

Pedestrian Access at the Culvert Replacement Work Project Sunrise Drive at Esperero Wash

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Pima County, Ariz. (April 15, 2026) –Pima County Department of Transportation along with their contractor, Southern Arizona Paving, will be shifting traffic on Thursday, April 16 to begin construction of the north half of the box culvert. Beginning Friday, April 17 through Friday, April 24 utility work requires we close the pedestrian access through the construction area and across the wash for public safety. Automobiles and bicycles will continue to share the temporary detour road. Once the utility work is completed, a walking path will be provided.

During the construction period, there will be a 25 mph, two-lane detour through the work zone. Flaggers may be present at times to manage traffic through the project area.

Please stay out of the active work zone for this project. A temporary walking path will be delineated for your safety – there are numerous trip and fall hazards within the work area. This area is particularly dangerous at night when these hazards are not visible.

Southern Arizona Paving will provide some protection fence and signage as a reminder to keep out. However, it is not feasible to fence the entire space. We ask that you use the designated travel paths, until the new culvert is complete and the roadway and shoulders are re-opened in July/August.

Please approach the area with caution, obey all traffic control devices and allow for extra travel time.

In the event of mechanical failure or inclement weather, the construction schedule is subject to change.

If you need additional or language assistance information, please contact:

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Para información en español, comuníquese con Melissa Cancio al 520-724-6410.

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