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ARTERIAL/COLLECTOR STREET POTHOLE REPAIR PROGRAM

Crews from the City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) Streets and Traffic Maintenance Division have started a 30-day pothole repair program aimed at repairing the rash of potholes created by the above-normal rainfall Tucson has received this winter.

Some TDOT maintenance staff have been pulled away from their regular duties such as drainage, sidewalk, sweeping and median-island maintenance to focus on filling potholes. This effort to improve asphalt conditions throughout Tucson will defer maintenance in these other areas from which staff are being redirected. About 85 employees split into 18 crews will spend the next two weeks repairing asphalt on the east/west arterial and collector streets. That will be followed by two weeks of filling potholes on north/south arterial and collector streets. Arterial and collector streets serve over 15,000 vehicles a day. Examples are Speedway Boulevard, Broadway, Golf Links Road, Alvernon Way, Stone Avenue, Fifth Street, Country Club Road and Swan Road.

TDOT has not received any additional funding for the pothole repair program. Money budgeted for other street and traffic maintenance programs is being redirected to pay for the pothole repair program.

It is anticipated that about 72 tons of asphalt will be used per day to make the needed asphalt repairs. On the average, one ton of asphalt will fill about 20 potholes.

Motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians traveling in these work zones are asked to please obey all traffic control signs and be alert for construction equipment and personnel working in the area.

The Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) keeps Tucson moving smoothly and safely. The Department's nearly 400 employees oversee the maintenance and reconstruction of nearly 4,400 lane miles of streets and are responsible for hundreds of drainage structures, public art pieces, street lights and traffic signs and signals in Tucson. TDOT also operates the City's transit services, Sun Tran and Sun Van.

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