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### **RECYCLING DURING STREETCAR WEEKEND DIVERTS FIFTEEN CUBIC YARDS OF WASTE FROM LANDFILL**

More than 30,000 bottles of water were given out during the opening weekend of the Sun Link Streetcar. To collect these recyclables, all 23 stops were provided with event recycling containers to collect the water bottles, aluminum cans and other recyclables generated over the weekend. City of Tucson Environmental Services reported that fifteen cubic yards of material were collected and diverted from the landfill—approximately one half ton of materials.

“Additionally, each of the streetcar stops has a permanent dual trash/recycling container for passenger use,” said Francis LaSala, Tucson’s Waste Diversion Manager. “Until now, public transit stops have not been outfitted with recycling containers. Most waste generated by transit passengers is recyclable—things like beverage containers and newspapers.”

In addition to the dual containers at Sun Link stops, the City recently installed trash and recycling bins in downtown to allow residents the opportunity to “Do More Blue” while on the go.

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