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Lucinda Andreani
Director
Deputy County Manager

Dear Kachina Village Resident,

Supervisor Ryan has asked us to provide you with updates regarding two important County projects that will soon be breaking ground in your community:

Eslir Musta
Deputy Director

Kachina Trail Sewer Line Repair Project

Christopher Tressler
PE, CFM
County Engineer

Coconino County is preparing to issue a "Notice to Proceed" for its contractor to break ground on the Kachina Trail Sewer Line Repair Project. This \$66,000 project is scheduled to get underway on September 8 and be completed by the end of this month. This schedule is subject to change due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

Carl Fuller
Road Maintenance
Division Manager

Project Background

Byron Browning
Fleet Services Manager

For several months Public Works' Engineering Division has been investigating the cause of a depressed area of pavement near the centerline portion of Kachina Trail near the Dollar General Store. This area was part of the 2016-2017 Kachina Trail Utility Relocation Project and was immediately followed by the Kachina Trail Reconstruction Project in spring 2017.

Jeremy Floyd, MPA
Administrative Services
Division Manager

Viviana Reyes
Culture, Engagement &
Communications
Manager

A video inspection in late spring of this year revealed a fracture in the 4-inch sewer line at the location of a service connection. Although this service connection and associated infrastructure was successfully tested after the project was completed in May 2017, it appears that this damage was caused by settling of the subgrade and new pavement. Many of you will remember that unstable soil in this area presented significant challenges during the sewer installation portion of the utility relocation project. As a result of this fracture, fine-grain sediment and water are seeping into the pipe, which is causing a localized depression in the area. Fortunately, however, nothing is leaking out of the pipe.

Ron Hollamon
Solid Waste Manager

Marc Della Rocca
Community Relations
Manager

About the Repair

Tiffany Construction Co. will excavate nearly 20 feet of material above the damaged line and replace the coupler at the location of the service line. This project, which is expected to last about three weeks, will require traffic control around the construction area on Kachina Trail. Both northbound and southbound lanes will remain open during construction, and signage and flaggers will be used as necessary to guide motorists through the construction zone.

Kachina Village Wintertime School Bus Stop Project

The current school bus stop located on the north side of Ancient Trail near the intersection with Kachina Trail has been a longtime concern of Kachina Village families and the Flagstaff Unified School District (FUSD) during our winter months due to snow. In order to provide a safer location for drop-off and pick up and where

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school buses can more easily turn around, FUSD and the County have developed a plan to create a new school bus site on Tovar Trail to be used when snowstorms or icing of roads cause accessibility issues within Kachina Village for school buses.

Located on the County-owned parcel directly east of the Dollar General Store and adjacent to Raymond County Park, the new Kachina Village Wintertime Bus Stop site will allow students to wait for the bus and for school buses to pull in from and out onto Tovar Trail more safely when snow prevents access to Kachina Village. The site will utilize the existing Raymond County Park parking area located right off Tovar Trail to allow parents a safe area to drop off their children. It also will be readily accessible by a new walkway that will extend south past the basketball courts from Raymond Park. In addition, our plan is to repurpose the lumber from trees removed for this project for a new ramada in the park. Further communication from FUSD will be provided shortly, which will provide more of the logistical details.

Design work for the new Kachina Village Wintertime School Bus Stop Project is done and the County is in the process of selecting a contractor. FUSD and the County are sharing the cost of this project, which will be about \$220,000. Our goal is to start this project in early October and complete it before it gets too cold for paving operations. We will provide you with more information about the schedule for this project when it becomes available.

It is important to acknowledge that the Kachina Village Wintertime School Bus Stop Project would not be possible without the generosity of Jay C. Stuckey, Jr. and Betty H. McRae who donated the parcel that is being used for this project to the County in 2018. This donation allowed us to move forward with the bus stop without using any portion of Raymond County Park. We would also like to thank FUSD for reaching out to partner with the County to help solve this long-term safety issue and to Supervisor Ryan for his leadership and input, which is helping to make this new bus stop area a reality.

Coconino County appreciates your interest in these projects and will keep you posted as to any developments. If in the interim you have any questions about these projects, then please call Community Relations Manager Marc Della Rocca at (928) 679-8307 or visit www.coconino.az.gov/KachinaVillageProjects. We also can provide email updates as necessary regarding these projects. 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 Kachina Village Projects 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