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4TH AVENUE UNDERPASS PROJECT RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) Fourth Avenue Underpass Project has earned a National Recognition Award in the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) 2011 Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) competition.

Reconstruction of the Fourth Avenue Underpass began in June 2007 and was completed in August of 2009. The underpass was designed by TranSystems and constructed by Sundt Construction Inc., under contract with TDOT. It features one travel lane in each direction carrying vehicle and trolley traffic, separate bicycle lanes and two pedestrian ways accessible for persons with disabilities. The new underpass also boasts a fountain area, an elevator, photo mosaic tile work, and landscaping and elevated walkways on the north and south side of the underpass. The lighted pedestrian walkways provide safe and convenient access between the Fourth Avenue Shopping and Entertainment District and the Congress Street Entertainment District and the rest of Downtown

The National Recognition Award is a prestigious distinction honoring projects that demonstrate exceptional achievement in engineering. TDOT will be recognized during the EEA Gala awards program in April in Washington, D.C.

The Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) keeps Tucson moving smoothly and safely. The Department's nearly 400 employees oversee the maintenance and reconstruction of nearly 4,400 lane miles of streets and are responsible for hundreds of drainage structures, public art pieces, street lights and signs, and traffic signs and signals in Tucson. TDOT also operates the City's transit services, Sun Tran and Van Tran.

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