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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 Wednesday, January 28, 2009, Tucson police officers will be directing travel through the Grant Road and Craycroft Road intersection as work crews shut down electrical power to the existing traffic signals and power up temporary traffic signals that have been installed at the intersection. The work and point control is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and is expected to be complete by 3 p.m. the same day.
- On Monday, February 2, 2009, at 6 a.m., all eastbound and westbound travel on Grant Road at Craycroft Road will be shifted to the north side of Grant Road. There will be two eastbound and two westbound travel lanes, as well as a left turn lane. This will allow work crews to install new water main valves and water lines on the south side of Grant Road. This traffic shift is expected to be in place for about 30 days.

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-foot 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.

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/](http://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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