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PRE-CONSTRUCTION OPEN HOUSE

8TH STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 6TH AVENUE RESTRIPE FOR TWO-WAY TRAFFIC BETWEEN 6TH STREET AND 7TH STREET

The public is invited to attend a pre-construction open house on Thursday, September 22, 2011, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., for the 8th Street Drainage Improvement Project. The open house will be held at the University Services Annex West, 220 W. 6th Street, Room A104 & A106. There will be a brief presentation at 5:30 p.m. Representatives from the City of Tucson and Borderland Construction will be available to discuss the construction schedule and phasing, as well as access and traffic control. MainStreet Business Assistance representatives will also be on hand.

A portion of the Downtown Links project includes the 8th Street Drainage improvements, which will provide a new roadway drainage system and major reconstruction of the Tucson Arroyo. Construction of the 8th Street Drainage project has been awarded to Borderland Construction Company and is expected to begin in later this month.

As part of this construction, the City will re-stripe 6th Avenue for two-way travel between 6th Street and 7th Street. This traffic-pattern change will provide better access to area businesses during construction. Detailed maps will be available at the Pre-Construction Open House and at www.downtownlinks.info

The 8th Street Drainage improvement is part of the Downtown Links project, a 30 mph, four-lane road north of the Union Pacific railroad tracks that will connect Barraza-Aviation Parkway to Interstate 10. It will provide alternate access to and around Downtown by foot, bike, vehicle and public transit and offer new and safer underpasses, railroad crossings and sidewalks.

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 signals in Tucson. TDOT also operates the City's transit services, Sun Tran and Sun Van.

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