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SUN TRAN PROVIDING LATER WEEKNIGHT SERVICE

TUCSON, Ariz. – Sun Tran is putting funds provided by the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to work. Effective Monday, February 19, eight of Sun Tran's 37 routes will receive later weeknight service.

Later weeknight service until midnight:

- Route 4 – Speedway Boulevard
- Route 8 – Broadway/6th Avenue
- Route 16 – 12th Avenue/Oracle

Later weeknight service until 11 p.m.:

- Route 3 – 6th Street/Wilmot
- Route 6 – South Park Avenue/North 1st Avenue
- Route 7 – 22nd Street
- Route 9 – Grant Road
- Route 11 – Alvernon

Additional weekday evening service hours, which are currently in the planning stages, will be phased in throughout 2007.

"It's been 16 years since Sun Tran has been able to expand service for the community," said Katrina Heineking, General Manager of Sun Tran. "Many people have asked that buses run later at night, and now, thanks to the RTA, we're very happy to be able to provide that service. Hopefully more people who attend night school or work later shifts will use our new services."

In August of 2006, Sun Tran enhanced service with RTA funds for additional bus trips scheduled to serve passengers where overcrowding occurred on a regular basis for several years. Additionally, stand-by buses were positioned throughout the service area on a daily basis, assisting with overcrowding situations where possible.

The RTA plan includes almost \$534 million in public transit improvements, representing 27 percent of the \$2.1 billion total plan investment. Improvements build upon the success of the current regional transit system by adding weekday evening and weekend hours of operation, more frequent service and service area expansion, new and enhanced express bus service, new park and ride centers, community circulators and special needs transit services.

Details of February service enhancements are provided in Sun Tran's Ride Guide, at www.suntran.com, or by calling Sun Tran's Customer Service Center at (520) 792-9222 (for persons with hearing and speech impairments who have TDD equipment call 520-628-1565).

Sun Tran is Tucson's award winning regional public transportation system, which is operated by the City of Tucson and managed by Professional Transit Management, Ltd. (PTM). With more than 520 employees, 37 fixed routes and a fleet of 196 buses, Sun Tran's mission is to provide safe, reliable, well maintained and cost effective public transportation with a team of innovative and diverse employees, dedicated to our customers, the environment and the community.