

*Your Invitation to a  
Community Conversation*

*Topic:*

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October 2, 2006

Dear Grant Road area resident:

*What's in a name?* In the early 1950s, Grant Road had several names - from Country Club to Park Avenue it was named *North* and west of Park, residents called the road *Luna*. It wasn't until 1953 that these became part of what we now call the Grant Road Corridor. A *corridor* connects people, neighborhoods, schools, faith and business institutions to each other just like a hallway connects rooms. We are asking you to help define the Grant Road Corridor's sense of place – its *remembered physical and emotional landscape*, or *the soul of a place*. We want to learn how you will define the Grant Road Corridor with stories and memories of the past, present and ideas for the future.

To accomplish this, Council Members Karin Uhlich and Nina Trasoff, together with the Tucson Department of Transportation and the Regional Transportation Authority invite you to participate in a Community Conversation about the Grant Road Corridor. **These conversations precede the formal start of the Grant Road Corridor Design Process currently planned to begin in late 2007. The Grant Road project is one of 35 road projects included in the Regional Transportation Authority plan approved by Pima County voters on May 16, 2006.** More information is available at [www.grantroad.info](http://www.grantroad.info).

Please take a few moments before you attend one of the Community Conversation sessions, detailed below, and consider how you would respond to these questions. Please bring your answers with you to your session.

- What makes the Grant Road Corridor unique?
- What elements of the Grant Road Corridor have and/or will have lasting, positive value for decades and why?
- What elements of the Grant Road Corridor do and/or will demonstrate a strong, positive community character?
- How can you contribute to developing a pro-active connection with the Grant Road Corridor as a “sense of place”?

One way you can contribute to the Grant Road Corridor's sense of place is to bring photos of the past or current Grant Road to the conversation. We will scan your photos on site and return them to you during the session.

If you cannot attend a session, but have comments or information you would like to share, please e-mail them to [contact@grantroad.info](mailto:contact@grantroad.info).

After the three sessions are complete, a summary of our conversations, with photos included, will be created and mailed to each participant. This summary will become part of the information considered in the formal Grant Road design process. **We encourage you to participate in this pioneering Community Conversation.**

The Community Conversation sessions are scheduled for:

Wednesday, October 11	6:00 PM–8:00 PM	Sheraton Tucson 5151 E. Grant Rd.
Saturday, October 21	10:00 AM–12:00 PM	Sheraton 4 Points 1900 E. Speedway Blvd.
Wednesday, November 15	6:00 PM–8:00 PM	Best Western Executive Inn 333 W. Drachman St.

**Please call 520-624-4727 to RSVP for one of these sessions.** In order for the sessions to function most productively, the number of people attending each must be limited. However, if a session you ask for is fully booked, you will have the opportunity to reserve your place at one of the other sessions, so please have an alternative session selected before you RSVP. More sessions will be scheduled if needed. A limited number of informal, one-on-one discussions are available beginning one hour before the session times listed above. Please indicate when you RSVP if you plan to come early.

## Business Assistance and Technical Sessions

Beginning one hour prior to the start of each of the Community Conversations listed on reverse side, City of Tucson business assistance, real estate, and project administrators will be available to discuss business issues related to the Grant Road Corridor project.

These Business Assistance and Technical Sessions will be held as follows:

Wednesday, October 11	5:00 PM–6:00 PM	Sheraton Tucson 5151 E. Grant Rd.
Saturday, October 21	9:00 AM–10:00 AM	Sheraton 4 Points 1900 E. Speedway Blvd.
Wednesday, November 15	5:00 PM–6:00 PM	Best Western Executive Inn 333 W. Drachman St.

The locations are the same as the Community Conversations.

If you cannot attend any of these business sessions, the City of Tucson Department of Transportation business assistance and real estate information services are available to you by calling **520-624-4727**. Please leave your name, business name and address, and a phone number and you will be contacted as soon as possible. You can find out more about the Grant Road Corridor at **[www.grantroad.info](http://www.grantroad.info)**.



This is a project of the Regional Transportation Authority. The voter-approved, \$2.1 billion RTA plan will be implemented through 2026. Details about the full plan are available at [www.RTAmobility.com](http://www.RTAmobility.com). The Regional Transportation Authority has a nine-member board with representatives from local, state and tribal governments. This project will be managed by the City of Tucson.

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