



Mountain Avenue Roger Road to Fort Lowell Road Improvements

Project Update

August 2009

No.4

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

MILESTONES ACHIEVED

Prince Road has been re-opened and is clear of restrictions. This was identified before the project as a key milestone and important to the circulation of the entire project area. Another key milestone is the completion of the storm drain down the middle of Mountain Avenue. This was completed in time for the monsoons. The remaining catch basins are being installed to capture and collect the storm water from the contributing streets. These structures should be completed this month. We thank you for your patience.

ADVANCED UNDERGROUND UTILITY WORK CONTINUES

Underground electrical and communication conduits have been installed between Roger Road and Prince Road. TEP is on site and has begun installing their underground conductors. Both Qwest and Cox Communications will follow TEP with the relocation of their respective lines. Expect the switch from overhead to underground for affected residences in August-September 2009 for the portion between Roger Road and Prince Road only. The contractor will continue this type of work south of Prince Road to stay ahead of the roadway construction.

PAVING

The west half of Mountain Avenue will be paved between Roger Road and Prince Road in October 2009, weather permitting, and once the power poles have been removed. Local traffic will still be restricted to low speeds to allow safe work conditions for the landscaping. The east side of Mountain Avenue between Prince Road and Fort Lowell Road will be paved in October 2009 also. One way traffic will be shifted to the east side, but in the northerly direction this time. This will allow the contractor to complete the underground work on the west side in preparation for the construction of the west half of the road. Look for major road construction progress this Fall as the underground work is nearly complete.

WORK HOURS

Work hours are generally between 6:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. The starting time will change in the Fall as the sun begins to rise later in the morning. Occasional weekend work may be required.

WHAT TO EXPECT

SOUTHBOUND ACCESS ONLY

Access to Mountain Avenue between Prince Road and Fort Lowell Road will still be restricted to **southbound only** for vehicles until the east side of the road can be paved. The direction of traffic will be changed to **northbound only** when the east side of the road is paved. Look for message boards to indicate when the actual change in direction will occur. Drivers may be stopped and directed by flagmen while work is in progress. Pedestrians and bicyclists will share access through the entire project site in a northbound or southbound direction.

NORTHBOUND ACCESS ONLY

Access to Mountain Avenue between Prince Road and Roger Road will be restricted to **northbound only** for vehicles until the west half of the road is constructed this Fall. Once the west half is in place, traffic will be restricted to **local traffic only** in both directions. Speed limit reductions will remain in effect. Sidewalks will be in place for pedestrians and bicyclists will share access through the entire project site in a northbound or southbound direction.

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/.