

Ronstadt Transit Center Improvements

Project Update- February 2014



City of Tucson
Department of Transportation

Project Overview

- **Project Manager:** Tom Fisher (Planning), Brian Conte (A&E)
 - **Scope:** Complete Miscellaneous Improvements at the RTC site and at the vacant Toole Avenue lot to support future expansion of RTC.
 - **Benefits: Short-Term:** Will improve safety, security, and access for continued Sun Tran operations. **Long-term:** Will assist with downtown revitalization efforts and potential expansion of RTC site.
 - **Budget:** \$2.7M in FTA grant funds. \$2.2M expended. \$540k remaining.
 - **Status:** Kittle Design awarded \$150k contract for Miscellaneous Improvements. Remaining funds to be used for 6th Avenue two-way conversion: signal upgrades, ADA upgrades, new street paving.
 - **Next Steps:** Miscellaneous improvements under way. Issue Bid Call for 6th Ave improvements (waiting for Tucson Water to approve plans).
- Issues:** Recent claim filed against City for Toole Ave parking non-compliance with land use code.

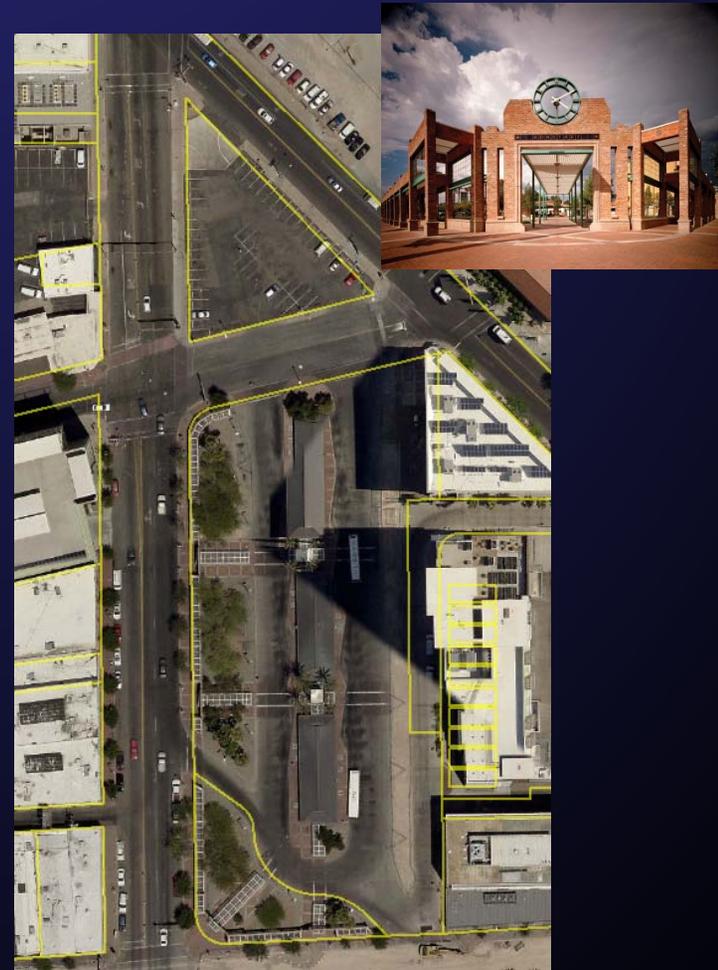


Project Area



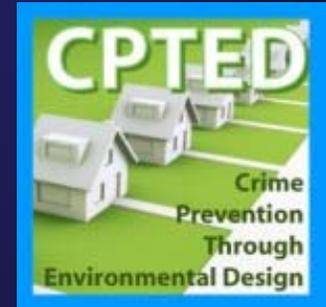
RTC Background

- In late 1980's, RTC was planned to consolidate downtown bus stops at one facility vs. many curbside stops.
- In 1999, RTC was completed using \$4M of federal UMPTA (now FTA) funds. City provided land as 20% match (Ronstadt Hardware, Owl Drug)
- 1.84 acres with 12 interior bus bays and 4 curbside stops on 6th Ave.
- Ramadas, restrooms, real-time info. displays, security cameras
- RTC serves 20 Sun Tran routes with 20,000 weekday boardings, plus Sun Shuttle, Downtown Loop, Cat Tran
- Currently 862 buses per weekday and more in the future



Recent Improvements

2010-2012



CPTED recommendations in response to safety and security issues:

- Remove low and dead vegetation to improve visibility
- Upgrade all lighting and add more (LED) per spacing plan
- Upgrade all security cameras and add more per spacing plan
- Install decorative metal fencing within arcade to encourage use of main pedestrian entrances. Fencing now used for vendor displays.
- Rebuild east median island next to MLK for future bus bays
- Repaint all metal surfaces and clean, clean, clean!
- Replace all uneven brick surfaces with new concrete and ADA ramps

Replace all old signage with new ones that are uniform in look and content



Improved Aesthetics and Access



Clean Modern Look



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Miscellaneous Improvements- 2014

Kittle Design and Const. hired to perform following work for \$150,000:

- Seal joints on Arizona Avenue to prevent leaking into parking garage
- Fix drainage flow next to MacArthur Building
- Clean Toole Ave lot: remove old poles, overgrown landscaping, debris
- Repair abandoned drainage culvert and surface grate on Toole lot
- Level parking area and install gravel surface, new fencing and signage
- Install some new desert trees on west edge
- Recent claim against City may require full parking lot design and improvements per code: landscaping, ADA access, paving.



