

Nominee: Sustainability Board for Outstanding Leadership-
2014 Clean Air Campaign Awards

Recent survey shows an increase in the number of employees and students who use alternative transportation at GCC. This is attributed to the tremendous support received by TRP from the Sustainability Board who is a strong advocate, community leader and advisor to the college and the District Office, with regard to planning and implementing solutions that will reduce carbon footprint.

GCC has been implementing a 4-day work week during the summer months. Co-Chair VP Rogers approved the use of the sustainability fund to purchase commuter club cards and finance sustainability and TRP activities. The Board members supported TRP by accommodating facility improvements such as better bike racks, fenced bike parking; promoting TRP widely through social media; implementing an efficient carpool program; and improving bicycle monitoring and safety.

Co-Chair Professor Reavis inspired students to be proactive in shaping the environment they envision for the future. Students sent out a petition to the chancellor, city and county governments, highlighting the need for better alternative transportation through light rail/intermodal connections, subsidized transit passes, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure for all Maricopa Community Colleges. As a result, hundreds of online and hard copy petitions were signed. He encouraged collaboration between TRP and the Sustainable Cities Class faculty and students, who created projects that raised awareness of alternative transportation through video production, endorsements and by participating in Earth Day and Bike Month activities. He welcomed TRP coordinators to give ShareTheRide tutorials in the classrooms. Extra credit given by teachers to students increased participation in TRP activities.