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CITY OF TUCSON RELEASES PRELIMINARY PUBLIC BICYCLE SHARE STATION LOCATIONS AND PHASING PLAN

The City of Tucson is one step closer to launching a public bicycle share program. This week, the Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) is releasing a preliminary System Planning document that contains maps of both a station phasing plan and proposed station locations for the initial phases. The System Planning information is derived from months of technical analysis and public engagement as part of a Public Bicycle Share Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan. TDOT contracted with Toole Design Group, a national bicycle and pedestrian planning firm with extensive bike share experience to help plan Tucson's system. There is a local Technical Advisory Committee that oversees the project.

The proposed station locations for Phases 1 and 2 are primarily in the denser urban core of Tucson. However, there are station locations proposed for up to two miles from the Sun Link Streetcar line; bike share will complement the investment in the streetcar.

The phasing plan consists of six areas. Phase 3 is intended to build upon phases 1 and 2. There are three other areas suggested for a future phase: one connecting the Rillito River path, one expanding to the south and southeast of Tucson, and one on the east side of Tucson.

Bike share is an innovative public transportation system, whereby subscribers have access to a network of bicycles through automated, self-service kiosks located throughout the community. The system is accessed through low-cost subscriptions ranging from one-day access to annual membership. There are over 40 cities in the U.S. that have operating bike share systems. The City of Phoenix launched the first system in Arizona in late 2013.

The next phase of the Bicycle Share Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan will focus on the business aspects of a bike share system. A business plan is scheduled to be released this summer.

For additional information visit the City of Tucson's Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Bicycle Share site. The latest planning at <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/bicycle/tucson-bike-share>

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