Downtown Intermodal Center Improvements (overlapping project)

Use of 2004 FTA grant intended for intermodal improvements within Historic Depot and RTC areas. **If not used soon, FTA wants remaining funds de-obligated: \$1.4 million.**

Phase I: 6th Avenue Two-way Conversion: \$1.08 million

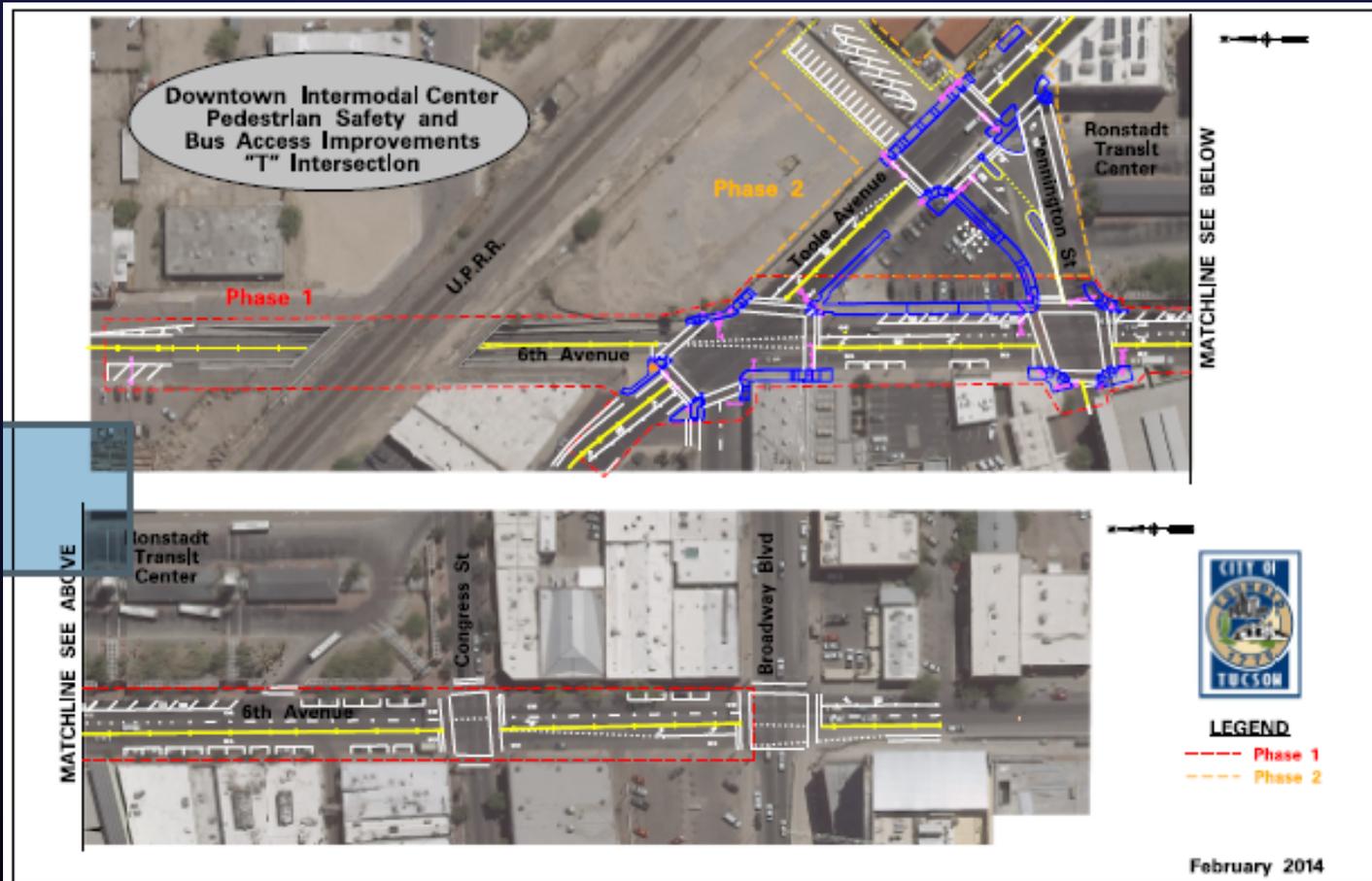
- Provide new signals and ADA ramps at Pennington and Toole intersections
- New asphalt and striping on 6th Ave from Toole Ave. to Congress Street.
- Bid Call to go out in March

Phase II: Pennington Street/Toole Avenue intersection: \$760,000

- Re-align intersection at 90 degrees for better bus access
- Install new traffic signals, ADA ramps, and crosswalk for improved connectivity to/from Toole Ave. lot
- Still in design



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Project Schedule

Miscellaneous Improvements

- Began February 24, 2014 and finish in April.
- More parking lot improvements will require more funds

DIMC Phase I: 6th Avenue Two-way Conversion

- Issue Bid Call in March/April. Begin in late summer 2014.

DMIC Phase II: Pennington Street/Toole Avenue intersection

- In final design.
- Construction will depend on remaining FTA grant funds

RTC Redevelopment Plans

- RFQ to be issued in early 2014 to consider development proposals



Future Redevelopment Area



More Information

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