



Columbus Wash Relief Drain Phase II Pima Street to Grant Road Drainage Improvements

Project Update

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PHASED CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

The work began at Ralph Avenue near Grant Road and has progressed upstream (south) along Ralph Avenue, easterly along Seneca Street, and is now moving southerly along Belvedere Avenue. It will terminate south of Pima Street. The work at the intersections of Catalina Avenue at Seneca Street and Catalina Avenue at Pima Street has been completed. The expected project completion date is May 30, 2008. The status of the following construction components are described below:

1. New sanitary sewer lines:

The last of the new sanitary sewers will be completed this month. Once approval from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality is received, the existing sewer lines in Belvedere Avenue and Pima Street can be removed to make room for the underground drainage improvements. This phase of construction was delayed for almost two months due to new sanitary sewer regulations and requirements. Work on other parts of the project continued wherever possible so to not delay the project schedule more than necessary.

2. Replace existing water mains:

The majority of the existing water mains impacted by the new drainage improvements have been relocated. Some new water improvement modifications have been added to the contract to provide connections to support properties developing in the area. This work will allow future development to hook up utilities without cutting the newly paved street.

3. Underground drainage improvements:

Two rows of 8'x 9' box culverts have been constructed along Ralph Avenue and Seneca Street. Continuation of these culverts along Belvedere Avenue is expected all of January and February. We estimate crossing Pima Street President's Day weekend (February 16th through 18th).

Pima Street will be closed to through traffic between Swan Road and Columbus Boulevard President's Day weekend (February 16th through 18th). Look for additional details next month.

Slot drains will be installed along the center of Belvedere Avenue, from Seneca Street to Pima Street to collect stormwater that historically is concentrated along that street. A new catch basin will be constructed in Belvedere Avenue, south of Pima Street, to collect as much stormwater as possible before it crosses the road.

4. Street improvements:

New concrete curbs and driveway replacement improvements have been constructed where necessary on Ralph Avenue. Ralph Avenue has been paved and Seneca Street will be prepared for paving this month. Belvedere Avenue should be paved in April 2008, weather permitting.

WHO TO CALL

To contact us if there is a problem or if you have a special need as it relates to utility service, access to your property, or the traffic circulation in your neighborhood during construction, please call us at the following numbers:

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