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98th Street and Gibson Boulevard Intersection Improvements

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A project to increase the safety, efficiency and usability of this intersection for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists.

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Project Team

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Project Team (continued)

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Project Scope



- New traffic signal at the intersection of 98th Street and Gibson Blvd.
- New **Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB)** at the Amole Arroyo Trail Crossing
- Intersection Improvements

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What is a RRFB?



- A Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) is paired with a pedestrian warning sign
- RRFBs flash when activated to make pedestrians more noticeable to drivers

Source: U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration

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Project Improvements

- Extended medians
- Pavement reconstruction and restriping
- New sidewalk in the northeast corner to connect to the existing sidewalk at the Amole Arroyo Trail
- Additional lighting
- ADA-accessible curb ramps



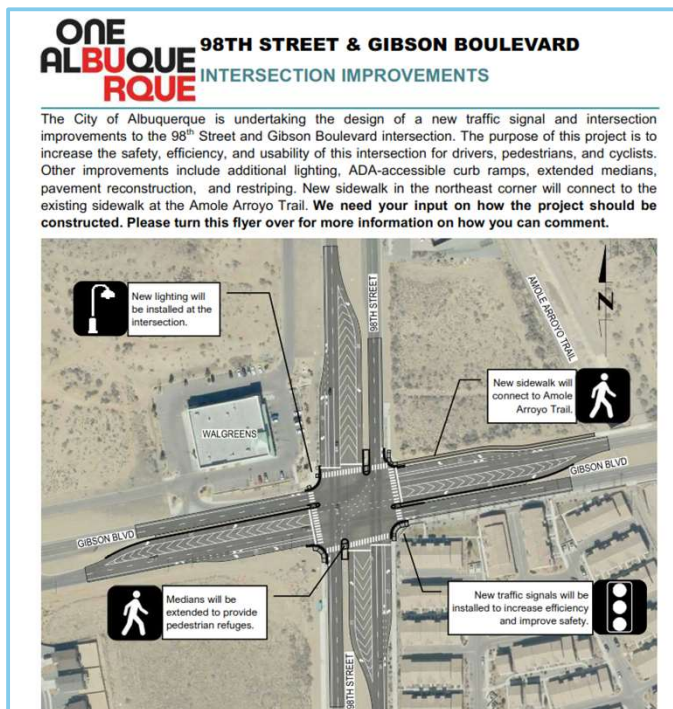
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Background

- There has long been concern about safety due to traffic speeding through the four-way stop signs at the intersection of 98th Street and Gibson Boulevard
- Sometimes, motorists **do not** stop at all
- Also, there can be significant backups during morning and afternoon rush hours because traffic is not being provided set times to proceed through the intersection

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Background (continued)



In consultation with Councilor Klarissa J. Peña, the design team created a public information flyer outlining **three (3) options** for the construction of intersection improvements. In 2021, the flyer asked input from 6,000 residents and businesses in the area.

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Background (continued)

The City received a total of **102** responses:

- 68 (67%) in favor of full closure of the intersection during part of the project
- 18 (18%) preferred a partial closure
- 4 (4%) requested the intersection remain open
- 12 (11%) responded to issues unrelated to traffic control for the project



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Chosen Construction Alternative

Based on public feedback, safety concerns and cost efficiency, the City elected to go forward with a full closure of the intersection for part of the project.

This offers the advantage of saving more than \$1.3 million in construction costs, and just as importantly saves about five to six (5-6) months in construction time to minimize the inconvenience to area residents and businesses.

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About Construction

- Star Paving is the general contractor
- Construction is scheduled in **early April 2024**
- Construction is expected to take about **ten (10) months**
- Regular work hours will be **7 a.m. to 5 p.m.** Monday-Friday, although the contractor may work longer or on weekends, if needed.

