



Exciting developments are unfolding with the Tucson Modern Streetcar Project:

► **Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Approval:** The FTA has issued a letter of approval for the Tucson Modern Streetcar project to proceed with final design. This FTA determination moves the project's design and engineering into its final stage and grants the City of Tucson authority to begin procurement of critical path components -- such as the vehicles and rail -- as well as the relocation of utilities along the route. The City of Tucson has issued a press release notifying the media and public of this significant step towards procurement and construction.

► **Federal Grant Submittal:** The City of Tucson recently submitted an application for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery or TIGER, a new Federal grant program. This program, which was authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, has a range of award amounts from a minimum of \$20 million to a maximum of \$300 million depending on the project. The TIGER application requesting \$73 million for Modern Streetcar funding was submitted on September 15, 2009.

► **Feedback on Design of Streetcar Stop & The Maintenance and Storage Facility:** Currently meetings are being scheduled with stakeholders, emergency services, special needs groups and others to determine the code compliance we will meet in the maintenance and storage facility and stop designs. In the coming months, the CLG will be providing input on stop design amenities, the streetcar interior, accessibility, and the maintenance facility exterior design. We look forward to working with you.

► **Public Art Component Evolves:** Tucson Pima Arts Council (TPAC) will be organizing the artist selection process and overseeing the production and installation of artwork at 8 signature stops on the Modern Streetcar route. Art at each stop will reflect the character and fabric of the surrounding neighborhood. The status of the public art process will be given at a future CLG meeting.

► **Utility Letters Ready:** A key element of the streetcar project is infrastructure improvements related to the track installation. Prior to placing rail and building stops, crews will upgrade and re-locate water and sewer connections. In the coming weeks, the City of Tucson will be sending letters to property owners along the streetcar route regarding this utility work and potential upgrades to affected owners.

The next Community Liaison Group (CLG) meeting will be held in November. We will notify you when meeting date and time are set.

Thanks,

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