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TRAFFIC ALERT

SUNLINK STREETCAR GRAND OPENING – TRAVEL INFORMATION

Downtown Tucson will host the grand opening ceremony for the Sun Link Modern Streetcar on Friday, July 25, 2014. The ceremony will begin at approximately 9 a.m. at the intersection of Congress Street and Fifth Avenue, and is the beginning of multiple, weekend-long celebrations all along the Streetcar route. The main grand opening ceremony will conclude around 10 a.m. and free streetcar service through the weekend will begin at that time. Below is the vehicular travel restrictions associated with this event.

Sun Link Modern Streetcar Grand Opening – Beginning Thursday, July 24, 2014 at approximately 6:30 p.m., the right lane of Congress Street between Fourth Avenue and Fifth Avenue will be closed, leaving one through travel lane open on Congress Street. Also, at approximately 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 24, 2014, Fifth Avenue between Toole Avenue and Broadway will be closed. In order to facilitate downtown business traffic, the left lane of Congress will remain open until approximately 5 a.m. on Friday, July 25, 2014.

At 5 a.m., on Friday, July 25, 2014, Congress Street will be completely closed from Toole Avenue to Sixth Avenue. Toole Avenue will be converted to one way westbound travel only between Fourth Avenue and Pennington Street (similar to the traffic pattern that was utilized for the streetcar construction). All streets should reopen to traffic by noon on Friday.

Motorists driving in the downtown area may experience traffic delays associated with this event. There is also ongoing construction on Sixth Street between Ferro Avenue and Park Avenue, so please plan accordingly. The traveling public should use caution when driving, bicycling or walking in these areas. Please watch for event participants, obey all traffic control, and watch for detour signs and personnel providing traffic control. Further information about Sun Link Tucson Streetcar can be found at www.tucsonstreetcar.com.

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