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Oro Valley Breaks Ground for First RTA Project

ORO VALLEY, ARIZ (July 31, 2007) — Town of Oro Valley officials gathered today to celebrate the groundbreaking for the first Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) project in the town's limits.

The project will provide intersection improvements at Lambert Lane and La Cholla Boulevard, including:

- Installation of a traffic signal
- Signalized left-turn lanes in all four directions
- Night lighting to improve visibility
- Lowering of the road by three feet to help with east-west sightlines

The La Cholla/Lambert Lane project is one of 200 intersection improvements approved the \$2.1 billion, 20-year RTA plan. The RTA projects are funded by a countywide half-cent excise tax. The RTA provided \$900,000 of the nearly \$1 million project budget. The project is expected to be completed in three months.

"Today, nearly 20,000 vehicle trips per day are supported at this intersection, which is a major corridor for our community," said Oro Valley Mayor Paul Loomis. "This phase of the improvements, combined with the project widening planned in phase four of the RTA Plan, will make this a significant arterial corridor for the region."

Ann Day, Pima County supervisor for the District 1, attended the announcement, as well as Gary Hayes, executive director of the Regional Transportation Authority.

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