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SUN TRAN INTRODUCES NEW 60-FOOT ARTICULATED BUS *High-capacity bus enhances service for passengers on busy route*

TUCSON, Ariz. – Beginning Wednesday, October 3rd, Sun Tran will add a 60-foot articulated bus to its service fleet. The new bus will serve Route 18, along S. 6th Avenue, a high ridership route. This is the first articulated bus utilized by Sun Tran.

Members of the media: For photos of the articulated bus, members of the media can come to Sun Tran's Administrative Offices, 3920 N. Sun Tran Blvd., at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 2nd.

The articulated bus will be in service on Wednesday, October 3rd at the following times:

Departs Laos Transit Center:	Departing Ronstadt Transit Center:
11:29 a.m.	11:55 a.m.
12:29 p.m.	12:55 p.m.
1:27 p.m.	1:55 p.m.
2:27 p.m.	

The articulated bus consists of two 30-foot vehicles, linked by a pivoting joint, for a longer overall length and higher passenger capacity. In contrast, most Sun Tran vehicles are 40-ft. long. Articulated buses are beneficial because they can accommodate more passengers without requiring additional buses. An articulated bus will accommodate 70 seated passengers, compared to 34 passengers on a standard 40-ft. bus.

Sun Tran acquired the articulated bus from Valley Metro in Phoenix, Arizona.

In June, Sun Tran began testing the articulated bus to identify which routes it could best serve and to evaluate whether the 60-ft. bus would safely fit in each designated stop. Route 18 was selected because it is one of Sun Tran's most productive routes, with an average of 40.5 passengers per hour.

While they look harder to maneuver, articulated buses are engineered to turn in the same space as a shorter bus.

For more information on Sun Tran, call the Customer Service Center at (520) 792-9222 (TDD: (520) 628-1565) or visit suntran.com.