



Speedway Boulevard Camino Seco to Houghton Road Improvements

Project Update

April 2012

No.7

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

FINAL STAGES OF SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD CONSTRUCTION

The base pavement for the south half of Speedway, between Stoner Avenue and Houghton Road is scheduled for April 26th and 27th. Temporary striping will be added the following week.

Landscaping is continuing along the south side of Speedway Boulevard along with the construction of sidewalks and median paving.

The final pavement is planned for May 14th, 15th, and 16th (weather permitting). It will be made of rubberized asphalt. Temporary striping will be added to the final pavement until the rubberized asphalt has had a chance to cure. Final, thermoplastic striping will be added over the temporary striping in June 2012.

The utility valve boxes and manhole rims will need to be adjusted to their final pavement elevation. One lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained until the bulk of the construction is completed. This is planned the next two weeks after the final paving is completed.

Project completion is expected by the end of June 2012, approximately 3 months ahead of schedule.

WORK HOURS

Work hours are generally between 6:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday for the remainder of the project. No weekend work is expected.

WHAT TO EXPECT

TRAFFIC SHIFTS ANTICIPATED

Temporary detours will be in place at various times in May 2012 to allow specific work to be done. The final paving date is planned for May 14th through 16th. Utility adjustments will begin the following week and take at least two weeks to complete and cure. Also, two different traffic detours, to allow the public art to be brought in and installed with a crane, is expected sometime in May 2012. The exact dates are still being finalized. One lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained at all times. Traffic shifts to both sides of the median may be necessary from time to time.

Look for message boards displaying the dates for changes in traffic control at least three days in advance of a detour.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The striping of the pavement in the completed section of Speedway Boulevard is different than other locations in town. Why is that?

Temporary striping is currently in place. Once the entire roadway has been paved with rubberized asphalt and allowed to cure (30 days), the permanent striping will be done and raised pavement reflectors added to complete the job as designed. Although, the permanent striping could have been added on the existing pavement for Speedway Boulevard between Camino Seco and Bonanza Avenue, it is more cost effective to do it all at once.

What will happen to the median opening to the Park-N-Ride at Harrison Road and Speedway Boulevard?

A new Park-N-Ride is currently under design and will be constructed within the next year. The existing Park-N-Ride at Harrison Road and Speedway Boulevard will be relocated to its new location at Broadway Boulevard and Houghton Road. Work to close the existing median and correct temporary striping for the temporary movement will be done at that time and by the contractor making the new Park-N-Ride improvements.

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 updates <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/project/speedway-camino-seco-houghton>.