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CITY OF TUCSON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CAMPBELL AVENUE AND FORT LOWELL ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

This is a continuing series of construction alerts that will be issued throughout the construction of the Campbell Avenue and Fort Lowell Road Intersection Improvement Project. These alerts will announce construction, detour and closure information as it effects traffic. Motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians are asked to obey all posted speed limit signs within the construction area and be alert for construction crews and personnel working in the area.

On Monday morning, October 11, 2010 work crews will begin milling (removing asphalt) the center turn lane on Campbell Avenue from Lind Road to Hedrick Drive. This milling work is scheduled to begin at 3 a.m. and be complete by 6 a.m. After the milling is complete, crews will begin reconstructing the subgrade in preparation to repave the center turn lane and the west side of Campbell Avenue. This work is scheduled to be complete in about two weeks. During this work, the Campbell Avenue and Fort Lowell Road intersection traffic signals will be adjusted to a four-way stop with one lane of travel in each direction and left turns in all four directions. During morning and afternoon peak travel hours – 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. – Tucson Police officers will be at the intersection to direct motorists for improved traffic flow.

Falcone Brothers and Associates, under contract with the City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT), are constructing the project, Typical work hours for the project are 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., with occasional night work from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. During the project, at least one lane of travel on Campbell Avenue and one lane of travel on Fort Lowell Road will be maintained, with center turn lanes. For the safety of the traveling public, the travel restrictions will be in place for 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Access to all businesses within the construction area will be maintained.

The $2 million project, funded with voter-approved Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) funds, is scheduled to be complete in February 2011. The intersection will be reconstructed to improve the pavement condition and to add dedicated right turn lanes and bus pullouts. Additional improvements include upgraded traffic signals, street lights, new water lines and new drainage. New curbs and sidewalks will be installed including ADA compliant access

While funded through the RTA, the project is being managed by TDOT. The $2.1 billion RTA plan will be implemented through 2026. Details about the full plan are available at www.RTAmobility.com. The RTA has a nine-member board with representatives from local, state and tribal governments.

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