



August 28, 2015

**CITY OF
TUCSON**

DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

To: Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association

Re: Funding for Boundary Amendment of Jefferson Park Historic District

The City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) is aware that the Grant Road Improvement Project impacts the Jefferson Park Neighborhood, including demolitions of approximately 26 historic properties contributing to the Jefferson Park Historic District listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2012 with funding support from both the City and the neighborhood.

This letter documents the commitment of the TDOT to fund the consultant cost for preparing the necessary documents to submit to the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office for amendment of the northern boundary of the Jefferson Park Historic District where it is impacted by this project (between Hampton St. and Highland Ave.).

The purpose of this amendment is to strengthen the historic district by excluding contiguous properties on the northern district edge that have changed from contributing to non-contributing status as a result of demolitions related to this transportation project; the amendment will thereby reduce the percentage of non-contributing properties in the district.

Because the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office and the Office of the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places will not consider de-listing of historic properties as long as they are standing, and the TDOT must avoid the additional costs of multiple amendments, initiation of a single boundary amendment will occur after all phases of project demolition impacting the neighborhood, currently scheduled to be completed by approximately 2021.

Funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the consultant costs will be set aside from the Grant Road Improvement Project budget into a special account set up for the purpose of the boundary amendment.

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