




# MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** July 18, 2018

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and  
City Council Members

**FROM:**   
Robin Rame, Interim Director  
Department of Transportation

**SUBJECT: Demolition of 1443 East Broadway (Partial), 1501 East Broadway, 1523 East Broadway, 1515 East Broadway, 1730 East Broadway, and 1736 East Broadway**

At the regular council meeting on April 19, 2016, the Mayor and Council approved acquisition of right of way, which includes demolition, for the Broadway Boulevard - Euclid Avenue to Country Club Road Improvement Project. TDOT acquired the referenced properties for this project. As an update to the memorandum sent in March 2018, the demolition of 1443 E Broadway (partial), 1501 E Broadway, and 1523 E Broadway is now complete.

The future roadway runs through the 1515 E Broadway, 1730 E Broadway, and 1736 E Broadway structures, so they require demolition. 1515 E Broadway is designated as a contributor to the Rincon Heights Historic District. 1730 and 1736 E Broadway are not current contributors to the historic district; they are deemed eligible as contributors in the Broadway Historic Buildings Inventory Report. 1730 and 1736 E Broadway are currently in poor condition and have been condemned for structural reasons.

Built in 1942, the 1515 E Broadway structure is now 76 years old. The 1730 E Broadway building was built in 1926 and is 92 years old. The 1736 E Broadway structure was built in 1928 and is 90 years old. The properties have been vacated and pre-demolition activities are now occurring, including asbestos and lead-based paint testing. The architectural documentation has been reviewed and approved by the Tucson Historic Preservation Office. The documentation has been reviewed in accordance with City of Tucson Ordinance No. 10776 that requires architectural documentation prior to issuance of a demolition permit for buildings 49 years of age or older.

The Rio Nuevo District has not expressed an interest in these properties. TDOT will proceed with these demolitions, which may begin as early as September 2018.

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