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GLENDALE COMPLETES MAJOR SAFETY AND CAPACITY IMPROVEMENTS AT 59TH AVENUE AND OLIVE AVENUE

GLENDALE, Ariz. – The city of Glendale is pleased to announce that the 59th Avenue and Olive Avenue Intersection Safety and Capacity Improvement Project has been completed. The purpose of the project was to improve roadway safety and enhance pedestrian movement and safety. This multi-phased project, which spanned over 30 months, will provide better traffic flow, improved safety and it will ease congestion. The changes will also make the intersection safer for pedestrians who use the walkways and crosswalks.

The various changes include: The relocation of utility systems and waterlines, the installation of raised medians, traffic signal modifications, bus bays and sidewalk ramps at the northwest and southeast corners and new street lighting along the west side of the intersection. Some of these improvements were constructed in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration and Arizona Department of Transportation.

The final phase was completed with local funding and it included the addition of a bus bay for northbound and southbound 59th Avenue and right turn lanes for eastbound and westbound Olive Avenue to improve capacity followed by a complete overlay of the intersection.

“Driver safety will be improved due to raised medians that will prevent left-turn movement into and out of commercial driveways,” said Principal Engineer-Transportation Kiran Guntupalli. “Pedestrian safety will be increased as well due to ‘bulb-outs’ at the bus bays, ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps and new lighting.”

The city of Glendale would like to thank residents, local businesses, commuters and public safety for their patience and cooperation during the construction of this important traffic and pedestrian safety improvement effort.

For More Information
For questions about the project or if you need special assistance, please call the 24-hour construction hotline at 602.264.6416 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/improvements for project updates. Newsletter publications can be made available in alternate formats upon request. Reasonable accommodations may be made available to persons with disabilities. Contact the Public Affairs Department at 623.930.3077. Hearing impaired persons may use the Arizona Relay Services (1.800.367.8939).

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