

Continued paving planned next week for State Route 86 improvement project west of Robles Junction

Chip seal work will follow after the Labor Day holiday

The Arizona Department of Transportation will continue paving State Route 86 west of Robles Junction next week as part of the SR 86 San Pedro Segment improvement project.

What to expect:

- From 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20 through Thursday, Aug. 23, lane closures are planned. One lane of the roadway will remain open and crews will direct traffic in alternating directions through the available lane in the work zone.
 - 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.
- No work is planned on Labor Day (Monday, September 3).
- From 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, September 4 through Friday, Sept. 7, a chip seal layer will be applied to the new pavement. One lane of the roadway will remain open while crews direct traffic through the work zone.

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.

The speed limit is reduced to 45 mph in the work zone during non-work hours. 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.

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