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FREE BUS TRAINING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND SENIORS

TUCSON, Ariz. – Sun Tran is offering a free Mobility Training Program, designed to help people gain greater independence by learning how to ride the bus. The sessions are offered Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at Himmel Library, 1035 North Treat Avenue and Tuesday, January 30, at Santa Rosa Library, 1075 South 10th Avenue, both from 1 to 5 p.m.. Participants are encouraged to make reservations by calling (520) 745-5222 as space is limited.

The Mobility Training Program is coordinated by Living Independently with Freedom and Equality (LIFE) and its Living in Motion program. The session features hands-on training with a Sun Tran bus, and provides instruction led by a trainer from LIFE, a Sun Tran coach operator, and customer service representative. Information provided includes:

- An educational overview of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- How to utilize Sun Tran's Ride Guide, website, and the Customer Service Center to obtain bus schedules, trip planning, bus pass sales locations, and tips on how to ride the bus.
- Tips on using the wheelchair ramp and mechanical lift.
- A description of alternative resources available at Sun Tran, including large format Ride Guides, Braille schedules, and Hailing Guides.
- An overview of Securement Loops, which are restraints placed on mobility devices to make securement inside a bus easier and faster.
- Boarding assessments to help passengers identify why they may have difficulty using their mobility device to board a bus.

For specific Sun Tran bus information and trip planning assistance, consult the Fall/Winter Ride Guide, visit www.suntran.com, or call Sun Tran's Customer Service Center at (520) 792-9222 (for persons with hearing and speech impairments with TDD equipment, call 520-628-1565). Except on major holidays, the Customer Service Center is open weekdays from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. and weekends from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.