

Downtown Tempe Streetscape Improvements

Mill Avenue

University Drive – Rio Salado Parkway

Merchants Meeting

Nov. 12, 2024



Project Overview and Progress



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 Area

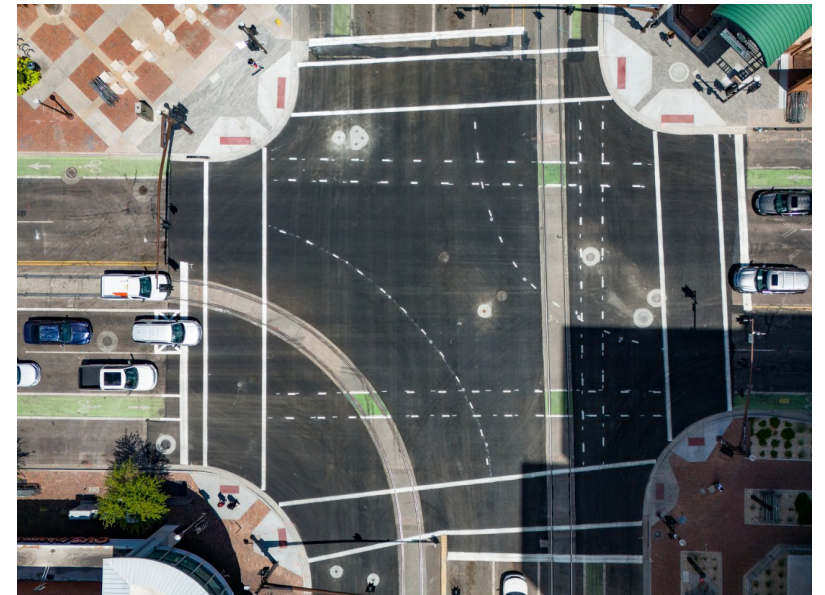




Project Progress

Phase 1: Intersection of Mill Avenue and University Drive.

- Upgrades to traffic signal infrastructure, sidewalk ramps.
 - Paver pattern on north side will be the same pattern installed on intersections at Seventh, Sixth, etc.
- Replaced pavers in roadway with asphalt.





Project Progress

Phase 2: University Drive to Seventh Street

- ADA improvements
- Streetlight pole foundation upgrades
- Sidewalk brick replacement with new brick between “bump outs”.
 - Currently working “curb side” section of the sidewalk.





Project Progress

Phase 3: Seventh Street to Sixth Street

- Sidewalk brick removal, grading, and ADA improvements between “bump outs”.
- Utility infrastructure upgrades.
- Hardscape/landscape upgrades.





Project Progress

Concrete bands will separate sidewalk and patios.