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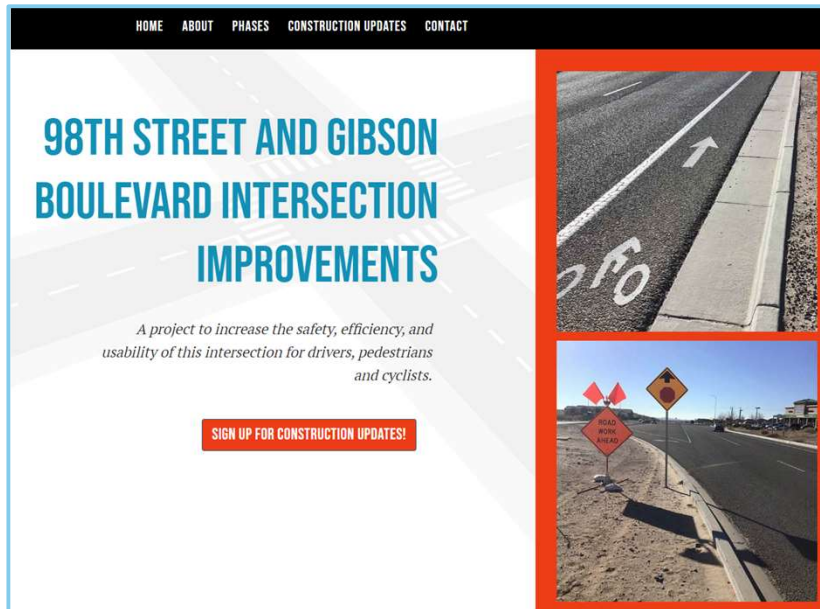
About Construction (continued)



- The project will be built in **four (4) phases**
- *Please note:* activities for each phase may overlap or phases could be combined to ensure timely construction
- Access to all businesses and residences will remain open during construction
- All construction is weather permitting and subject to changes without notice

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Stay Informed



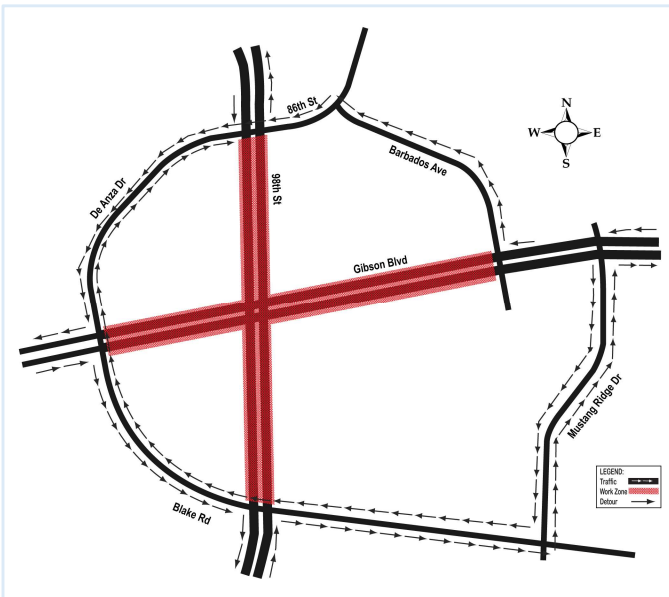
Sign up for updates at the project website:

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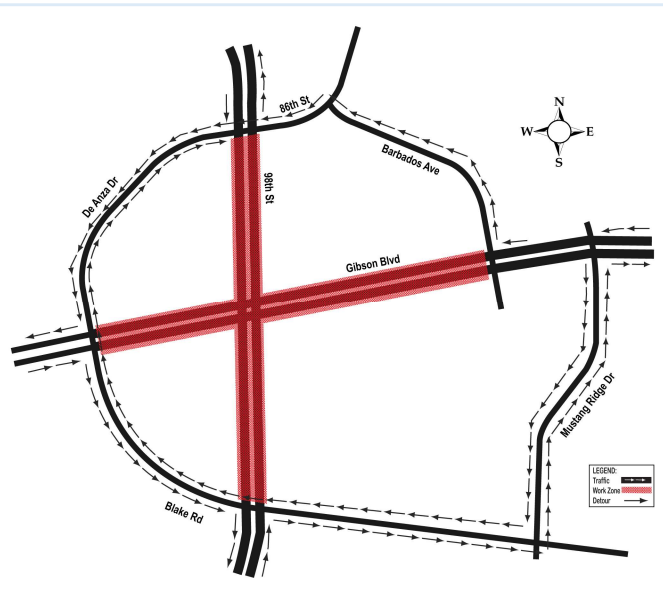
Phase One

- Place detour signing and close the intersection
- Remove existing curb and gutter, sidewalk/trail and curb ramps one corner at a time
- Complete removal of one corner before moving on to the next corner



