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SOUTH SIDE PROJECTS HONORED AT COMMON GROUND AWARDS

The Home Goods Inc. Western Distribution Center and the Kino Parkway/22nd Street Intersection Improvement were honored at the 11th annual Metropolitan Pima Alliance Common Ground Awards, held Friday, October 30.

“These projects and their recognition show the renaissance of Ward 5 and the South Side of Tucson,” said Ward 5 Councilmember Richard Fimbres. “I want to thank the Metropolitan Pima Alliance Common Ground Awards committee for their recognition of these great projects.”

The Home Good Distribution Center is a \$75 million dollar construction project, built on 100 acres South of Valencia Road in Ward 5. There are 259 people employed to build the Distribution Center. This facility will deliver Home Goods products to their stores in the Western United States. Construction has started for the Center scheduled to be completed next year. It will initially have 400 employees and when at capacity, a total of 910 people will be working there. This will have an economic impact of more than \$830 million dollars to our local economy.

“This was a collaborative effort by the various governmental entities, which needed to approve the proposed tax structure for the Center for it to happen,” said Councilmember Richard Fimbres. “I want to thank all the City staff, the other governmental entities, Sun Corridor and Keri Silvyn, who worked to get this project approved in the short time available so that the Home Goods Distribution Center could come to Tucson.”

The Kino Parkway/22nd Street Intersection improvement project was one of the City of Tucson’s largest public work projects. It cost \$21 million to construct and the elevated parkway includes bike lanes, 6-foot-sidewalks and a landscaped median separating two traffic lanes in each direction. Beneath it, 22nd street was widened to three lanes in each direction with exclusive right turn and dual left turn lanes to access on-ramps

“This road project continues the renaissance of the South side and it is the gateway from the Tucson Airport,” said Councilmember Richard Fimbres. “This work highlights the development of the area, with businesses such as Costco, Curacao, VXI Tucson, CAID Industries, Shared Services and FedEx Ground, expanding their businesses or opening their doors in Ward 5.”

The effort to keep the Cherrybell Post Office and Processing Center had also been named as a finalist for a 2015 Common Ground Award. “Thanks to a collaboration with businesses, non-profits, both labor and business organizations, as well as elected officials from both sides of the aisle, these partnerships have kept our postal distribution and processing center open for these past four years, when it had been scheduled to close in 2011.”

Many projects have been recognized by MPA over the past 11 years that has represented positive outcomes as the result of atypical and important partnerships. For more information about the awards go to www.mpaaz.org/events/common-ground

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