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### **SUNSET ROAD WEST OF I-10 WILL OPEN ON VALENTINE'S DAY**

Pima County, Ariz. (Feb. 10) –Pima County Department of Transportation, the Regional Transportation Authority, and their contractor, Borderland Construction are pleased to announce the new Sunset Road: Silverbell Road to I-10 alignment will be open to traffic on **February 14, 2017 after 4:00 p.m.**

In the spirit of regional cooperation, access through the Sunset Road improvement project is being expedited in efforts to facilitate traffic just prior to the Arizona Department of Transportation's closure of the Ina Road Interchange.

Borderland Construction crews will be working over the weekend to prepare the roadway for the opening. Traffic will be controlled with an all-way stop at the new Silverbell Road/Sunset Road intersection. Sheriff's deputies will be on site to direct traffic through the construction zone including Sunset Road at the I-10 Frontage Road. The speed limit will be 25 miles per hour along the construction zone.

The media is invited to partake in a soft opening ceremony at 4:00 p.m. on February 14, 2017 at the east segment of the project adjacent to the intersection of Sunset Road and southbound I-10 Frontage Road. The ceremony is only open to media and not the public because the area is still an active construction zone.

Construction activities such as traffic signal wiring, guardrail placement, signing and pavement marking, landscaping and other work will continue through the end of spring 2017.

Please approach the area with caution and obey all traffic control devices. Minor delays may occur during this work. Motorists may wish to seek alternate routes.

*The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is the fiscal manager of the \$2.1 billion plan approved by Pima County voters on May 16, 2006. The RTA Board is comprised of representatives from local jurisdictions in Pima County, including the cities of Tucson and South Tucson, Pima County, the towns of Marana, Oro Valley, and Sahuarita, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and the Tohono O'odham Nation. A representative of the Arizona State Transportation Board also serves on the board. For more information about the RTA plan, visit [www.RTAmobility.com](http://www.RTAmobility.com) or call (520) 792-1093.*

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