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## **SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD – CAMINO SECO TO HOUGHTON ROAD WIDENING PROJECT**

Effective immediately, Igo Way at Speedway Boulevard will be closed to all traffic while the contractor performs underground utility work at this location. Residents living off of Igo Way can access the neighborhood from either Rosewood Street or Sierra Avenue off of Harrison Road. Igo Way is scheduled to reopen in about two weeks.

Work hours for the contractor are now 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For the safety of the traveling public, lane restrictions will remain in place even when the contractor is not working onsite.

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)-funded project consists of widening Speedway Boulevard from Camino Seco to Houghton Road to provide two through lanes in each direction with a 20-ft wide center landscaped median, concrete curbs, new rubberized asphalt paving, six-foot wide sidewalks, bike lanes, and frontage roads. The project began in September, and is scheduled to be complete in September 2012. The project construction cost is \$13.9 million.

The improved roadway will include new drainage improvements. These improvements include storm drains, catch basins, and reinforced concrete box culvert crossings to control flooding and provide all weather crossing capability.

This project also will include new traffic signals at Harrison Road and Houghton Road. Signalized pedestrian crossings are planned at Schrader Lane and Igo Way. Street lighting for driver safety and neighborhood security will be included as well. The project will be landscaped and include public art.

The contractor is NAC Construction Company. The voter-approved, \$2.1 billion RTA plan will be implemented through 2026. Details about the full plan are available at [www.RTAmobility.com](http://www.RTAmobility.com). The RTA has a nine-member board with representatives from local, state and tribal governments. While funded through the RTA, the above projects will be managed by TDOT.

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