



# COMMISSION NEWS

## Arizona Corporation Commission

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## **ACC HOLDING TOWN HALLS ON RAIL ISSUES Commissioners to Discuss Railroad's Expansion Plans**

PHOENIX – The Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) will hold a Town Hall meeting in Tucson on the Union Pacific Railroad's plans to expand operations by adding a second set of tracks in portions of Arizona. Local officials and residents are invited to share their comments and concerns with the Commissioners. The Commissioners will also hold Town Hall meetings in Eloy and Yuma to address these expansion plans as well as other rail issues of interest in those areas.

The Tucson meeting will start at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, April 18. On Thursday, April 19, Commissioners will be in Eloy to discuss the Union Pacific proposal to construct a rail yard near Picacho Peak. On Tuesday, June 12, Commissioners will be in Yuma to discuss rail issues in general and the potential for a new line between the main line and a port city in Mexico.

### **Tucson Town Hall**

**Wednesday, April 18 at 6:00 PM**

Arizona Corporation Commission  
400 West Congress Street, Room 222  
Tucson, AZ

### **Eloy/Picacho Town Hall**

**Thursday, April 19 at 6:00 PM**

Santa Cruz Valley Union High School  
900 North Main Street  
Eloy, AZ

**Yuma Town Hall**

**Tuesday, June 12 at 6:00 PM**

Yuma City Hall Council Chambers

One City Plaza

Yuma, AZ

In 2005, the Union Pacific announced plans to expand its Sunset Route – a 760-mile rail corridor extending from El Paso, Texas to Los Angeles, California. (For more information, see [http://www.uprr.com/newsinfo/releases/capital\\_investment/2005/0630\\_sunset.shtml](http://www.uprr.com/newsinfo/releases/capital_investment/2005/0630_sunset.shtml).) The Sunset Route passes through or near several Arizona communities that stand to be affected by the expansion.

While the Commission cannot dictate where a railroad runs, it does oversee railroad safety. The Arizona Corporation Commission, through a relationship with the Federal Railroad Administration, oversees the safe operations and maintenance of signals, crossings, track, locomotives and cargo containers.

Staff from the Commission's Railroad Safety Section will attend the Town Hall meeting to make a brief presentation. Representatives from the Union Pacific will also attend. After brief presentations to provide a foundation for the meeting's focus, the Commissioners will take comments from local officials and members of the general public.

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