

Chandler's New Front Door

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Project Info: 480.898.4100

Construction to Begin in March 2010

Improvements to South Arizona Avenue, Frye Road to Chandler Boulevard, are tentatively scheduled to begin March 8th and completed approximately November 2010.

Generally speaking, work will be daytime; however, temporary striping and traffic control equipment will be up 24 hours to maintain a safe construction zone. Occasionally, night and weekend work may be more conducive to a specific activity, and that work will be coordinated and communicated in advance.

The project has been sequenced into four phases, with the following tentative construction schedule information:

PHASE 1: Utility Crossings (1.5 mos)

Utility crossings are scheduled to begin in March as the first phase of construction. Approximately 50 lateral lines (running east-west) will need to be installed under Arizona Avenue to make connections to the City's storm drain, sewer, and water systems; and APS' electric and power crossings for future traffic signals and street, pedestrian and landscape lighting. During this phase, traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction (north-south) with left turns scheduled to be permitted at Frye, Chicago, Boston and Buffalo.

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PHASE 2: Pedestrian Area/Curb Lanes (3 mos)

As utility crossings are completed, crews will begin to remove existing sidewalk, curb, gutter, and the outside (curb) lanes of asphalt. During this phase, we will coordinate with individual businesses directly on Arizona Avenue to coordinate access. Traffic will continue to be restricted to one lane in each direction, **traveling in the middle lanes**, and left turns will be permitted when possible. There will always be left turn access into the Square at Boston or Buffalo. Intersection work may require weekend work, and will be coordinated in advance.

PHASE 3: Inside Lanes/Medians (2.5 mos)

As work is completed on the future pedestrian areas and curb lanes, crews will move to the inside lanes to remove asphalt, work on the median islands on the north end, and work on the grade below the asphalt. During this phase, traffic will continue to be restricted to one lane in each direction, **traveling on the outside lanes**, and left turns will be permitted when possible. There will always be left turn access into the Square at Boston or Buffalo.

PHASE 4: Final Milling and Overlay (.5 mo)

Once work is completed on Phase 3 (above), crews will mill (remove) asphalt to prepare for base course (bottom layer) and surface course (top layer) of asphalt. This work will require various restrictions as the milling, and then paving operation moves in the corridor, usually working the curb lanes first, and then the inside lanes. Once the surface course is completed, manholes and other utilities will need to be adjusted (raised) to be flush with the new asphalt, and then final striping will occur. This process generally takes about two weeks to complete.

What can you do to help?

Residents, travelers, and downtown visitors should continue to patronize businesses in the construction area. Construction traffic control is set up so that work can be accomplished in a safe manner. It is not intended to limit anyone from getting to where they would like to go. So come see our progress!

Businesses and property owners in the construction area should convey excitement about the improvements – enthusiasm is contagious!

If you have ideas about how to better route traffic or provide information – please let us know.... Construction work is short term but the benefits are long term!

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