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RTAC RECEIVES TRANSPORTATION LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM ARIZONA CAPITOL TIMES

At last evening's award ceremony, The Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) was selected for a 2020 Leaders of the Year Award for Transportation from the Arizona Capitol Times. As quoted in the Times, "Each year, the Arizona Capitol Times recognizes men, women, and organizations that have contributed greatly to the growth of our state. These groups, companies, and individuals hunker down each day to find ways to improve the quality of life of Arizonans. This year's awardees tirelessly work to advance their companies, communities and cities. Collectively, their contributions have allowed Arizona to flourish."

"In rural locations throughout the state, ensuring safe and reliable roadways and infrastructure is extremely important. The state system is a dynamic network that not only provides prosperity for our larger metro areas which they are dependent upon, but also is the Main Street of our rural communities, the center of their commerce and the place where people gather. Every day, RTAC works to ensure these communities are connected and accessible, and we are proud to be recognized," said Matt Ryan, Coconino County Supervisor and RTAC Chairman.

"It is certainly an honor to receive such recognition for the work that RTAC continues to perform towards the education and advocacy of our state's transportation infrastructure needs and impacts, particularly for the rural communities and smaller metropolitan areas across Greater Arizona," added RTAC Legislative Liaison Kevin Adam.

RTAC is represented by a governing board of locally elected officials from across the state and supported by all of the Councils of Government (COG) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) outside of Maricopa and Pima counties. For 2020, the Board was chaired by Pinal County Supervisor Steve Miller through the end of his two-year term in June and followed by Supervisor Ryan. The RTAC Board consists of:

Craig Brown	Yavapai County Supervisor
Maria Cruz	San Luis Vice Mayor
Paul David	Graham County Supervisor
Rachel Gray	Sierra Vista Mayor Pro Tem
Tim Humphrey	Gila County Supervisor
David Lane	Lake Havasu City Vice Mayor
Vince Manfredi	City of Maricopa Councilmember
Cecilia McCollough	Wellton Mayor
Steve Miller	Pinal County Supervisor
Rick Mueller	Sierra Vista Mayor
Terry Nolan	Dewey-Humboldt Mayor
Charlie Odegaard	Flagstaff Councilmember

Bob Rivera	Thatcher Mayor
Matt Ryan	Coconino County Supervisor
Cal Sheehy	Lake Havasu City Mayor
Jon Thompson	Coolidge Mayor
Tom Thurman	Yavapai County Supervisor
Gary Watson	Mohave County Supervisor

RTAC also receives guidance and input from the RTAC Management Committee consisting of the executive directors of all the Greater Arizona regional transportation planning agencies. The 2020 directors are:

Brian Babiars	Western Arizona Council of Governments
Chris Bridges	Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization
Chris Fetzer	Northern Arizona Council of Governments
Vinny Gallegos	Lake Havasu Metropolitan Planning Organization
Randy Heiss	SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization
Irene Higgs	Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization
Karen Lamberton	Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization
Jeff Meilbeck	Flagstaff Metroplan
Andrea Robles	Central Arizona Governments
Paul Ward	Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization

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