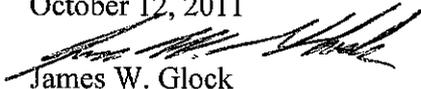




MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 12, 2011

TO: The Honorable Mayor and
Council Members

FROM: 
James W. Glock
Transportation Director

SUBJECT: Modern Streetcar Construction Update – Special Events Along the Alignment

The Tucson Modern Streetcar Project has completed design and is preparing to go to construction. Construction activities are estimated to begin in January 2012 with pre-construction activities (including utility relocations) occurring before the start of construction. This has led the Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) to limit special events on the modern streetcar alignment. Beginning November 1, 2011, all special event activities requesting to utilize the roadways that are part of the modern streetcar alignment will be asked to adjust their routes to avoid conflicting with the modern streetcar roadways and the work occurring on those roads.

The modern streetcar route starts at its eastern terminus at Helen Street and Martin Avenue, continues west on Helen Street to Warren Avenue, travels through the Warren Avenue underpass to 2nd Street, continues west on 2nd Street to Park Avenue, south on Park Avenue to University Boulevard, west on University Boulevard to 4th Avenue, south on 4th Avenue to the Broadway/Congress one-way couplet, south on Granada Avenue to Cushing Street, west on Cushing Street under the I-10 overpass and over the Cushing Street Bridge (currently under construction) and looping through the Mercado district using Avenida del Convento, Congress Street and Linda Avenue.

The City of Tucson has an existing Civics Committee that reviews and approves Civic Event requests. For applicants interested in having a civic event, information is provided at the following website <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/transportation/planning-civic-event>. The committee is in the process of contacting special event coordinators who have applied in the past and advising them of the construction-related activities about to occur on the roadways along the streetcar alignment. All event coordinators are encouraged to contact the Civic Event Committee as early as possible if planning an event near the streetcar alignment.

Once construction is completed, events will be permanently re-routed away from the streetcar alignment. This is the first step in developing a process that meets federally required safety and security processes for activities along the federally funded rail line. We look forward to working with the community to develop alternate routes in the central Tucson area that continues to encourage Tucson's sense of tradition while providing for a safe and secure alternate method of transportation that can bring participants to their doorstep.

If you have any questions on the special event permitting process, please feel free to contact the Civic Events office at 791-4855 for further information.

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cc: Richard Miranda, City Manager
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