

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.

Next Project Quarterly Review Meeting:

September 27, 2011

Project Update:

- Modern Streetcar design is 100% complete with the construction package going to bid soon. Construction will begin late 2011.
- The maintenance facility, systems, and streetcar stop design packages will follow soon after.
- Construction on the 8th street drainage project will begin in late September. This project must be completed before construction on the adjacent Modern Streetcar facilities begin.

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:

- Modern Streetcar Public Art Open House: An open house was held on August 25, 2011 to meet the artists who will be creating the public art for the Modern Streetcar stops and facilities.
- On-going outreach in coordination with the RTA MainStreet program - Outreach and an education campaign will be provided throughout construction to offer project information to community stakeholders along the streetcar route.
- MainStreet held a Construction Readiness Workshop on September 21, 2011 to provide construction related information to businesses along the Modern Streetcar route.

Major Project Milestones



Contractor bids (entire line segment)
Start of Construction - Late 2011



1st vehicle delivery/start of testing - Late 2012



Ashton Construction has begun building Cushing Street Bridge
Expected Completion - Fall 2012



Revenue service day - Late 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. Additionally 1,650 related jobs in over 19 industries will be created. Over the long-term, the streetcar system is expected to generate 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 per vehicle, will reduce trips by bus and personal vehicle, thereby 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 the corridor.

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