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SUN TRAN OFFERS FREE RIDES TO PROMOTE CLEAN AIR

TUCSON, Ariz. – Sun Tran will offer free rides on Sunday, April 9, 2006, to encourage people to reduce air pollution and attend the Clean Air Jam event held at Reid Park's DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center from noon to 4 p.m. that day. All passengers can ride any Sun Tran bus for free all day.

"The last time Sun Tran offered free rides for the Clean Air event, more than 24,000 Tucsonans took advantage of our service," said Katrina Heineking, General Manager of Sun Tran. "Our hope is that even more individuals and families will give Sun Tran a try this Sunday on their way to the Clean Air Jam."

To further demonstrate its commitment to cleaner air, Sun Tran will display the Clean Air Bus at the Clean Air Jam. The artwork on the bus depicts the past, present and future of public transportation in Tucson, and was created by Ms. Alta Carrillo's 5 th grade bilingual class from John E. White Elementary School.

Currently, Sun Tran's fleet is 92 percent alternatively fueled, boosted by the addition of 38 new bio-diesel low-floor buses last fall. Bio-diesel is a domestically-produced, renewable fuel that can be manufactured from vegetable oils, animal fats, or recycled greases. It also emits significantly fewer particulates than traditional diesel-fueled vehicles.

Passengers are encouraged to call Sun Tran's Customer Service Center at 792-9222 (for individuals with TDD equipment, call 520-628-1565) to help plan a trip. The Customer Service Center is open weekdays from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. and weekends from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bus schedules are available at www.suntran.com.

Sun Tran is Tucson's regional public transportation system, which is operated by the City of Tucson and managed by Professional Transit Management, Ltd. (PTM). Named "America's Best Transit System" for 2005 by the American Public Transportation Association, Sun Tran has 520 employees, 37 fixed routes and a fleet of 189 buses. Sun Tran's mission is to provide safe, well maintained and cost effective public transportation with a team of innovative and diverse employees, dedicated to our customers, the environment and the community.