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**3rd STREET/UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD
BICYCLE BOULEVARD OPEN HOUSE**

The City of Tucson Department of Transportation will present draft plans for improvements to the 3rd Street/University Bicycle Boulevard at an open house:

**Monday, July 25, 2011
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Himmel Library (meeting room)
1035 N. Treat Avenue**

Public feedback from this meeting will be incorporated into the final design for the corridor. The goal of the 3rd Street/ University Bicycle Boulevard Project is to improve the city’s most popular bike route and provide bicyclists of all ages and abilities with a safe and pleasant route to traverse the city from east to west. The route connects thousands of residents between Wilmot Road and Main Avenue to shopping, jobs, schools, and to several other bicycle friendly routes that easily reach the downtown, the river pathways and beyond.

Funding has been secured from the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to install a bike/pedestrian signal at the Swan crossing and for additional traffic calming, wayfinding signage, intersection improvements, pavement markings, as well as changes to traffic control signage to help prioritize bike travel more.

In addition, since about a half mile of the corridor lies within the planned Modern Streetcar route, plans for a parallel lower stress route are being explored with this project along 5th Street. The open house will feature a presentation on Tucson’s Bicycle Boulevard network and will have the plans for this corridor available for viewing and comment. The project route stretches seven miles from Main Avenue near downtown to Wilmot Road on the east side.

The Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) keeps Tucson moving smoothly and safely. The Department’s nearly 250 employees oversee the maintenance and reconstruction of nearly 1,900 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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