



## **Modern Streetcar Construction to be Bid as One Project Other million-dollar, cost-saving measures identified**

We want to update you on recent project milestones.

### **Construction:**

As streetcar design reaches 100% completion the City of Tucson and the Regional Transportation Authority, co-managers of the Modern Streetcar project, are expected to seek proposals for construction of the entire 3.9 mile streetcar line rather than in four separate segments. Combining construction of the line segments into one project with one primary contractor means:

- An estimated savings of at least \$6 million compared to bidding the project in segments.
- More efficient and better use of manpower and equipment based on the size of our system.

### **Track:**

The City of Tucson will pursue the purchase of T-rail for the streetcar tracks because it is readily available and can be installed at reduced labor costs compared to block rail, which was previously considered.

- The use of T-rail is expected to provide an additional estimated \$3.5 million in cost savings.
- Specific safety measures have been researched regarding bicycle traffic near streetcar tracks. Unique pavement markings, safe-crossing directional markings and signage treatments have been integrated into the project design. Further methods, including materials to reduce the gap between rail and concrete, are being researched.

Now that these decisions have been reached, a revised project schedule regarding construction activities is being developed. Progress updates will be made available as new information is released.

Please [click here](#) for a link to the Mayor and Council memo regarding these topics.

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