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**PIMA COUNTY TO HOST DEDICATION
OF**

LA CHOLLA BOULEVARD: RUTHRAUFF ROAD TO RIVER ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Pima County, Ariz - On Friday, Sept. 9, 2011 at 9 a.m., the Pima County Department of Transportation and the Regional Transportation Authority will host a dedication ceremony marking the completion of the La Cholla Boulevard Ruthrauff Road to River Road Improvement Project. The ceremony will be at the northwest corner of La Cholla Blvd and Curtis Road.

The ceremony program includes local leaders, including Dist. 3 Pima County Supervisor Sharon Bronson, County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County Transportation Director Priscilla Cornelio and the president of the Flowing Wells Coalition, Ellie Towne.

The La Cholla Boulevard Improvement Project was approved in 2006 by Pima County voters as part of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) transportation plan.

The Pima County Department of Transportation, along with Eagle Rock Excavating and the design team of HDR, Engineering Inc., completed this project in July 2011. The cost of construction was \$ 19 million.

The project includes expanding the roadway to six lanes, paved shoulders for bicycles, and sidewalks which have been connected to the Rillito River Park Path.

Drainage improvements include installation of a large storm drain from Ruthrauff Road to the Rillito River as well as curbs and storm drains for the roadway.

The project includes intersection improvements at La Cholla/Curtis Road and at La Cholla/Ruthrauff Road, including dual left-turn lanes for southbound traffic on La Cholla Boulevard. Transit was improved with the construction of five bus pullouts.

Also, at the Rillito River, a new 360-foot long six-lane bridge was constructed featuring art designed by Vicki Scuri Siteworks.

The Regional Transportation Authority is the fiscal manager of the \$2.1 billion plan approved by Pima County voters on May 16, 2006. The RTA Board is comprised of representatives from local jurisdictions in Pima County, including the cities of Tucson and South Tucson, Pima County, the towns of Marana, Oro Valley, and Sahuarita, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and the Tohono O'odham Nation. A representative of the Arizona State Transportation Board also serves on the board. For more information about the RTA plan, visit www.RTAmobility.com or call (520) 770-9410.

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