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TRAFFIC ALERT
GRANT ROAD/CRAYCROFT ROAD
INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

This is a continuing series of construction alerts that will be issued throughout the construction of the Grant Road and Craycroft Road Intersection Improvement Project. These alerts will announce construction, detour and closure information as it effects traffic. Motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians are asked to obey all posted speed limit signs within the construction area and be alert for construction crews and personnel working in the area.

- On Sunday, March 1, 2009 and on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, beginning at 8 p.m., crews will be conducting nighttime water line work and nighttime paving work in and around the intersection of Grant Road and Craycroft Road. Night work hours will be from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. The work may require the reduction of travel lanes resulting in a one eastbound and one westbound travel lane on Grant Road.
- On Monday, March 2, 2009, Edison Street, which is south of Grant Road and East of Craycroft Road will be closed to traffic at Craycroft Road for waterline work. The closure will begin at 6 a.m. and will be in place until 6 a.m. on Friday, March 6, 2009. Those needing to access businesses along Edison are advised to use Hampton Street.
- Eastbound and westbound travel on Grant Road continues to be shifted to the north side of Grant Road. This travel configuration is scheduled to be in place until early March 2009.
- Northbound and southbound travel on Craycroft Road continues to be shifted to the west side of Craycroft Road. This travel is in place until further notice.

The Grant Road and Craycroft Road Intersection Improvement Project began on January 20, 2009. During the first phase of the intersection improvement project, crews from NAC Construction, which is under contract with the City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT), will be removing and installing new water mains, sewer mains, storm drains and a temporary traffic signal. Crews will be working Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., but for the safety of the traveling public, the travel restrictions will be in place for 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The $6.4 million, 11-month-long project is being funded with voter-approved Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) funds. The intersection will be reconstructed to improve the pavement condition and to add dual left turn lanes, exclusive right-turn lanes, bus pullouts, and bike lanes. Sidewalks will be widened to 6-feet wide within the project limits. This project will also require the replacement of the existing Alamo Wash bridge on Craycroft Road with a stronger reinforced box culvert.

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The intersection will be updated with new traffic signal equipment. Water, sewer, and storm drain modifications will also be made during the intersection construction. The entire intersection will be repaved with asphalt rubber concrete to improve appearance and reduce traffic noise. Additional information on the project and travel restriction updates can be obtained at www.dot.tucsonaz.gov/projects/grantCraycroft/. While funded through the RTA, the project is being managed by the TDOT. Voters approved the RTA in May 2006.

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