

Valencia Road: Wilmot to Kolb

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Improvements to Valencia Road, including the intersection with Kolb Road, are set to continue in order to increase capacity and enhance safety on the regional corridor. This Regional Transportation Authority construction project will be managed by the City of Tucson. The project will widen Valencia and make improvements on Kolb Road including a new intersection that will feature indirect left turns.

PROJECT DETAILS

The Valencia-Kolb intersection project is part of the Valencia Road corridor improvement project, from Alvernon Way to Kolb Road. Improvements from Alvernon Way to Wilmot Road have been completed. In addition to the intersection improvement featuring a unique parkway-at-grade design, this project will continue the widening of Valencia Road roughly one mile east and west of Kolb Road and 1/2 mile south and 1/4 mile north of Valencia Road. The roadway will be widened to six lanes and include bike lanes, sidewalks, drainage structures, lighting, traffic signals and landscaping.

PROJECT BENEFITS

- Improved safety.
- Left turn movements will be moved outside of the traditional intersection to indirect left turns and two bypass ramps to help significantly reduce traffic congestion and delays.
- A new northeast ramp starting at Valencia will curve around existing businesses and connect to north Kolb Road to facilitate traffic flow. A new southeast ramp will connect Kolb Road and Valencia Road south of the intersection.
- Improved accommodations for bicycle riders and pedestrians.

CONSTRUCTION

The approximate 12-month construction project, led by Tucson-based KE&G, is anticipated to begin in late July 2018. Throughout the construction, one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction, and access to all properties and businesses will remain open.

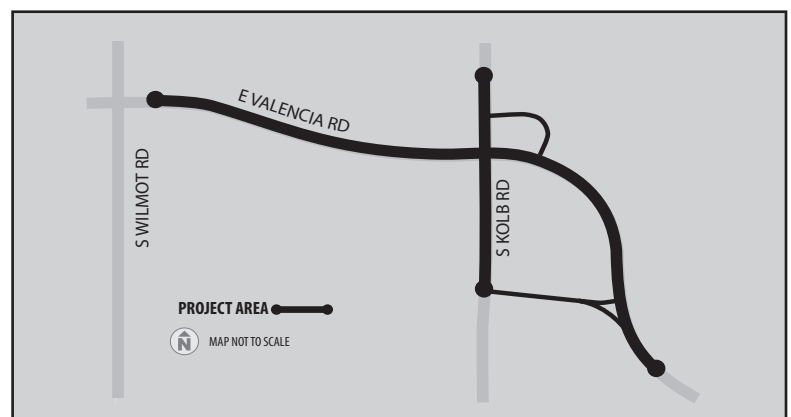
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