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Money awarded for Bike and Pedestrian Projects

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In late 2005 Pima County was awarded three federal Transportation Enhancement grants funded by the Federal Highway Administration and the Arizona Department of Transportation. The three grants plus local matching funds will provide over \$1.6 million for new bicycle and pedestrian projects.

The grant awards include two Safe Routes to School projects for elementary and middle schools and a bicycle/pedestrian project in Green Valley. School children and volunteers from the communities were key to getting the projects funded.

The *Homer Davis Elementary School Bicycle and Pedestrian Enhancement*, located in the Flowing Wells School District, will include bicycle lanes, sidewalks and shade landscaping along Romero Road between Wetmore Road and Roger Road.

This \$536,000 enhancement will provide much-improved access for school children to and from the school, plus it will include an educational component to work with school



Artist's conception of crosswalk improvements near Homer Davis Elementary School

children and their parents to improve safety.

Another Safe Routes to School project is the *Continental Elementary and Middle School Safe Routes to School Project* in Green Valley. This \$549,000 project includes construction of a shared-use pathway and bike lanes and installation of shade landscaping and other safety treatments. As with the Homer Davis project, a strong bicycle/pedestrian education component is included with the project along with safety-related artwork created by the children.

Green Valley volunteers provided strong assistance with this Safe Routes project and

also with getting funding for the *Continental Road/I-19 Bicycle & Pedestrian Enhancement*, funded at \$526,000.

This project provides much-improved facilities to reduce the "barrier effect" caused by the interchange, which currently makes it difficult and intimidating for bicyclists and pedestrians to cross the interstate at Continental Road. This will be the first east-west bicycle and pedestrian corridor in Green Valley.

Design for the projects is anticipated to start in spring of 2006 with construction expected to begin in mid-2007.

RULES OF THE ROAD

Riding on sidewalks can be hazardous to your health

Bicyclists are more likely to be in a collision with a vehicle when using a sidewalk, especially in the wrong direction of travel. Motorists don't expect you to be there and you may end up smacking the side of somebody's car. The difference in speed between cyclists and walkers on a narrow sidewalk can cause serious collisions.

Don't ride against the flow of traffic, on a sidewalk or in the street. Motorists won't be expecting you to be coming and may pull out or turn right in front of you.

Drivers don't expect wrong-way cyclists on sidewalks

