

Important Tips

for the

Solano Drive-Three Crosses Avenue- N. Main Street Intersection Project



Project Tips for Your Neighborhood

A possibility exists that motorists may seek alternative routes during the construction of this project. If that happens on your street, what can you do? If you begin to notice an increase in:

Speeders – You can contact the City for assistance.

- File a Las Cruces Police Traffic Enforcement Request available on the City's website at <http://www.las-cruces.org/> on the Police Department page.
- Call 541-2505 and the Street and Traffic Operations Office will assist you with non-permanent traffic calming tools such as Respect Our Neighborhood yard signs and rental requests for the portable radar dolly.

Cut-through traffic – All public streets are open to traffic. Motorists are permitted to use alternative routes including your neighborhood streets; however, they need to follow speed limits and drive safely.

Dangerous activities – All pedestrians and bicyclists must exercise caution and be aware of surroundings. If you notice reckless driving, which includes speeding, safely obtain a license plate number, description of the vehicle, the time of day and date you observed the activity and the location. This information assists the Police Traffic Patrol in its efforts.

Project Information

The New Mexico Department of Transportation is scheduled to begin the Solano Drive-Three Crosses Avenue-N. Main Street Intersection Project on April 10.

The project is planned to end sometime before mid-2018. The purpose and need of the project is to reconstruct deteriorating pavement, improve drainage, improve ADA compliance and pedestrian facilities, improve traffic operations at intersections, improve multimodal transportation, and improve safety, aesthetics and upgrade utilities.

Project Facts

- Project will take about 12 months to complete.
- An estimated 30,000 vehicles travel daily through the Solano-Spitz-Three Crosses intersection.
- The contractor will be fined daily for each day missed after the completion deadline.
- NMDOT is hosting monthly meetings for the public to view maps and ask questions. **The meetings will be every third Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m. at the New Mexico Department of Transportation Solano Complex, 750 N. Solano Dr. (south gate entrance), Las Cruces.**



Know Your Resources

- **Information about the project** – New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) Project Manager Ryan Tafoya – 575-525-7313, or ryan.tafoya@state.nm.us
- **Monthly NMDOT Public Meetings** – every third Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m. at the New Mexico Department of Transportation Solano Complex, 750 N. Solano Dr. (south gate entrance), Las Cruces
- **General Information from the City of Las Cruces** – Jamey Rickman, Council & Constituent Services – 575-541-2192 or jrickman@las-cruces.org
- **Police Department Traffic Section** – 528-4200
- **Traffic Enforcement Requests** – online form - <http://www.las-cruces.org/> and go to Police Department page
- **Street and Traffic Operations Office for the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program** - 541-2505



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This information was prepared by the City of Las Cruces Council and Constituent Services office. If you have any questions contact Jamey Rickman at 541-2192, or email jrickman@las-cruces.org.

Tips for Pedestrians

Be Visible – Make sure you're visible to drivers at all times and make eye contact with them whenever possible. This is especially important at night, in low-light conditions such as dusk or dawn or in inclement weather.

- Wear lightly colored or reflective clothing at night and brightly colored clothing during the day.
- Stay in well-lit areas, especially when crossing the street.
- If possible, make eye contact with drivers in stopped vehicles to ensure they see you before you cross in front of them.

Stay Alert, Avoid Distractions – Distractions are everywhere today and becoming more and more difficult to avoid.

Remember that, as a pedestrian, your eyes and ears are your best tools for keeping safe. Stay alert and watch out.

- Put down your phone. Smartphones and handheld electronic devices are a daily part of life, but they take your eyes off of the road and distract your attention.
- Don't wear headphones. Your ears will tell you a lot about what is happening around you – be sure to use them.

Follow the Rules – Know and follow all traffic rules, signs and signals.

- Be aware of the rules vehicles around you must follow to properly anticipate what drivers will do. This will help increase your safety.
- Never assume a driver will give you the right of way. Make every effort to make eye contact with the driver of a stopped or approaching vehicle before entering the roadway.

Walk in Safe Places

- Use crosswalks when crossing the street. If a crosswalk is unavailable, be sure to find the most well-lit spot on the road to cross and wait for a long enough gap in traffic to make it safely across the street.
- Stay on sidewalks whenever possible. If a sidewalk is not available, be sure to walk on the far side of the road facing traffic. This will help increase your visibility to drivers.
- Avoid walking along highways or other roadways where pedestrians are prohibited.



Tips for Drivers

Be Alert

- Look out for pedestrians at all times. When you are operating a vehicle, you have accepted a heightened responsibility for other people on the road. Safety is a two-way street. Often, pedestrians— especially younger ones— are not where they should be or where you would expect them to be. Remain vigilant at all times.
- Follow posted speed limits at all times, especially in areas of heavy pedestrian traffic. This is even more important in areas that have lower speed limits, such as school zones and neighborhood streets where pedestrians may appear suddenly.
- Overall visibility is limited in bad weather conditions and poorly lit areas. Not only is it more difficult for drivers to see oncoming pedestrians, it also is harder for pedestrians to see you. Make sure your lights are on and you use your signals properly. Use extra caution in these circumstances.
- Be mindful of pedestrians when pulling into and out of driveways – especially if you are backing up. Pedestrians can easily enter your path without your knowledge.

Crosswalks

- Always yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk.
- When approaching a crosswalk, reduce your speed and be prepared to stop.
- When you are stopped at a crosswalk, allow enough room between your vehicle and the crosswalk so other drivers can see the pedestrians you have stopped for.
- Do not pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. They have stopped to allow pedestrians to pass or make sure the way is clear.