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## Tucson Modern Streetcar

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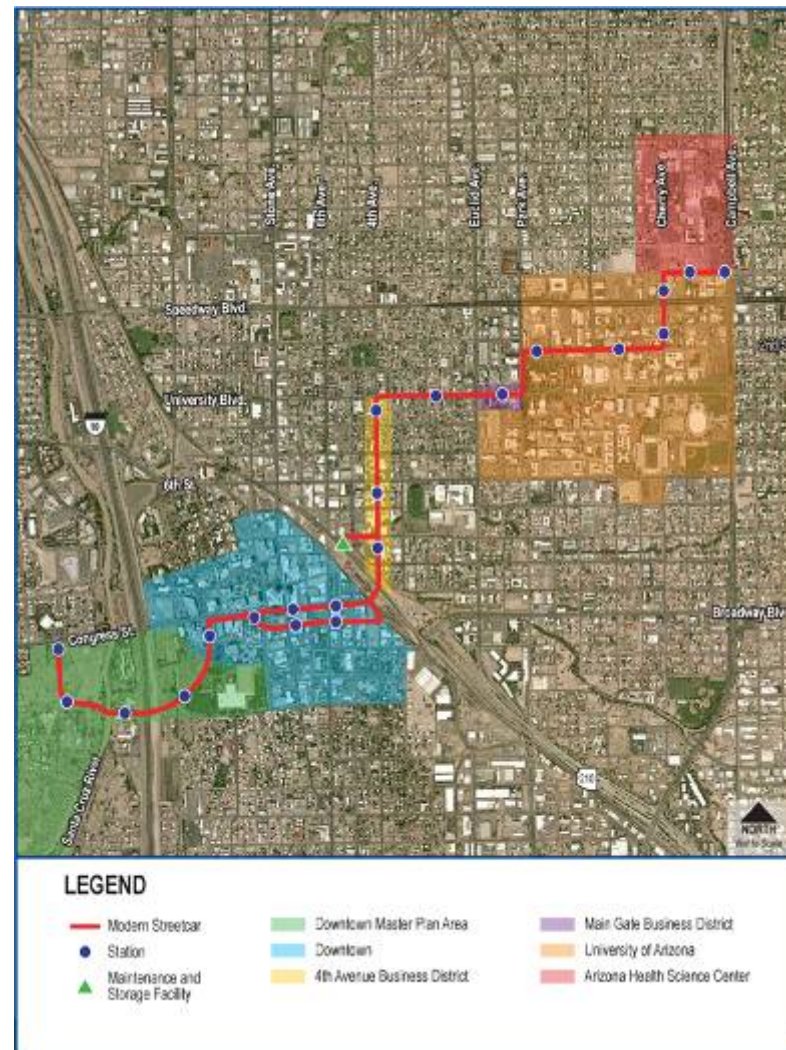


## Birth of the Idea

- May 2002: Failed Sales Tax Initiative
- August 2004: Major Transit Investment Study
  - Became FTA Alternatives Analysis in January 2005
- January 2006: Modern Streetcar as LPA
- May 2006: Voters approve RTA Plan and ½ cent sales tax that provides local funding
- March 2007: Mayor & Council approves LPA for project

# The Need for the Project

- Connect major activity centers
- Create economic development
- Support population and employment growth
- Improve transit service
- Support development in downtown and UA areas
- Mitigate parking constraints
- Preserve neighborhoods



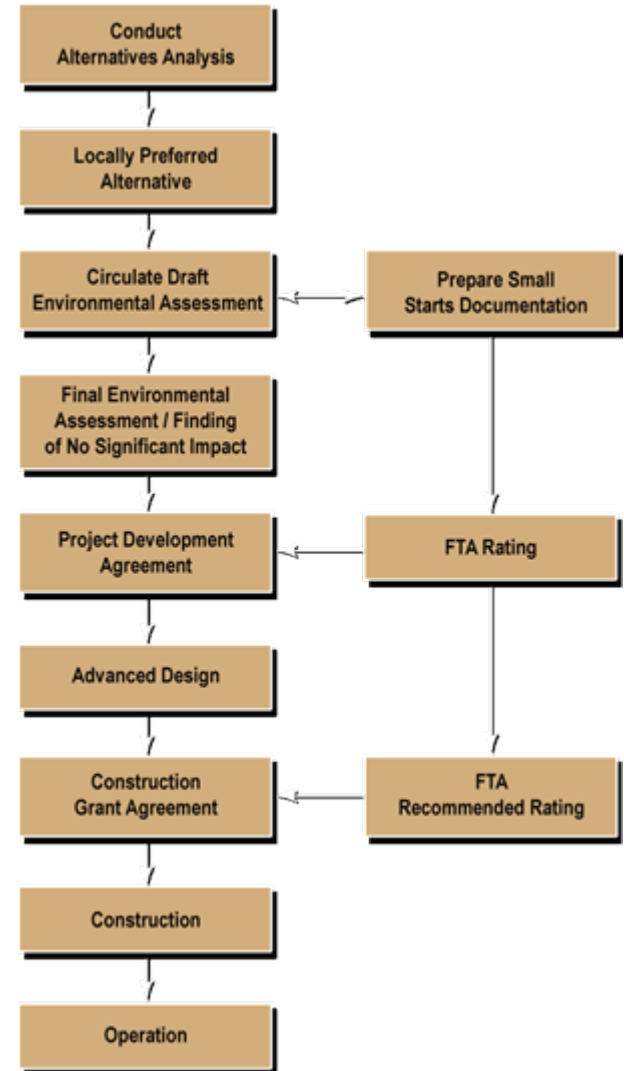
# Project Details

- Alignment length: 4 miles
- 19 stations
- 7 modern streetcars
- Peak/off-peak headways: 10/20 minutes
- Ridership estimate from AA: 4000+ per weekday



# Project Development Process

- MTIS/AA → LPA
- Draft Environmental Assessment
- Small Starts Documentation
- Final EA / FONSI
- **Agreement for Project Development (Final Design)**
- Construction Grant Agreement
- Construction
- Operation





# Project Funding

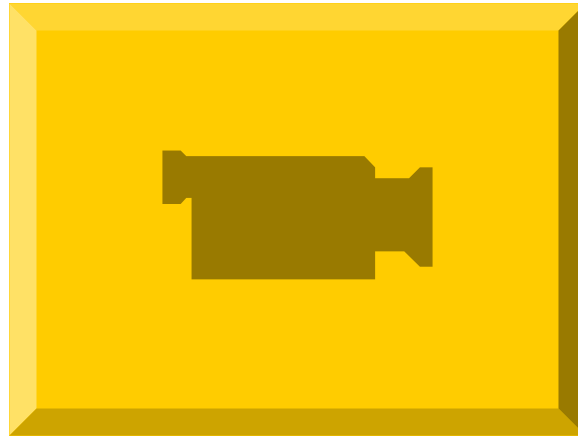
- Capital costs: \$145 million (YOE)
  - Some capital costs absorbed by other local projects (bridge, utility relocations)
- Local funding: \$88 million
  - Includes operating costs of \$1 million annually starting in 2012
- Small Starts funding
  - Will submit for a 50 percent federal share

# Community Involvement

- City DOT requires all projects to have a CLG with monthly updates
- Mayor & Council approval of LPA required support from all stakeholders
- Federal EA requires public review
- Result → Nearly 100% local approval of project



# Video Simulation





# Next Steps

- TOD workbook for 4 station areas
- Preliminary engineering and risk assessment
- Preparation of design-build procurement
- Procurement of streetcar vehicles
- Coordination with other ongoing City projects



# For More Information...

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