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### **BROADWAY CORRIDOR EXPANSION EUCLID AVENUE TO COUNTRY CLUB ROAD**

The Broadway Citizens Task Force (CTF), after 35 public meetings that began in June 2012, made a unanimous decision Thursday night to recommend a 6-Lane Including Transit alignment to the Mayor and Council for adoption in May. The recommended alignment is a hybrid between a design submitted by community member Gene Caywood and the “Starting Small” approach provided by the Broadway project team, both available at [www.tucsonaz.gov/broadway](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/broadway). The alignment prioritizes preservation of historic buildings and adds lanes for vehicles and bicycles, and sidewalks for pedestrians. The CTF also supports enhancing transit service on the corridor, and unanimously supports dedicating lanes to transit should the Tucson Mayor and Council choose to do so.

“The members of the Citizens Task Force have volunteered many hours and provided much thought to this very difficult and lengthy project,” said Interim City Manager Martha Durkin, who spoke to the task force at its meeting Thursday night. “The Citizens Task Force had the challenge of representing constituencies with different priorities, while factoring in a great deal of technical data. The task force members are to be commended for their perseverance in reaching a unanimous decision on the recommended alignment.”

The CTF-recommended 6-Lane Including Transit alignment will be presented at an evening open house on April 23, 2015 at Sabbar Shrine Hall (time to be determined) and is expected to go before the Tucson Mayor and Council for adoption in May. The task force is made up of 13 people representing nearby residents and businesses, including members of the Bicycle Advisory Committee, the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee, the Tucson Planning Commission, and the Commission on Disability Issues.

The road widening will address regional mobility needs by improving infrastructure for motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians and transit riders, while enhancing the look, feel, community character and economic vitality of the area. The task force will continue to work with the project team during the technical design process. The \$71.3 million project is one of 35 major regional corridor projects that are part of the 2006 voter-approved, \$2.1 billion Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Plan. The project is funded by the City of Tucson, Pima County, and the RTA.

Utility relocations are estimated to begin in late 2016, with roadway construction beginning in 2017. For more project information, visit [www.tucsonaz.gov/broadway](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/broadway), call (520) 622-0815 or email [broadway@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:broadway@tucsonaz.gov). Details about the RTA plan are available at [www.RTAmobility.com](http://www.RTAmobility.com).

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