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SUN LINK STREETCAR NEARS FIVE MILLION PASSENGERS

On-board musical performance to celebrate achievement

TUCSON, Ariz. –In its 5th year of operation, the Sun Link streetcar will reach five million passengers! According to ridership estimates, Sun Link expects the five-millionth passenger will board the streetcar on Thursday, October 31st. To celebrate, Mayor Rothschild will greet the five-millionth rider on board and present them with prizes and gift certificates from businesses along the route.

Additionally, at approximately 4:00 p.m., a live performance by Miss Olivia & the Interlopers will take place on board the streetcar. The concert will begin at Main Gate Square (University Blvd/Tyndall) and travel westbound.

Members of the media: To get footage of the celebration, members of the media can board the streetcar at Helen Street and Warren Avenue. The streetcar will depart at approximately 3:50 p.m.

The general public can follow the Sun Link performance on Twitter and Facebook for updates, and download the Tucson Streetcar app to track the streetcar's location.

Since opening in July 2014, the Sun Link Streetcar has traveled 1,035,079 miles with an average weekday ridership of 2,961.

On Saturday, October 12th, Sun Link provided 6,336 total rides, which is the highest single-day ridership since April 2015.

With an average on-time performance of 97 percent, Sun Link provides downtown employees, visitors, students and residents a reliable way to get to their destination. Streetcar ridership tends to be the busiest during the months that the University of Arizona is in session, due to students visiting shops and restaurants as well as commuting to and from campus.

Sun Link aims to provide a high-quality experience for passengers and encourages ridership to school, work, restaurants, shops and entertainment venues along the route. Since the streetcar's launch, Sun Link and the City of Tucson have worked to bring late-night weekend service, special performances on-board the streetcar and convenient travel to Tucson community events.

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