



Mountain Avenue Roger Road to Fort Lowell Road Improvements

Project Update

December 2008

No.2

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Schedule Delays

Unstable soil conditions and untimely weather conditions have delayed underground utility modifications between Prospect Lane and Roger Road. Compounding this with special preparation for the holidays has made the need for intermittent closure of Limberlost Road and Roger Road necessary as well as the need for one way traffic on Mountain Avenue at this location. The new storm drain culvert is progressing south and is expected to be back on schedule and cross Roger Road by the end of January 2009, weather permitting.

ADVANCED UNDERGROUND UTILITY WORK

To prepare for the underground culvert, existing water mains will be replaced with temporary water lines. Once the culvert is in place down the center of Mountain Avenue between Roger Road and Prince Road, the new water mains can be constructed and this section can be prepared for the base paving. We have met with the Tucson Fire Department to coordinate the use of temporary fire hydrants during construction. They will provide fire flow should an emergency occur. See the phased construction description for work between Roger Road and Prince Road in our Project Update No.1 for a full description.

PAVING

Mountain Avenue will be paved between Limberlost Road and Prospect Lane by the end of January 2009. Full access will be restored and we should not have to bother residents living in that area for the rest of the job.

WORK HOURS

Work hours are generally between 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Occasional weekend work and night work may be required.

WHAT TO EXPECT

SOUTHBOUND ACCESS ONLY

Access to Mountain Avenue between Prince Road and Roger Road will be restricted to southbound only for vehicles. There is not enough room to do the construction, stage materials, provide two way access for vehicles, and allow pedestrians and bicycles at the same time. This may take some time to get used to and therefore we ask for your patience. Pedestrians and bicyclists will be provided with a shared paved path through the entire project site where possible.

SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION

Due to drivers ignoring the reduced speed limit, the speed limit has been reduced further to 15 miles per hour. It is our intent to make the job site safe as the road must be shared by residents, commuters, construction equipment, and personnel. Speed enforcement will be done after the first of the year when possible. **Residents are reminded** to drive the speed limit and encouraged to use alternate routes so to avoid the possibility of a speeding fine.

INTERSECTION CLOSURES

Limberlost Road and Roger Road may be closed intermittently to allow construction to cross the street. Mountain Avenue between Limberlost Road and Roger Road will remain closed until it is repaved. Drivers may be stopped and directed by flagmen while work is in progress between Prospect lane and Roger Road. Please use local streets to get to Park Avenue, First Avenue, Roger Road, Prince Road, Campbell Avenue, and Fort Lowell Road where possible.

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 www.dot.tucsonaz.gov/projects/mountain/.