



**US Army Corps
of Engineers®**

**PIMA COUNTY
REGIONAL FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
97 EAST CONGRESS STREET, THIRD FLOOR
TUCSON, ARIZONA 85701-1797**

**SUZANNE SHIELDS, P.E.
DIRECTOR**

**(520) 243-1800
FAX (520) 243-1821**

September 30, 2010

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT:**

Annabelle Valenzuela, Community Relations Manager
Office 740-6445
Cell Phone 591-9563
E-mail: Annabelle.Valenzuela@dot.pima.gov

Arroyo Chico /Tucson Drainage Project Phase 2B

Pima County, Arizona –Beginning on Monday, October 4, 2010 the Pima County Regional Flood Control District and the City of Tucson in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and their contractor, Hunter Contracting Company, will begin construction to the improvements for Arroyo Chico/Tucson Drainage Project phase 2B.

The project consist of three flood control detention basins between Cherry Avenue and Park Avenue, Channel improvements and culvert crossings between Campbell Avenue and Parkway Terrace, and High School Wash culvert (underground) realignment near 3rd Avenue and 8th Street (adjacent to Tucson High School).

Project features will include the excavation to develop detention of flood flows, construction of culverts and berms, planting of native vegetation and two small turf areas within basins, paving of Highland Avenue with a bicycle path, and relocation of an existing historical bridge.

The segment of 15th Street between Highland Avenue and Curtis Avenue will be permanently closed starting October 18th.

Traffic on Highland Avenue will be detoured onto a paved shoulder adjacent to Highland Avenue between Manlove Street and 14th street start October 18th through January 18th while the concrete culvert is being built.

The project estimated cost is \$10.97 million and is expected to be completed within 15 months.

There will be a groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday, October 14, 2010, at 9:00 am, on the northwest corner of 15th and Cherry. Parking is available along Cherry and 15th.

In the event of mechanical failure or inclement weather, the construction schedule will be subject to change.

For more information, contact Annabelle Valenzuela, Community Relations Manager at (520) 740-6410.

###