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HOUGHTON ROAD/OLD VAIL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BEGINS

On Monday, June 15, 2009, crews will begin work to improve the Houghton Road and Old Vail Road/Mary Ann Cleveland Way intersection. The improvement project is the first construction project on a major City of Tucson corridor funded under the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) that was approved by voters in May 2006. The project marks the second Houghton Road Corridor project under the RTA. While funded through the RTA, the project is being managed by the City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT).

Improvements to the intersection include widening the existing intersection to accommodate the future widening of Houghton Road, constructing dedicated right turn lanes and dual left turn lanes, and upgrading the traffic signal. Work hours for the project will be 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The project is scheduled to be complete in January 2010.

During the first week of the project, crews will focus their work on the roadway shoulders. No travel restrictions are anticipated during the first week of construction. When construction begins on the roadway, traffic will be shifted to accommodate the intersection widening and the speed limit will be reduced to 35 mph.

More information on Houghton Road improvements is posted at www.houghtonroad.info. For information on the RTA, visit www.rtamobility.com.

The Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) keeps Tucson moving smoothly and safely. The Department's nearly 400 employees oversee the maintenance and reconstruction of nearly 4,400 lane miles of streets and are responsible for hundreds of drainage structures, public art pieces, street lights and signs, and traffic signs and signals in Tucson. TDOT also operates the City's transit services, Sun Tran and Sun Van.

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