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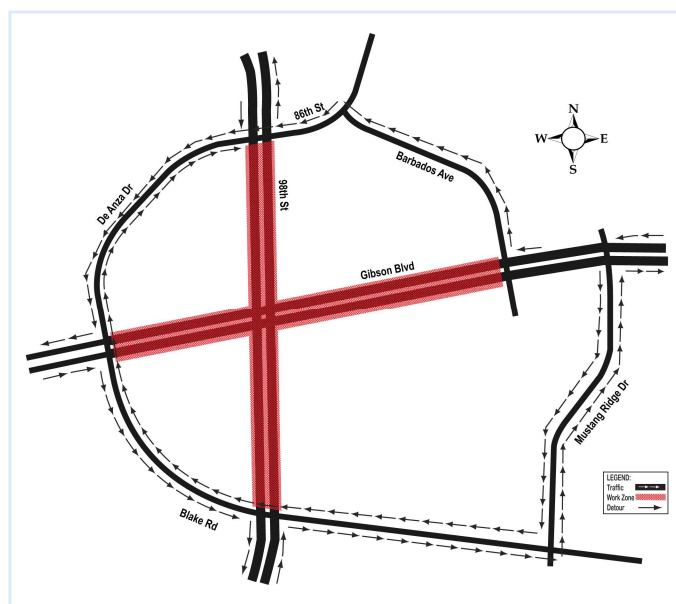
Phase One (continued)



- Install infrastructure (conduit, pull boxes etc.) for the new traffic signal under the roadway and in medians
- Install infrastructure for new lighting

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Phase One (continued)



- Construct curb and gutter, sidewalk/trail and curb ramps one corner at a time
- Install loop detectors
- Install lower part of medians
- Reconstruct asphalt pavement to lower level

Anticipated Duration: 6 months

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Phase Two

- Expand intersection closure to full limits of where asphalt is being reconstructed
- Mill 98th Street pavement
- Place top layer of asphalt through entire area of pavement reconstruction and project borders
- Open roadway to all traffic

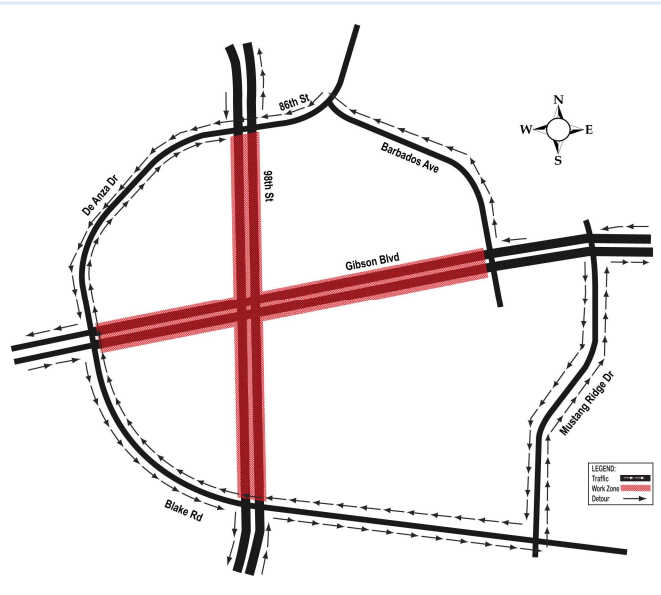
Anticipated Duration: 2 months

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Detours

Traffic will be detoured to:

- Blake Road to Mustang Ridge Road on the west and south
- Barbados Avenue on the east and north
- 86th Street and De Anza Drive on the west and north



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Phase Three

- Install remaining signal and lighting equipment

Anticipated Duration: 1 month

Phase Four

- Complete permanent signing and striping

Anticipated Duration: 1 month

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Notes About Construction

- Access to Walgreens at the northwest corner of the intersection and the PNM facility in the northeast corner of the intersection will always be maintained
- The west access to the Diamond Mesa neighborhood shall always be maintained, except for a brief period during Phase 2

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Notes About Construction

- The contractor will coordinate west access closure with Diamond Mesa at least one week in advance
- Pedestrian access through the intersection will be maintained throughout construction, with at least one north-south and one east-west crossing always provided

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More Information

- The construction and communications team will work with the City of Albuquerque to ensure trash service and bus service are not interrupted
- Coordination with APS Student transportation will help ensure school bus routing.
- Coordination with the U.S. Postal Service will help ensure mail delivery

If you experience any interruptions or have concerns, please reach out to the communications contractor.

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Questions?

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For More Information

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If you have questions or concerns during construction, please contact:

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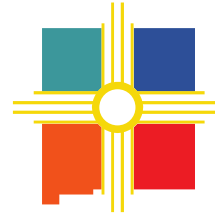
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