Photos from Pita Jungle Patio at University Drive and Mill Avenue



Schedule



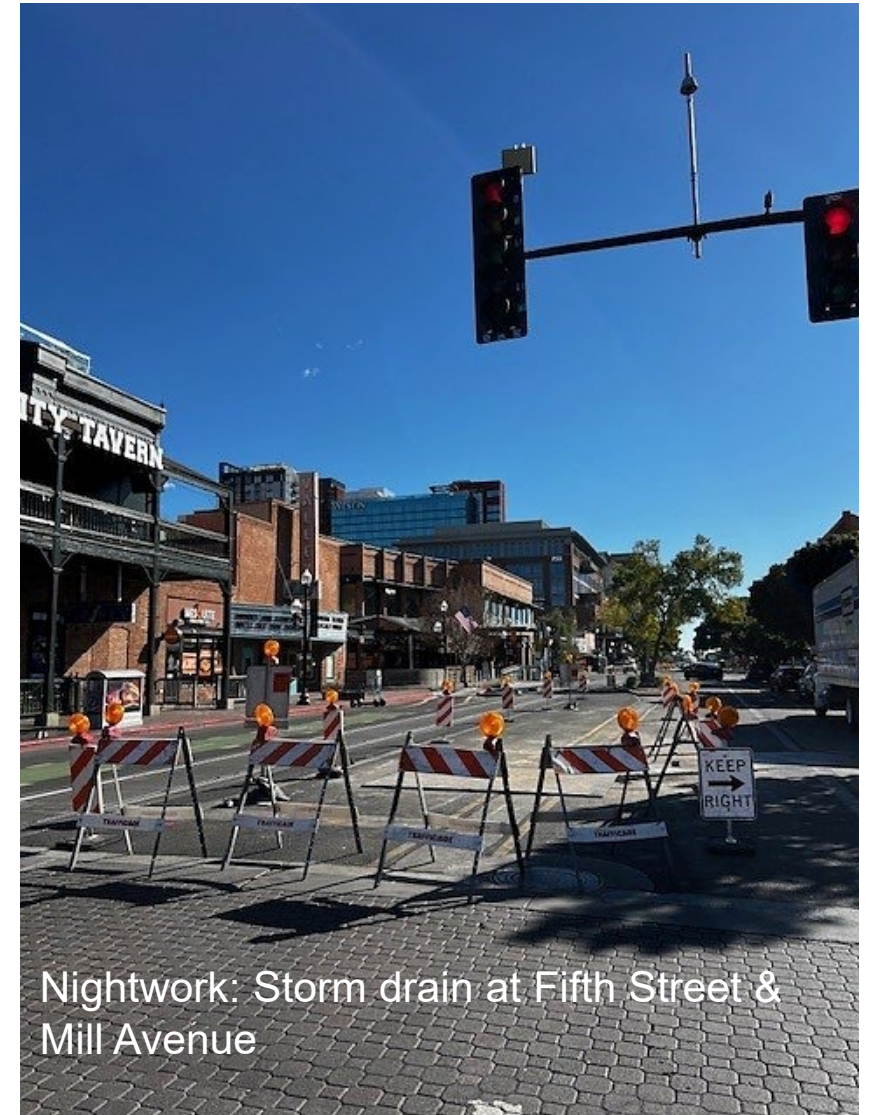
Schedule

- Construction began April 2024.
- Phase 1: Work completed at the intersection of Mill Avenue and University Drive on Aug. 7, 2024.
- Phase 2: Work between University Drive and Seventh Street began Aug. 26, 2024, expected completion February 2025.
- Phase 3: Work between Seventh Street and Sixth Street began in Mid-October, 2024.
- Total improvements from University Drive to Rio Salado Parkway along Mill Avenue completion date approximately Fall 2026.



Project Work Hours

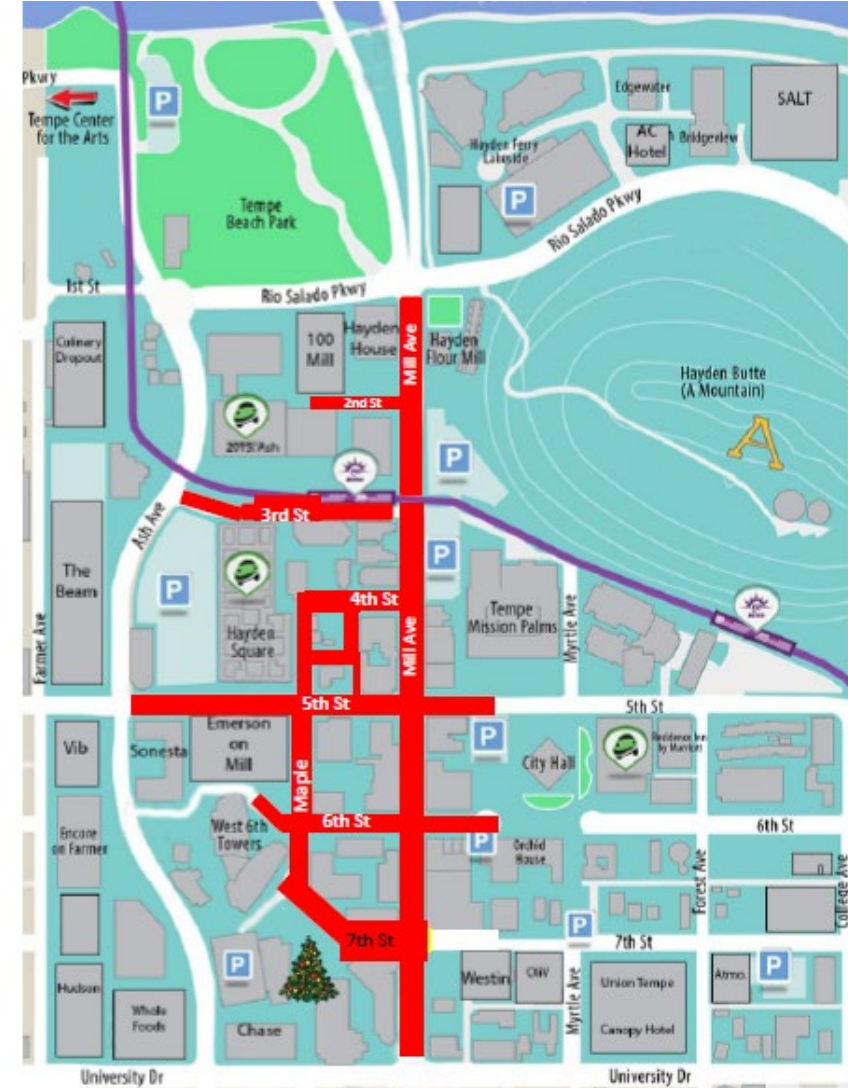
- Current work hours are 7 a.m. – 3 p.m., Monday-Friday
 - Primarily for work on the “curb-side” of the sidewalk.
- Work within the roadway is being completed at night from 7 p.m. – 5 a.m. For storm drain improvements and traffic signal improvements.
- Upcoming work on the “building side” of the sidewalks will likely be during nighttime hours, hours TBD.



