

Construction continues on SR 86 improvement project west of Robles Junction

New work hours begin next week

The Arizona Department of Transportation will continue ongoing lane closures on State Route 86 west of Robles Junction. Lane closures over the summer include the following times.

- From 5 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday (May 29) through Friday (June 1).
- From 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday (June 4) through Thursday (June 7).
- From 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday throughout the summer until further notice.
- A future traffic alert will notify drivers of the July 4 holiday schedule.

The work is part of a four-mile long road improvement project on the Tohono O'odham Nation between San Pedro and Viopuli Road (MP 137 and MP 141). This \$6 million project includes expanding the roadway shoulders for enhanced safety, applying a new, smooth driving surface and installing drainage features along the project area. The project is scheduled for completion in fall 2012.

Please note that paving will begin on Thursday (May 31) and will continue through the June 4 work week. Drivers can expect to see more workers and equipment than usual during paving operations and should proceed through the work zone with special caution.

Traffic delays will vary, but should not exceed 15 minutes. ADOT will notify motorists when the lane closures will conclude.

As an exception to the summer schedule, crews will not work on Memorial Day (May 28), and will resume work on Tuesday (May 29) and will also work Friday (June 1) to make up for the Monday holiday.

The speed limit is reduced to 25 mph in the work zone and a construction vehicle leads alternating traffic through the single open lane during the lane closures. Shoulders are restricted. Drivers are cautioned to stay on the roadway and obey the speed limit.

The construction schedule is subject to change due to a variety of reasons, including weather, material availability and mechanical difficulties. ADOT advises drivers to proceed through or near work zones with caution, slow down, and be alert for construction equipment and personnel.

For more information about this project, please contact ADOT Tucson District Senior Community Relations Officer, Linda Ritter, at 520-388-4266, lritter@azdot.gov or ADOT Community Relations Officer, Paki Rico, at 520-388-4233, prico@azdot.gov.

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