



Tempe Downtown Refresh – Construction Begins at the Mill Ave / University Dr Intersection in Early April

Work is scheduled to begin in early April 2024 for Tempe’s Downtown Refresh Project, which will construct improvements to enhance the Mill Avenue Streetscape from University to Rio Salado. The project includes sidewalk and ADA improvements providing more public space, with a new planting scheme incorporating sustainable practices (such as water harvesting), infrastructure upgrades to electric and irrigation, shade structures to supplement natural shade, new lighting, and integrating art into Tempe’s popular downtown area.



The project will be constructed in multiple phases with Phase 1 focusing on improvements to the Mill Ave/University Dr intersection, and Phase 2 focusing on improvements to Mill Ave between University Dr and 5th St.



Work at the Mill Ave/University Dr intersection is scheduled to begin in early April with lane restrictions and turn restrictions in place, as needed, to maintain a safe work zone and access to businesses. Work at the Mill Ave/ University Dr intersection is expected to be complete in August 2024.

Following intersection work, scheduled for August 2024, primary work will begin on both sides of Mill Ave, in block segments, beginning in the segment from 5th St to 6th St, and moving by block in a southerly direction toward University Dr.

Access will be maintained for pedestrians, vehicles, and downtown visitors, with improvements to Mill Ave, from 5th St to University Dr expected to be complete in early 2026.

Potholing Activity on East and North side of Intersection - April 1 – 12

	Work Location	Dates
Electric Installation Phasing	Southeast Corner Closed	April 15 – 29
	Northwest Corner Closed	April 30 – May 20
	Northeast Corner Closed	May 21 – June 6
	Southwest Corner Closed	June 7 – 14
	Northeast & Southeast Corner Closed	June 19 – 20 (14 hr outage)
	Northwest & Southwest Corner Closed	June 22 – 23 (14 hr outage)
Corner Sidewalk/Ramp Reconstruction Phasing	Work Location	Dates
	Northwest Corner Closed	June 25 – July 9
	Southwest Corner Closed	July 10 – 19
	Southeast Corner Closed	July 22 – 31
	Northeast Corner Closed	August 1 – 14
Intersection Pavement Reconstruction	August – Dates TBD	

The project team is coordinating these efforts to accommodate Mill Avenue planned events and Valley Metro schedules. During construction, access to businesses will be maintained so please continue to patronize your Mill Avenue businesses and watch our progress!

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