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**MODERN STREETCAR CONSTRUCTION
TRAFFIC ALERT**

**SOUTHBOUND GRANADA AVENUE CLOSED
CUSHING STREET TO I-10 FRONTAGE ROAD**

Waterline and related-utility work for the Modern Streetcar project began today, following the completion of the 57th Annual Tucson Gem, Mineral and Fossil Showcase.

Southbound Granada Avenue between Cushing Street and the Interstate 10 Frontage Road will be closed to all traffic until mid May 2011. Additionally, left turn movements from Cushing Street to Granada Avenue will be prohibited. Those wishing to access the westbound frontage road should use 22nd Street or Congress Street as an alternate.

KE&G Construction, Inc., under contract with the City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT), will be constructing waterlines and transmission mains, furnishing and installing valves boxes and covers, air release valves, steel casings corrosion test stations, and replacing concrete curb, sidewalks, curb access ramps, and driveways. Crews will be working from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday; however, traffic control will remain in place 24 hours.

For more information on the Modern Streetcar project, visit www.tucsonstreetcar.com or call (520) 624-5656.

The Federal Transit Administration issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the streetcar project at the end of January, giving the green light to begin construction and access to \$63 million in federal grant money. In the coming weeks, the City of Tucson and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) will be going out to bid for the Cushing Street Bridge over the Santa Cruz River in the western segment of the modern streetcar project.

The Modern Streetcar Project is co-managed by the City of Tucson and the RTA. The modern streetcar project is part of the RTA's multi-modal plan approved by Pima County voters in 2006. The 3.9-mile streetcar project will connect The University of Arizona campus, Downtown Tucson, and other activity centers, boost economic development and be an important part of a regional transit system.

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