Nightwork: Storm drain at Fifth Street & Mill Avenue

Communication and Information

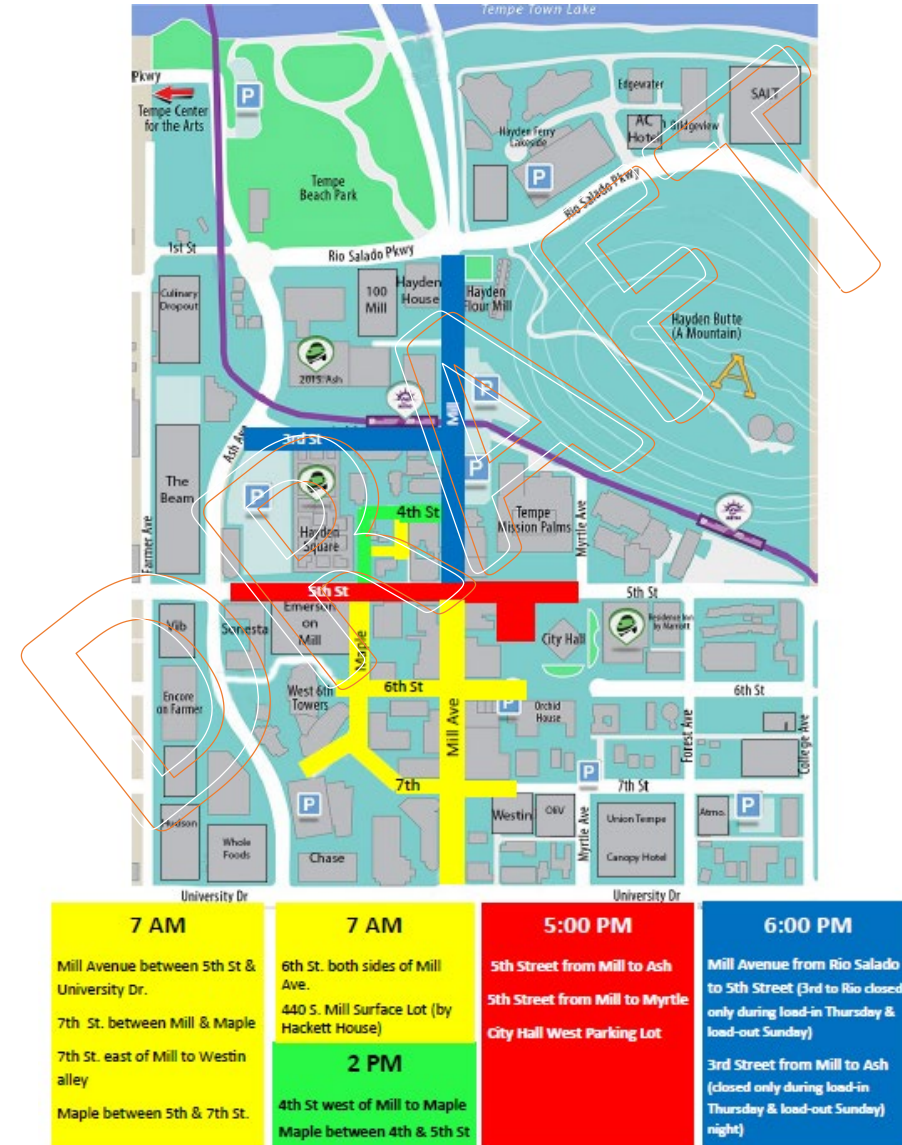
- Holiday Street Parade & Tree Lighting, Nov. 29
 - Roads closed Noon-10 p.m.
 - Parade kicks off at 6 p.m.
 - Event ends at 8 p.m.
- Extra pedestrian control west side between Sixth and Seventh Streets on Mill Avenue.
- Coordinate deliveries to arrive before noon on Friday or they will be turned away.



