



75th Avenue & Thunderbird Road Intersection Improvements



February 2012

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Utility relocation work started in June 2011 and is ongoing in several locations. Some of the relocations will be performed by the utility companies, and some will be done by the contractor. The roadway widening work is expected to begin in March, starting with the northeast corner. A new traffic signal has been installed on the southwest corner of the intersection. Temporary signals will be used at this intersection until the completion of project construction to adjust for construction traffic control, such as lane shifts.

The project is currently scheduled for completion in fall 2012. The schedule is dependent upon final acquisition of right of way necessary to construct the project, completion of utility relocations, and any unanticipated factors, such as weather delays. Please see the updated project schedule below.

	Sep '11	Oct '11	Nov '11	Dec '11	Jan '12	Feb '12	Mar '12	Apr '12	May '12	Jun '12	Jul '12	Aug '12	Sep '12	Oct '12	Nov '12	Dec '12
	Contract Award													Project Completion		
	Notice to Proceed															
Construction Phasing		Pre-construction Activities		Construction									Rubberized Asphalt Permanent Striping			
Private Utility Relocation			[Yellow Bar]													
SRP Dry-Up					[Blue Bar]											
Right of Way Acquisition	[Orange Bar]															
Spring Training							[Green Bar]									

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

The current construction phasing schedule calls for one corner of the intersection to be widened at a time. The order of construction will be determined by the availability of needed right of way and completion of utility relocations along each segment. Drivers can expect periodic lane and left turn restrictions while work progresses

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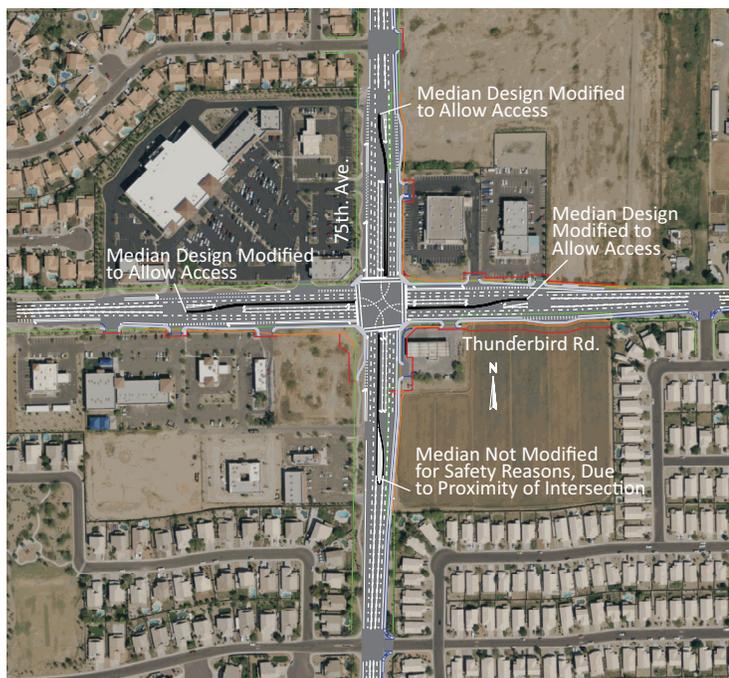
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through each portion of the intersection. At least one through lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction at all times, and every attempt will be made to maintain two lanes in each direction during peak weekday travel times. Left turns will be maintained at the intersection whenever possible; however, it will be necessary to prohibit left turns during certain work activity. Some overnight intersection closures will be required to complete the work.

Local access to properties will be maintained during construction. Although not anticipated, if local access cannot be maintained, the contractor will notify the affected property owner(s) at least 48 hours in advance and restore access as soon as possible. Additionally, safe and passable walkways will be maintained on at least one side of the roadway at all times. During construction, for safety reasons, the speed limit will be reduced to 25 miles per hour in the work zone.

PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

The purpose of the project is to improve traffic flow and safety at the intersection.



THE PROJECT INCLUDES:

- Widening the intersection to three through lanes and dual left turn lanes in each direction
- Installing raised medians and eliminating left turns into and out of some driveway locations to better manage access and improve safety and traffic flow
- Adding bicycle lanes in all directions
- Installing sidewalks where they currently don't exist, with ADA-compliant ramps
- Replacing sidewalks that need to be moved for the project
- Installing a new traffic signal to accommodate the additional lanes
- Relocating utilities that are in conflict with the proposed improvements
- Installing pavers in the median (and landscaping in one of the medians) and replacing any damaged landscaping
- Installing a 500-foot section of water line running north to south on 75th Avenue south of the intersection

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