

Downtown Tempe Streetscape Improvements

Mill Avenue

University Drive – Rio Salado Parkway

Merchants Meeting

Oct. 8, 2024





Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Project Overview and Progress
- Schedule
- Communication and Information
- Next Steps
- Questions

Project Overview and Progress

Project Area





Project Scope

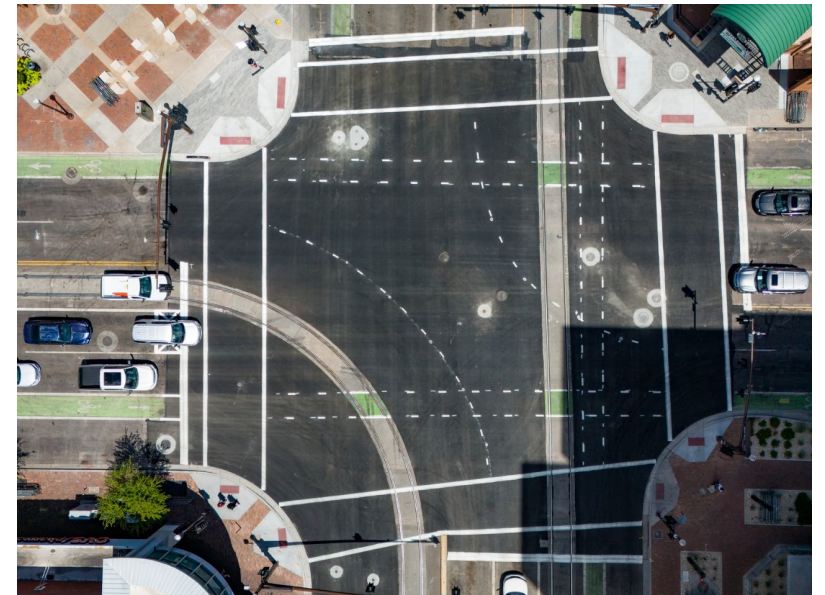
- Sidewalk and ADA improvements
- Expanded pedestrian space
- New sidewalk pavers
- Historic markers
- Infrastructure upgrades to electric and irrigation
- New bus shelters
- New trees



Project Progress

Phase 1: Intersection of Mill Avenue and University Drive

- Upgrades to traffic signal infrastructure
- Upgrades to sidewalk ramps
 - New paver pattern on north side (will be same pattern on other ramps to the north)
- Removal of existing pavers in roadway & replacement with asphalt





Project Progress

Phase 2: University Drive to Seventh Street

- Sidewalk removal and replacement between “bump outs”
- Utility infrastructure upgrades
- Hardscape/landscape upgrades





Project Progress

Phase 2: Paver Selection

- Sidewalk pavers have been selected
- New pavers will be “non-tumbled” for a less weathered look while still preserving signature Mill Avenue style



Schedule



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- Construction began April 2024
- Phase 1: Work completed at the intersection of Mill Avenue and University Drive on Aug. 7
- Phase 2: Work between University Drive and Seventh Street began Aug. 26
- Phase 3: Work between Sixth Street and Seventh Street will begin in Mid-October
- Completion date approximately fall 2026

Communication and Information



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- Contractor downtown project office
 - 200 E. Fifth St., Suite 104
 - Open office hours for merchants to stop by
 - Tuesdays, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. and Wednesdays, noon - 2 p.m.
- Project Hotline: 480-898-4100
- Project website: tempe.gov/DowntownTempeRefresh
- Sign up on website to receive email updates
- Merchant Newsletter
 - Email ally@downtowntempe.com to sign up



Communication



- Regular updates coordinated through DTA @downtowntempe and City of Tempe @tempegov
- Targeted communications with directly impacted businesses
 - One-on-one meetings for business frontage work
 - Advance notice for significant restrictions
 - Pedestrian Signage



Communication and Information



- Key project contacts
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Next Steps

- Next Steps
 - Ongoing dialogue with businesses/merchants
 - Careful coordination with patios, business access
 - Virtual meetings every second Tuesday at 2 p.m.
 - . Nov. 12
 - . Dec. 10

Questions?

