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SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD – CAMINO SECO TO HOUGHTON ROAD WIDENING PROJECT TRAFFIC ALERT

Beginning Tuesday, August 9, 2011, at the intersection of Speedway Boulevard and Harrison Road, electrical crews will be installing new traffic signal poles and mast arms at all four corners of the intersection. During this work, the existing signals will be out of service. During the outage, Tucson Police officers will be in the intersection directing traffic. This work is expected to be completed by 3 p.m., Wednesday, August 10, 2011.

Work hours will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. After the work hours, the traffic signals will be returned to their regular operation. Please use caution when traveling through the intersection.

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)-funded project consists of widening Speedway Boulevard from Camino Seco to Houghton Road to provide two through lanes in each direction with a 20-ft wide center landscaped median, concrete curbs, new rubberized asphalt paving, six-foot wide sidewalks, bike lanes, and frontage roads. The project began in September 2010, and is scheduled to be complete in September 2012. The project construction cost is \$13.9 million.

The improved roadway will include new drainage improvements. These improvements include storm drains, catch basins, and reinforced concrete box culvert crossings to control flooding and provide all weather crossing capability.

This project also will include new traffic signals at Harrison Road and Houghton Road. Signalized pedestrian crossings are planned at Schrader Lane and Igo Way. Street lighting for driver safety and neighborhood security will be included as well. The project will be landscaped and include public art.

The contractor is NAC Construction Company. The voter-approved, \$2.1 billion RTA plan will be implemented through 2026. Details about the full plan are available at www.RTAmobility.com. The RTA has a nine-member board with representatives from local, state and tribal governments. While funded through the RTA, the above projects will be managed by TDOT.

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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