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## ARPA Meets with Elected Officials

It's been nearly a year since the ARPA Board of Directors met to establish ARPA's five-year strategic plan. The plan focused on three areas: Community Relations, Regulatory Process and Political Process, and since then, ARPA staff has worked to ensure that the Board's goals are met.

One of the Board's directives is that ARPA "Proactively communicate issues, etc. to elected official in order to keep them informed and engaged."

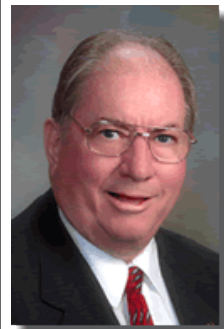
ARPA has been using the website and Blasts to keep the Board and membership updated on the progress towards these goals.

Here's the latest update:

On Wednesday, March 11, Mayor Bob Walkup met with the members of the Southern ARPA Committee to a variety of issues including the regional transportation plan and its impacts on the City of Tucson business development.



Mayor Walkup expressed his concerns about Rio Nuevo and the legislature's willingness to continue the project as well as the Tax Increment Financing that funds it. He also discussed his role on the Governor's transition team and the impacts of federal stimulus dollars on the City. We were very pleased that the Mayor indicated that he is in favor of continued dialogue regarding key issues industry groups are having with the City.



On Thursday March 19th, The ARPA Environment Committee met with State Representative Ray Barnes, Chairman of the House Environment Committee.

Representative Barnes was elected to the House of Representatives in 2002 and re-elected in 2004 and 2006. Mr. Barnes is the Chairman of the House Environment Committee and also serves on the Homeland Security, Natural Resources, and Government Committees. He has been extensively involved with The Council on State Governments on border issues as well.

Finally, Mike Anabel, Governor Brewer's Natural Resource Director, met with the ARPA Board on Wednesday March 18th to discuss budget, legislative and natural resources issues. Anabel is the former Director of the State Land Department and he continues to be active in the long-term management decisions of the Department.



In addition to his role managing the land department for Governor Brewer, Anabel has responsibility for the Department of Environmental Quality, ADOT and the Department of Water Resources.

The Next Executive Meeting will be April 1st (No fooling.)

The Next Board Meeting will be April 15th. (It won't be too taxing.)

### Important Deadlines:

ARPA Community Excellence Award Submittals are due April 18th.

Driver of the Quarter Awards Submittals are due March 31st.

### Don't Miss this Important Meeting!

THE STIMULUS PLAN: What does it mean for Arizona business?

FRIDAY, MARCH 27  
7 AM - 1:30 PM  
ARIZONA BILTMORE RESORT & SPA

The Arizona Chapter of Associated General Contractors, in partnership with the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, invite you to join them to learn how the Federal Stimulus Plan will impact you, your competitors and your customers.

Morning keynote presentation by US Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood Luncheon keynote presentation by US Airways Chairman and CEO Doug Parker

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