



Speedway Boulevard Camino Seco to Houghton Road Improvements

Project Update

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

HARRISON ROAD AND SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD INTERSECTION SIGNAL UPDATE

The existing signal and power lines were struck and damaged by a drunk driver on Friday, September 17th. The City of Tucson (not the contractor) had no choice but to install a four way stop in the interim while the power lines were placed back in service. Although this temporary traffic control set up works, it is inefficient during peak hours. We advise drivers to exercise patience during this time. The time it takes to use alternate routes is actually longer than waiting your turn to get through the intersection during peak hours. The new traffic signal equipment has been ordered. A temporary signal will be installed as soon as possible to improve traffic circulation to the area.

ADVANCED UNDERGROUND UTILITY WORK

To prepare for the overhead line and wood pole removal, underground utility conduits are being installed primarily along the south side with some connections to the north. Water main modifications are being made at various locations along the project. The temporary supply line hoses could possibly be removed by the end of this month. Drainage culverts are also being extended across Speedway Boulevard at various, existing, wash crossings. The reinforced concrete box culvert construction is expected to begin in November 2010.

TEMPORARY PAVING

Please use caution while driving through the construction site. Underground utility work is currently being done on various sections of Speedway Boulevard between Camino Seco and Harrison Road on both sides of the street. Paved detours will be placed in advance where needed so drivers will not have to travel on dirt. Once the underground work is advanced enough, driving will be limited to the south side of the road while the north side of the street is constructed.

WORK HOURS

Work hours are generally between 6:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Occasional weekend work and night work may be required.

WHAT TO EXPECT

DRIVEWAY CLOSURES

Sometimes driveways will need to be closed to allow underground construction work to pass through the property frontages. NAC Construction will advise residents and businesses at least 24 hours in advance of closures and provide a way to access the property. Full access will be restored as soon as possible.

SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION QUESTION

It is not often that drivers obey the posted speed limit signs, even in a construction zone. For the safety of the traveling public and for the workers, reduced speeds are posted in an effort to make the construction area safe for everyone. We are often asked why the speed limit must be reduced so far in advance of construction. It is important that drivers reduce speeds before entering the construction area. The distance required for speed limit reductions is mandated by the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices Manual (MUTCD). Be aware that speeding in a construction zone can warrant severe fines. We ask that drivers pay attention and follow the direction given by the traffic control signs.

WHO TO CALL

Contact **Fred Felix, TDOT Engineering Project Manager, at 837-6620** if there is an emergency or if you have concerns. Thank you for your patience as we work to provide a better community. Please look to our web page for construction and road closure update information at updates <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/project/speedway-camino-seco-houghton> .