- Tempe Festival for the Arts, Dec. 6 -8
 - Roads closed south of Fifth Street at 7 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5.
 - Event hours 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Fri & Sat, 10 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

■ Deliveries during festival:

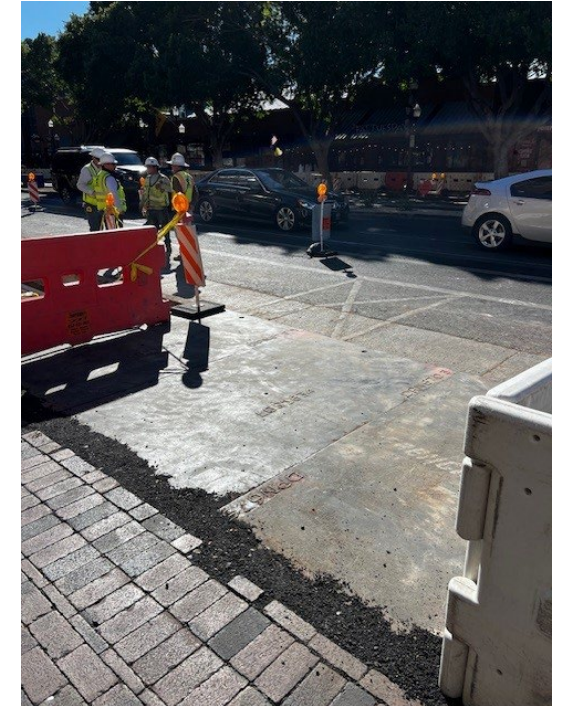
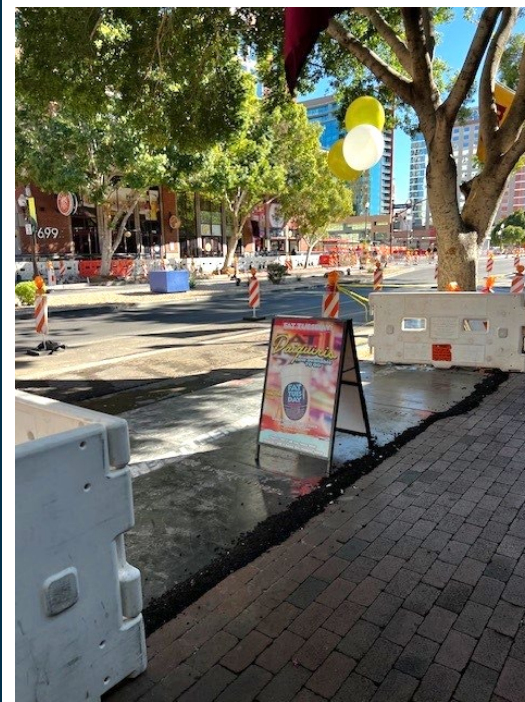
- Delivery entrance ONLY at Fifth Street and Ash Avenue (the west end of Fifth Street). No deliveries will be allowed to enter from the East on Fifth Street, and none on the North or South on Mill Avenue.
- Permitted delivery hours: Approximately 11 p.m. - 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5; and 9 p.m. - 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 6, Saturday, Dec. 7, and Sunday, Dec. 8.
- All trucks must vacate the event area BEFORE 9 a.m. each day of the Festival.
- Should your deliveries not arrive before 9 a.m., please contact Ally at 616-260-4657 and we will determine the alternate load-in options available so that delivery can be accommodated, if possible.





Communication

- Mid-block safety access coordinated with necessary businesses.
- Short term food/retail pick-up reserved on Sixth and Seventh Streets close to Mill Avenue.





- 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



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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.
 - . Dec. 10
 - . Jan. 14
 - . Feb. 11
 - . March 11

Questions?

