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MISSION ROAD/GRANDE AVENUE/STARR PASS BOULEVARD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

This is a continuing series of construction alerts that will be issued throughout the reconstruction of the Mission Road/Grande Avenue/Starr Pass Boulevard intersection. These alerts will announce construction, detour and closure information as it affects traffic. Motorists are asked to obey all posted speed limit signs within the construction area and be alert for construction crews and personnel working in the area.

On Monday, April 25, 2011, from 3 a.m. to 5 p.m., work crews will be milling (removing) existing asphalt throughout this project area in preparation for paving.

Beginning Tuesday, April 26, 2011, crews will begin the final paving of the project area. Paving is expected to be complete by Friday, April 29, 2011. Paving operations will be from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Crews will return to the project area Monday, May 2, 2011, to place temporary striping and adjust water valve covers and manhole covers flush with the new asphalt. Additionally crews will be completing concrete and landscape work.

The \$2.9 million construction project began in August 2010. The project improved the intersection of Mission Road/Grande Avenue/Starr Pass Boulevard. The project reconfigured the intersection to allow motorists better access from Mission Road to Starr Pass Boulevard and reduce travel on Grande Avenue.

The project was funded through the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) that was approved by voters in May 2006. The \$2.1 billion RTA plan will be implemented through 2026. Details about the full plan are available at www.RTAmobility.com. The RTA has a nine-member board with representatives from local, state and tribal governments. While funded through the RTA, the project will be managed by TDOT.

The Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) keeps Tucson moving smoothly and safely. The Department's nearly 250 employees oversee the maintenance and reconstruction of nearly 1,900 miles of streets and are responsible for hundreds of drainage structures, public art pieces, street lights and signs, and traffic signs and signals in Tucson. TDOT also operates the City's transit services, Sun Tran and Sun Van.

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