



Speedway Boulevard Camino Seco to Houghton Road Improvements

Project Update

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

OVERHEAD UTILITIES

The overhead wires have come down and the poles should be removed in April 2011. The overhead lines have been temporarily stopped near Bonanza Avenue until the Army Corps of Engineers 404 permit is received. The archeological clearance of the area east of Bonanza Avenue will begin in May 2011. The 404 permit should be available soon thereafter.

Drivers will be shifted one lane over to the south on temporary paving. The existing north lane will be removed to allow the north half of Speedway Boulevard to be constructed.

REINFORCED CONCRETE BOX CULVERTS

Drainage culverts are being extended across Speedway Boulevard at various, existing, wash crossings. Be aware of detours around these work areas and the reduced speed limit.

NORTH SIDE OF SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD BASE PAVING

The north side of Speedway Boulevard is expected to be paved this summer. Look for message boards to announce when traffic will be shifted to the north half of Speedway Boulevard.

WORK HOURS

Work hours are generally between 6:30 am to 5:30 pm, Monday through Thursday. Occasional weekend work and night work may be required.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT DUST?

A. It can get quite windy during this time of year. Although we are wetting the ground on a regular basis, it will not eliminate the dust. We will attempt to water more often in hopes of keeping the dust down better.

Q. WHAT WILL BE THE SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD FINAL PAVEMENT ELEVATION?

A. The road elevation will be adjusted as part of this project. The best way to tell what the new elevation will be is to look at the top of the new curbs. The final paving will be approximately six inches below the top of the new curbs.

Q. WHY MUST THE HARRISON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS BE REMOVED WHEN THEY ARE FAIRLY NEW?

A. The Harrison Road improvements were completed in the fall of 2007. The design for the Speedway Boulevard improvements was not completed until September 2010. The curb and sidewalk elevations to Harrison Road were not known at the time the connection to Speedway Boulevard. The reason for their removal is due to the significant difference in elevation between the existing pavement on Harrison Road and the proposed Speedway Boulevard pavement elevation. This connection elevation was unknown at the time of the Harrison Road construction to make that determination. The final elevation of the Speedway Boulevard pavement is determined based upon City of Tucson Development design standards, drainage considerations, avoiding conflicts with utilities, and minimizing costs for the dirt needed to complete the road construction. We wanted to re-use as much of the dirt as possible and not have to pay to bring in new dirt or haul out excess dirt. That is the reason why you may see stockpiles on the side of the road. This dirt will be used to build the road east of Harrison Road.

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> .