

Tucson Modern Streetcar Project Update

The following has been accomplished or are short term milestones since the last Modern Streetcar Update, in accordance with the IGA and with the support and approval of the co-directors.

Upcoming Project Quarterly Review Meeting:
June 28, 2011

Project Update:

- Design of the project is nearly 100% complete.
- The co-management team of COT and RTA recently decided to combine all segments into one construction contract for track and street work. The combination of all design segments will be submitted as one 100% submittal summer 2011 for final review.
- The maintenance facility, systems, and streetcar stop design packages will follow soon after.
- Private utility companies have begun utility relocations in advance of the project.
- Cushing Street Bridge construction award - Ashton Construction is the selected contractor.

Streetcar/Oregon Iron Works, Inc. (OIW):

- Tucson and OIW Contract Administration Team (CAT) members meet every 6 weeks for Project Status Meetings. Currently, the Streetcar vehicle contract is on schedule and within budget.

Community Outreach:

- On-going outreach in coordination with the RTA MainStreet program—preparing for waterline construction and providing project information to community stakeholders along the streetcar route.

Major Project Milestones



Contractor bids (entire line segment)— Summer 2011
Start of Construction—Fall 2011



1st vehicle delivery/start of testing— late 2012



Revenue service day— October 2013



Connections:



- 150 retail businesses
- 100 restaurants
- 15 clubs
- 15 galleries & museums
- 7 performance theaters
- 22 hotels and B&Bs
- Hundreds of professional services
- Numerous schools
- University of Arizona
- ... and more

Job Creation

As a direct result of streetcar project construction, the City of Tucson estimates that 1,200 jobs will be created. An additional 1,650 related jobs in over 19 industries will be created. Over the long-term, the streetcar system is expected to create 1,480 jobs in the region.

Development & Redevelopment

The streetcar project triggers potential retail, office and residential development and redevelopment opportunities along the route. In the past 30 months, private developers have invested \$160 million in downtown and along the route.

Seamless Service

The modern streetcar will connect with Tucson’s mass transit system, Sun Tran, and the University of Arizona’s Cat Tran system. This will add service frequency, hours and capacity to the overall transit system.

Environmentally Friendly

Riding the streetcar system, with a capacity for 130 people, will reduce trips by bus and personal vehicle, thus reducing congestion and pollution along the alignment. In addition, the all-electric streetcar will help to further reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. This transit system will enable people to park once and ride the streetcar to hot-spots along corridor.

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