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CELEBRATE SUN LINK'S FOURTH ANNIVERSARY WITH FREE RIDES

Ride for free all day on streetcar thanks to local sponsors

TUCSON, Ariz. – Sun Link will celebrate its fourth anniversary on Saturday, July 28. As part of the celebration, Main Gate Square and Rio Nuevo will sponsor free rides on Sun Link from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Saturday, July 28. Tucsonans can enjoy free rides in the air-conditioned streetcars to access the unique shops and restaurants and many events that day in the five Sun Link districts- University of Arizona, Main Gate Square, 4th Avenue, Downtown and Mercado San Agustín.

Main Gate Square and Rio Nuevo are both located along the Sun Link streetcar route, and have been long-time supporters of Sun Link.

Main Gate Square is sponsoring free rides so residents and visitors can experience firsthand all the great places to go and things to do along the streetcar route. “Sun Link is the perfect vehicle for Tucsonans to revisit our urban core where five unique districts offer a variety of entertainment and food every day of the week,” says Jane McCollum, General Manager of Marshall Foundation and Main Gate Square. “By supporting free rides on Sun Link’s birthday, we hope people will hop aboard and find new shops and restaurants, or visit museums and other attractions at the University of Arizona, Main Gate Square, 4th Avenue, Downtown and the Mercado. And we hope people will discover an oldie or goodie along the way, like Gentle Ben’s, to enjoy free live music that night.”

For Rio Nuevo, providing free rides for the Sun Link 4th Anniversary is a tribute to the role the streetcar has played in promoting Tucson’s economic development along the streetcar route, especially Downtown. The streetcar has been an engine for growth in the Downtown area since Sun Link launched in 2014.

Rio Nuevo encourages people to ride Sun Link because every person on the streetcar represents a car that’s not contributing to traffic. “The streetcar keeps our downtown streets flowing smoothly,” says Fletcher McCusker, Board Chair for Rio Nuevo, “and it helps keep the air clean and reduces the need for additional parking. It’s great for business and good for everyone.”

Sun Link will also celebrate with four live performances onboard the streetcar, and two free concerts at Main Gate Square.

For additional Sun Link information and for trip planning assistance, call the Customer Service Center at (520) 792-9222 (for persons with hearing and speech impairments, call TDD: 520-628-1565) or visit sunlinkstreetcar.com.