The Arizona Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration have identified the need to improve safety and ease congestion at the interchange of westbound Interstate 8 and Giss Parkway in Yuma. On average, 11,000 vehicles per day use the interchange and that number is expected to increase in the coming years.

A $1.8 million project to construct a two-lane modern roundabout at the interchange is scheduled to begin in March 2017. The new roundabout is designed to accommodate commercial trucks and other large vehicles. Work is expected to last seven months and also will include improving drainage, intersection lighting, signage and lane striping, and making cyclist accommodations. “Share The Road” signs will be installed, as well as bicycle entrance ramps to the shared-use pathway through the roundabout.

BUSINESS ACCESS

ADOT will maintain access to all businesses near the work zone during construction.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- Drivers should expect closures of the I-8 westbound ramps while work is underway and use alternate routes, including the 16th Street exit.
- ADOT will maintain two-way traffic on Giss Parkway.
- To protect the traveling public and construction crews, the speed limit in the work zone will be reduced. Drivers should watch for construction personnel and equipment and obey all posted speed limits and signs.

BENEFITS OF MODERN ROUNDBOATS

Roundabouts are proven to improve safety and traffic flow. Benefits include reductions in fatal and serious injury crashes involving vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians; increases in traffic capacity; and reductions in fuel use and pollution. Because they are not signalized, there is no equipment to install or repair. Roundabouts also reduce traffic noise, so neighborhoods are quieter.

Learn more about roundabouts: azdot.gov/roundabouts

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