



Speedway Boulevard Camino Seco to Houghton Road Improvements

Project Update

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

SCHEDULE UPDATE

The construction is moving forward and currently running ahead of schedule. We project a project completion date in June 2012- approximately four months ahead of schedule (weather permitting).

For those who do not know, the construction sequencing is different than what we first presented in September 2010. The 404-permit environmental permit delay required that we accelerate portions of the project so to complete what was available to us. This forced us to complete Speedway Boulevard from Camino Seco to Harrison Road in its entirety. All lanes were opened and the road opened to traffic at the current speed limit by December 2011. We thank NAC Construction Company for their willingness to work with us to shift gears and make this change. Thank you stakeholders for your patience and cooperation.

OVERHEAD UTILITY LINES TO BE REMOVED

TEP, Century Link, and Cox Communications are busy pulling new conductors to provide new service. This will allow the remaining overhead lines to be de-activated and removed. Power poles should be removed by the end of March 2012. Once the power poles are out of the way, the road can be constructed along the south side of Speedway Boulevard.

HOUGHTON ROAD PAVING

The base paving to the intersection of Houghton Road and Speedway Boulevard will be completed by the end of the first week of February. This will help with turning vehicles and make the travel directions easier to understand.

WORK HOURS

Work hours are generally between 7:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday during the winter. Occasional weekend work and night work may be required.

WHAT TO EXPECT

REINFORCED CONCRETE BOX CULVERTS

The north half of the box culverts in the 404 permitted areas are completed. Traffic has been shifted along the north side of Speedway Boulevard between Avenida Jeanine and Houghton Road. Traffic will remain on the north side of Speedway Boulevard until the south half of box culverts are completed at the Este Wash and Coronado Ridge Wash. Traffic will then be shifted to both sides of the road to allow median and landscape work to be completed. Look for this work to be completed by the end of February 2012.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What Can Be Done To Limit Light From Entering My Windows At Night?

Streetlights are designed to direct light downward and toward the street. Light scatter is light that finds its way outside of the pool of light that is created on the street. Residents may request a shield be placed at the fixture. This will not eliminate the view of the light.

I Can't Turn Left Anymore Now That The Medians Are In Place. Is This Safer?

Speedway Boulevard is an arterial street and will be improved to provide two lanes of traffic in each direction separated by a landscaped median. Median openings are typically spaced 660-ft apart. Sometimes, this opening does not align with established driveways. The two through lanes will allow U-turns to be made safely and give turning vehicles another lane option when turning. Restricting left turns to designated locations is safer for both the through driver as well as the driver who is turning.

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> .