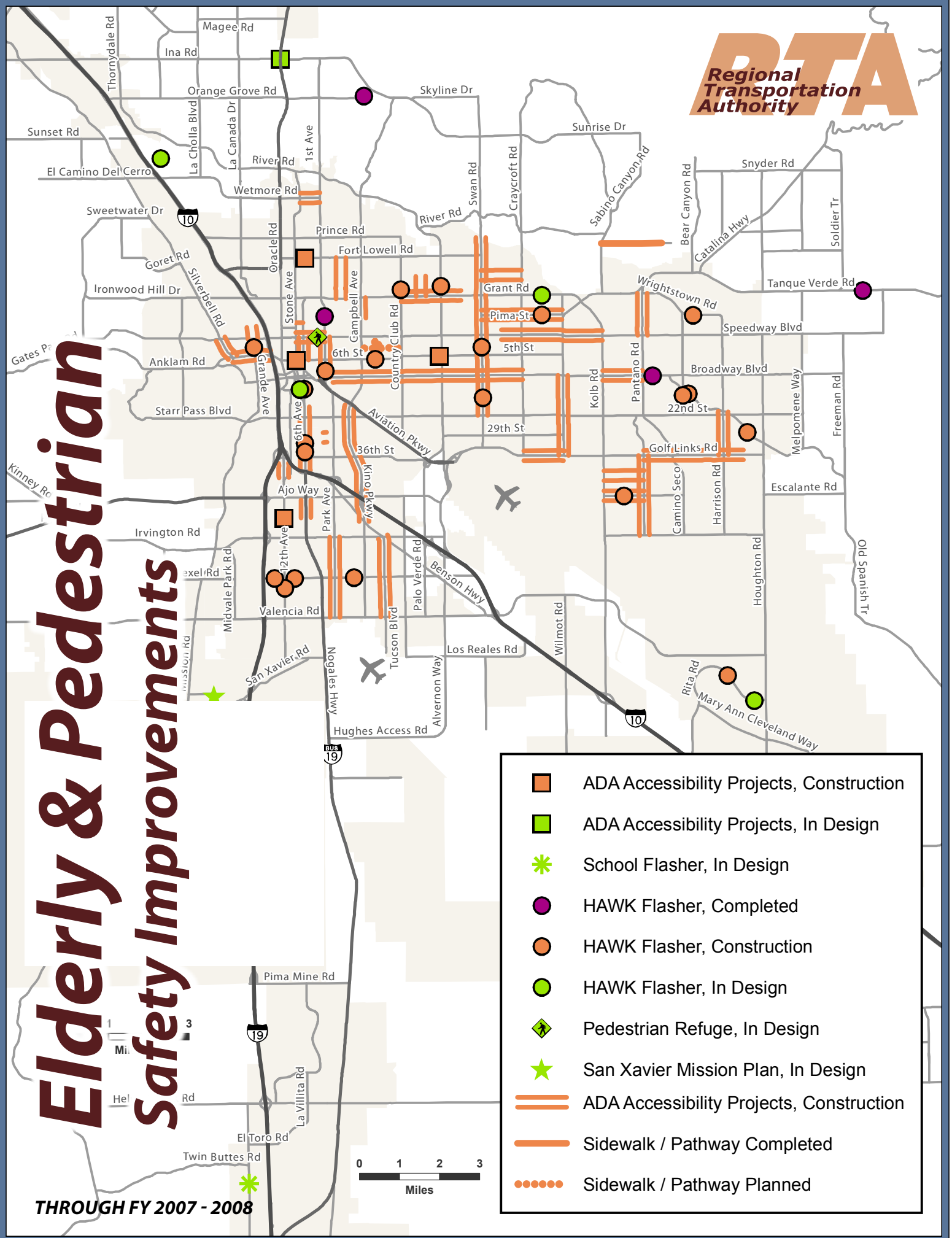













-  SRTS, In Design
-  Pantano River Park, In Design
-  Multi-use, In Design
-  Bikeway, In Design
-  Bikeway, Completed
-  Sidewalk, In Design
-  Sidewalk, Completed
-  Sidewalk / Street Lighting, Construction











Elderly & Pedestrian Safety Improvements

THROUGH FY 2007 - 2008



-  ADA Accessibility Projects, Construction
-  ADA Accessibility Projects, In Design
-  School Flasher, In Design
-  HAWK Flasher, Completed
-  HAWK Flasher, Construction
-  HAWK Flasher, In Design
-  Pedestrian Refuge, In Design
-  San Xavier Mission Plan, In Design
-  ADA Accessibility Projects, Construction
-  Sidewalk / Pathway Completed
-  Sidewalk / Pathway Planned



-  East, Completed
-  East, In Design
-  North, Completed
-  North, In Design
-  South, Completed
-  South, In Design
-  West, Completed
-  West, In Design

THROUGH FY 2007 - 2008

Bus Pullouts

