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TRAFFIC ALERT

MOUNTAIN AVENUE ROGER ROAD TO FORT LOWELL ROAD PAVING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

This is a continuing series of construction alerts that will be issued throughout the construction of the Mountain Avenue – Roger Road to Fort Lowell 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, November 25, 2009, at 5 p.m., travel on Mountain Avenue between Fort Lowell Road and Prince Road will be reduced to one northbound travel lane only. **Please note that southbound travel on Mountain Avenue between Fort Lowell Road and Prince Road will be prohibited.** Travel on this section of Mountain Avenue is being shifted to the newly paved roadway on the east side of Mountain Avenue and will allow work crews to reconstruct the west side of Mountain Avenue in this area. This traffic control change is scheduled to be in place until spring 2010.
- Travel on Mountain Avenue between Prince Road and Roger Road is closed except for local traffic only. Crews are conducting landscaping work in the area.
- Bicyclists are exempt from the above travel restrictions. Northbound and southbound travel for bicyclists on Mountain Avenue is allowed. However, bicyclists should use extreme caution when traveling in this work zone.

Please note that the above schedule is subject to change due to unforeseen conflicts or inclement weather. **Please note that for the safety of the traveling public and construction workers, the speed limit in the work zone is 15 mph, and Tucson police are patrolling the area.**

The improvement project began in October 2008 and is being constructed by Borderland Construction, which is under contract with the City of Tucson Department of Transportation. The project consists of the removal, reconstruction, and widening of the existing two-lane street to provide two through lanes, bike lanes, curb, sidewalk, street lights at various intersections, and landscaping.

This \$11 million, two-year-long project, will also include underground storm drain improvements and the relocation of a majority of the overhead utility lines to underground. Modifications to water and sanitary sewer facilities will also be made as part of this project.

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