

August 21, 2006

Dear Neighbor,

The Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) is moving forward on the design and planning of Downtown Links. Downtown Links is a design project that will provide links between Barraza-Aviation Parkway and Interstate 10, Broadway Boulevard and the 4th Avenue shopping district, and Downtown and the neighborhoods to its north. These Downtown Links have been conceived as a modest, four-lane roadway on the north side of the railroad tracks, including enhanced pedestrian and bicycle access routes.

Tucson's Mayor and Council have appointed a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) to work with the project team and provide input on the project's planning and design. In addition to the CAC's involvement, we would also like to hear from the rest of the nearby community on land use issues, neighborhood concerns, and mitigation options. Our ultimate goal is to work with the CAC and neighborhood groups to develop both a transportation corridor plan and a land use plan for Downtown Links.

As is shown on the graphic below, the project has been divided into five geographic areas. The project team will meet with each geographic area four times over the next several months to discuss specific land use, urban design, neighborhood improvement, connectivity and development topics pertaining to that segment of the project alignment. You are invited to attend any or all of the meetings scheduled for your geographic area. The first set of meetings will focus on the project's goals, objectives and constraints.

The information gathered at these neighborhood meetings will be reported back to the full Downtown Links CAC, which will review the information to achieve compatibility between sectors. These neighborhood meetings are just one element of community outreach that will be conducted as design and planning move forward for Downtown Links.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts on these neighborhood land use issues. For more information about Downtown Links, please visit the project website at www.downtownlinks.info or call the information hotline at (520) 622-9000.

Sincerely,

The Downtown Links Project Team

**Land Use and Neighborhood/Stakeholder
Urban Design Process
Public Meetings Schedule 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

Area #1	Area #2	Area #3	Area #4	Area #5
Iron Horse	4th Avenue	6th to Stone	Stone to Oracle	Oracle to I-10
Monday, August 28 Main Library 101 N. Stone Lower Level Conference Room	Tuesday, September 5 Main Library 101 N. Stone Lower Level Conference Room	Tuesday, August 29 University Services Annex (formerly TEP) 220 W. Sixth Street West Building, 1st Floor Conference Room	Thursday, August 31 University Services Annex (formerly TEP) 220 W. Sixth Street West Building, 1st Floor Conference Room	Thursday, September 7 University Services Annex (formerly TEP) 220 W. Sixth Street West Building, 1st Floor Conference Room

Downtown Links Geographic Areas

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Iron Horse N.A. 4th Ave. Merchants Assn. Pie Allen N.A. Tenants Property Owners	4th Ave. Merchants Assn. West University N.A. Armory Park N.A. Old Pueblo Trolley Marshall Foundation/ Main Gate Tenants Property Owners	West University N.A. Warehouse Arts Mgmt. Org. Artists RISE, MOCA Tucson Downtown Alliance Tucson Pima Arts Council Tenants Property Owners	Dunbar Spring N.A. UAUSA Building Warehouse Arts Mgmt. Org. Artists El Presidio N.A. Bicycle Advisory Committee Tucson Electric Power Tenants Property Owners	Barrio Anita N.A. El Presidio N.A. Chamber of Commerce TUSD - Davis School Bicycle Advisory Committee ADOT (I-10) Tenants Property Owners

N.A. = Neighborhood Association