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Traffic Alert Eighth Street Drainage Improvements

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This is one in a continuing series of traffic alerts that will be issued throughout the construction of the Downtown Links - Eighth Street Drainage Improvement project. These alerts will announce construction, detour and street closure information as it affects traffic.

The Eighth Street Drainage Improvement project limits extend from Sixth Avenue on the west to Third Avenue on the east and Sixth Street on the north to Stevens Avenue on the south. Work throughout the improvement area will necessitate multiple street closures and restrictions that will impact motorists and bicyclists.

The contractor will begin working Saturdays, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in addition to the regular weekday work schedule. Saturday work will take place for the next several weeks.

- On Monday, Jan. 30, a new Stop Sign on northbound Sixth Avenue at Seventh Street will be in place creating a three-way stop at the intersection. This traffic control change is in preparation of the two-way conversion of Sixth Avenue between Sixth and Seventh Streets that will be completed by the end of February.
- The contractor is preparing Seventh Street for paving between Fifth and Third Avenues. When paving is complete, this section of Seventh Street will be re-opened to motorists and parking. Paving is expected to be complete by mid February.
- The intersection of Fifth Avenue/Eighth Street is closed. The closure will be in place until late February while the contractor builds the 20' X 12' underground drainage system.
- Seventh Street, between Sixth Avenue and Fifth Avenue, is closed through late February.
- The intersection of Eighth Street/Herbert Avenue is closed through the end of March.

Traffic control on Herbert and Hoff Avenues, between Sixth Street and Ninth Street only, has been changed to allow for two-way travel.

Business and pedestrian access will be maintained throughout the work area.

The traveling public can expect delays when driving, bicycling or walking in this work area. For your safety, please observe all traffic control signage, message boards, and obey reduced speed limits. Watch for construction personnel and equipment in the work zone.

The Downtown Links improvement project is part of the long-range Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) plan that was approved by Tucson-area voters in 2006. The voter-approved, \$2.1 billion RTA plan will be implemented through 2026. Details about the full plan are available at www.RTA mobility.com. The RTA has a nine-member board with representatives from local, state and tribal governments. While funded through the RTA, the above project is managed by the Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT).



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