

Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Underpass at Grant Road Improvement Project

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Overview

The goals of this voter-approved Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) project are the widening of Grant Road to six lanes under the UPRR bridge, providing improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities to meet growing traffic needs and improving safety for all users. The project limits extend from Flowing Wells Road on the east, to Forbes Boulevard on the west.

The traffic study of the project area identified one fatality, 77 injury collisions, and a total of 231 crashes. There are significant delays during peak times when 4,500 vehicles/hour travel through the project area.



Scope

An evaluation of three alternatives in collaboration with UPRR and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) resulted in a preferred alternative that provides for construction of tunnels on the outside of the existing abutments to allow for bicycle and pedestrian traffic and allows the reconfiguration of the existing underpass to add two travel lanes on Grant Road. The City of Tucson has begun the final design of the project.



Project Features and Benefits


- 6 vehicle travel lanes under the existing UPRR bridge
- Dual left-turn lanes from Grant Road onto I-10 southbound
- New bicycle and pedestrian underpasses at UPRR; new bike lanes and sidewalks in the project area
- Relieved vehicle congestion and improved regional east-west mobility
- Improved vehicle access to I-10
- Landscaping and drainage improvements
- ADA enhancements
- Improved safety for all users

Completion of this project and improvements to the Grant Road corridor will make Grant Road a continuous, six-lane corridor from I-10 to Tanque Verde Road.

Schedule

- Current: Engineering Design 2019-2021
- Construction: 2022-2024


Project Info


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