



PROJECT UPDATE PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

February 2011

75th Avenue & Thunderbird Road Intersection Improvements

In early 2010, the City of Peoria initiated the design of a project to make improvements to the 75th Avenue and Thunderbird Road intersection as part of our Capital Improvement Program. Last fall we invited community members and interested parties to a public open house to learn about and provide feedback on the proposed improvements. To date we have received input and feedback from the owners and managers of several adjacent properties and businesses. Development of the engineering plans is nearing completion. We have scheduled a second public open house in March for community members and interested parties to learn how public input was considered in development of the project plans, to meet the Construction Manager at Risk (CM@R), and to learn about and provide input on plans to construct the improvements. The project is expected to begin in June and take approximately one year to complete.

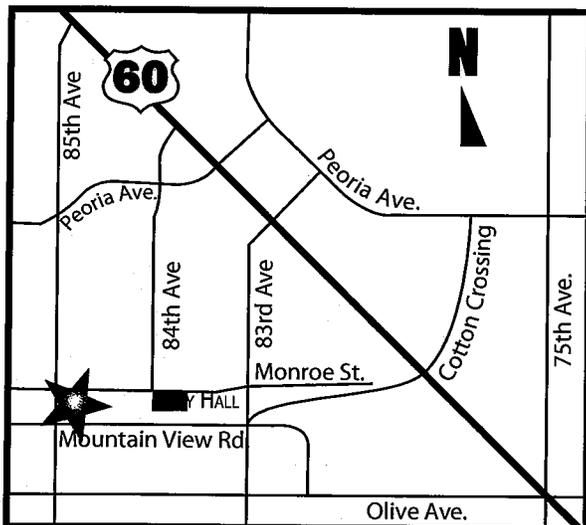
LEARN ABOUT CONSTRUCTION PLANS:

Join us at a public open house to learn more about project plans and speak with project representatives.

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, March 9, 2011, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Peoria Development and Community Services Building
Point of View Conference Room
9875 N. 85th Avenue, 1st Floor, Peoria, AZ
(Ample parking in front of building)



Other ways to provide comments include:

Call the project construction hotline:
(480) 529-3647

Submit comments via e-mail to:
slewin@mbakercorp.com

Fax written comments to:
City of Peoria c/o Sue Lewin at (602) 279-1411

Mail written comments to:
Geoffrey Zinnecker, P.E., Project Manager
City of Peoria Engineering
9875 N. 85th Avenue
Peoria, AZ 85345

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Persons may request special accommodations such as translation to sign language by contacting Sue Lewin at (602) 295-3145. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodations. This notice is available in alternative formats by contacting

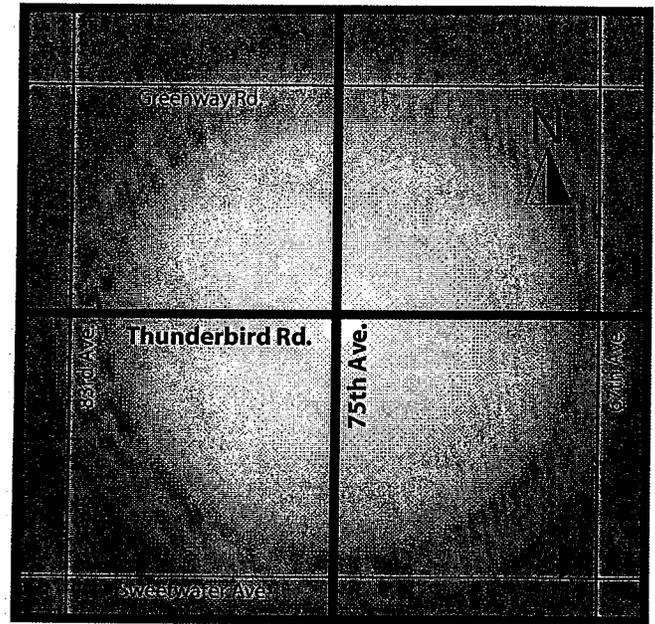
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BACKGROUND

This intersection is the fifth busiest in the City. Currently, Thunderbird Road has two through lanes in each direction, with a single left turn lane in each direction and a right turn pocket for the southbound and eastbound approaches. On 75th Avenue, there are currently two through lanes in each direction, with single left turn lanes in each direction and a right turn pocket for the southbound and eastbound approaches only. Traffic is controlled by a standard traffic signal and there are no raised medians to control access along either road. There are no bicycle lanes in either direction.

Commercial development has occurred in three of the four quadrants of the intersection, and there is currently unrestricted business access on both roads, with some driveways located very close to the intersection. Sidewalks are missing in some areas and the existing sidewalk ramps do not meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

A recent traffic study indicates the intersection currently operates in the morning peak hours at a level of service of E (on a scale of A to F, where F is considered failing) and at a level of service of F in the afternoon peak hours. Our traffic forecasts indicate conditions at the 75th Avenue and Thunderbird Road intersection will continue to deteriorate if we do not make improvements to increase capacity and enhance performance and safety.



PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

It will be necessary for the City to acquire additional right of way in some locations to construct these improvements.

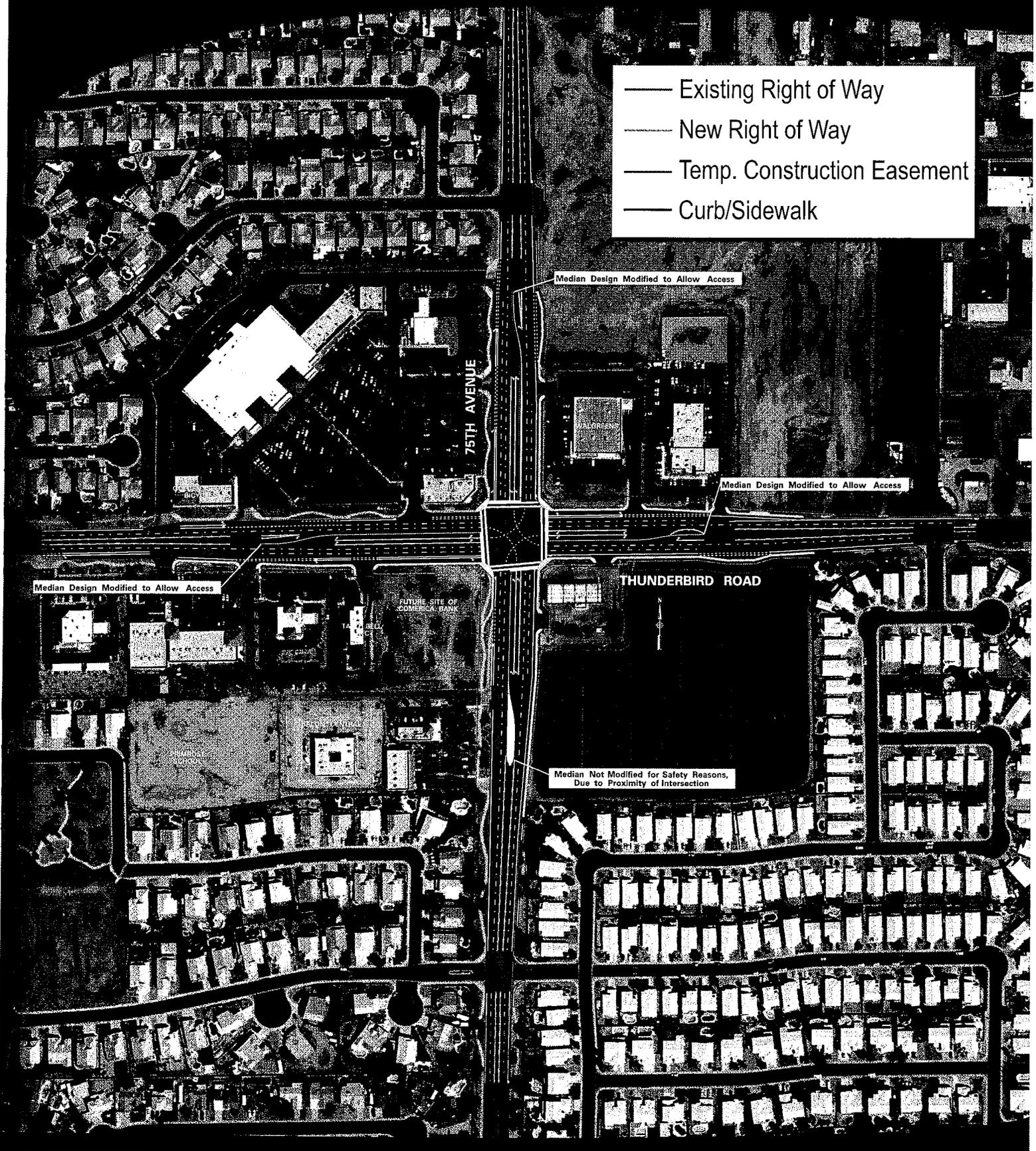
- Widening the intersection in all directions by adding through lanes and dual left turn lanes
- Installing raised medians and eliminating left turns into and out of some driveway locations to better manage access and improve safety and traffic flow
- Adding bicycle lanes in all directions
- Installing 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
- Adding landscape to the medians and replacing any landscape damaged during construction
- Installing a 500-foot section of water line running north to south through the intersection

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- Existing Right of Way
- New Right of Way
- Temp. Construction Easement
- Curb/Sidewalk



Revised Design
 (Since previous public meeting in September 2010)

