

Streetcar Construction Update Fall 2018

Valley Metro, working in conjunction with the City of Tempe and the construction contractor, Stacy Witbeck, have defined the Track Guideway Installation (installation of steel rails into the street) schedule for downtown Tempe.

Valley Metro will install the rail on the east side (northbound lanes) of Mill Avenue between University Drive and Rio Salado Parkway during the summer of 2019, before the busy fall season begins. Work will begin the day after classes end in May at ASU and will stop when classes resume for the fall 2019 semester. The installation of rail will be complete at the end of summer 2019 with finish work, such as constructing the streetcar stops, taking place summer 2020.

In the meanwhile, Track Guideway Installation will begin the week of November 5th at 10th Street & Mill Avenue in the southbound lanes of Mill Avenue. Construction crews will first work their way south on Mill, along the Gammage Curve to Forest Avenue before shifting to the northbound lane construction. Work along Ash Avenue is planned to follow the summer 2019 downtown work.

Over the next three months (October – December 2018), you can expect a visit from Jordan Brackett, Valley Metro's Community Outreach Coordinator. She will be meeting individually with each merchant on Mill Avenue between University Drive and Rio Salado Parkway to share construction plans for the summer of 2019 and discuss the specific impacts the construction may or may not have on your business. Valley Metro, the City of Tempe, the contractor Stacy Witbeck and DTA will be working together to mitigate the construction impacts to your business as much as possible. Jordan's contact information is below.

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