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Traffic Alert

8th 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 - 8th Street Drainage Improvement project. These alerts will announce construction, detour and street closure information as it affects traffic.

The 8th Street Drainage Improvement project limits extend from 6th Avenue on the west to 3rd Avenue on the east and 6th 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.

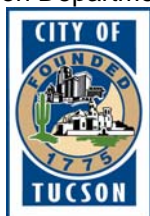
- Beginning Wednesday, Dec. 21, traffic along 4th Avenue will be shifted to one side of the roadway between 8th and 9th Streets. Two-way traffic will be maintained. This traffic control will be in place through Friday, Dec. 23.
- 3rd Avenue, just north of 7th Street will be closed while the contractor builds a catch basin beneath the roadway. If construction is not complete by Friday, Dec. 23, the contractor will plate the roadway and re-open it to traffic. Work will resume on Tuesday, Dec. 27.
- Dec. 27 through Dec. 28, the contractor will install storm drain through the intersection of 7th Street and 4th Avenue. 4th Avenue, between 6th Street and 8th Street will be closed to vehicular and bicycle traffic.
- Beginning Dec. 27, 7th Street, between 4th and 3rd Avenues, will be closed to bicycle and vehicular traffic. This closure will be in place through January 6, 2012.
- Beginning January 3, 2012, the intersection of 5th Avenue/8th Street will be closed. The closure will be in place for approximately 6 weeks while the contractor builds the 20' X 12' underground drainage system.
- Beginning January 3, 2012, 7th Street, between 6th Avenue and Arizona Avenue, will be closed for approximately 6 weeks.
- January 3 through January 13, 2012, the intersection of 8th Street/Herbert Avenue will be closed.
- The intersection of 5th Avenue/7th Street is closed. Access to businesses will be maintained. This intersection is expected to remain closed through approximately January 13, 2012.

Traffic control on Herbert and Hoff Avenues, between 6th Street and 9th 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).



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 signals in Tucson. TDOT also operates the City's transit services, Sun Tran and Sun Van.