

August 04, 2020

Dear Bellemont Resident,

Lucinda Andreani
Director
Deputy County Manager

I would first like to thank everyone for their patience during construction of Phase A of the **Bellemont Access and Safety Improvements Projects**. This phase, which included the four-foot widening of Shadow Mountain Drive and installation of multimodal lanes between Alpine Road and Pegasus Drive, was completed in late July about a month ahead of its original late-August deadline.

Eslir Musta
Deputy Director

Christopher Tressler
PE, CFM
County Engineer

I also want to provide you with an important update about Phase B of this project, which will include the construction of a roundabout and development of an alternative business access to the Pilot Truck Stop to improve traffic circulation for trucks, businesses, travelers and residents. While originally expected to break ground late this summer, Phase B has been rescheduled to start next spring with completion currently slated for fall of 2021.

Carl Fuller
Road Maintenance
Division Manager

Byron Browning
Fleet Services Manager

There are a couple of reasons for this schedule change. As you may have noticed, the utilities are relocating their infrastructure in preparation for the Roundabout phase of the project. A greater than expected amount of subsurface rock was discovered that required extended blasting operations to remove. Because this work has delayed completion of utility relocation, the roundabout contractor (Banicki Construction) has had to extend their proposed construction schedule beyond the initial winter 2020 completion date.

Jeremy Floyd, MPA
Administrative Services
Division Manager

Viviana Reyes
Culture, Engagement &
Communications
Manager

Although Phase B could still start this fall, the contractor would only be able to complete the first half of the roundabout before having to shut down for the winter season. This is because it is not possible to purchase or effectively install hot mix asphalt in our region during the winter months. Rather than have Bellemont residents and visitors drive through an inactive construction zone during a three- to four-month winter shutdown, the County has instead opted to move the entire project into calendar year 2021. The project will begin as soon as weather permits in the spring of 2021.

Ron Hollamon
Solid Waste Manager

Marc Della Rocca
Community Relations
Manager

Coconino County appreciates your interest in this project and will keep you posted as to any developments. If in the interim you have any questions about this project, then please call Community Relations Manager Marc Della Rocca at (928) 679-8307 or visit www.coconino.az.gov/BellemontAccessSafetyProject. We also will continue to provide email updates as necessary regarding the project. If you or anyone you know might like to receive these updates, then please email us at countyroadsinfo@coconino.az.gov with **"Add Me to Bellemont Project E-mail List"** in the subject line and Marc will add you to our list.

Thanks again and I hope that you, your families and your friends are doing well.

Sincerely,



Lucinda Andreani
Deputy County Manager
Director, Coconino County Public Works