# Downtown Tempe Streetscape Improvements Mill Avenue University Drive – Rio Salado Parkway

Merchants Meeting Aug. 13, 2024



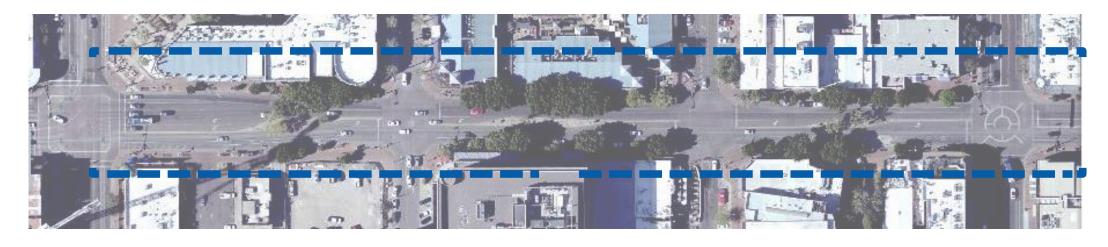


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## Project Overview and Progress



# Project Area Tempe







## Project Scope Tempe

- Sidewalk and ADA improvements
- Expanded pedestrian space
- New sidewalk pavers
- Historic markers
- Infrastructure upgrades to electric and irrigation
- New bus shelters
- New trees

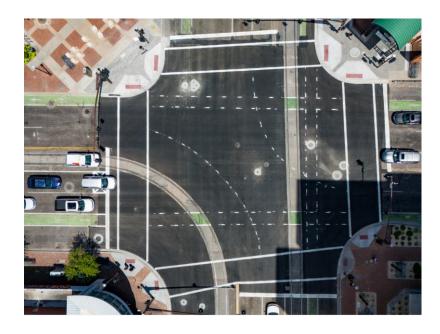


#### **Project Progress**

Phase 1: Intersection of Mill Avenue and University Drive

- Upgrades to traffic signal infrastructure
- Final road striping will occur in a month
- Upgrades to sidewalk ramps
  - New paver pattern on north side (will be same pattern on other ramps to the north)
- Removal of existing pavers in roadway & replacement with asphalt





## Schedule

#### Schedule Tempe

- Construction began April 2024
- Work completed at the intersection of Mill Ave. and University Dr. on August 7
  - Water & storm drain improvements in various locations over the next few months
- Phase 2: Work between University Drive and 7<sup>th</sup> Street will begin August 26
- Completion date TBD

### Communication and Information



## **Communication and Information**



- Contractor downtown project office
  - 200 E. Fifth St., Suite 104
  - Open office hours for merchants to stop by
  - Tuesdays, 9 11 a.m. and Wednesdays, noon 2 p.m.
- Project Hotline: 480-898-4100
- Project website: tempe.gov/DowntownTempeRefresh
- Sign up on website to receive email updates
- Merchant Newsletter
  - Email <u>ally@downtowntempe.com</u> to sign up



#### Communication



- Regular updates coordinated through DTA
   @downtowntempe and City of Tempe @tempegov
- Targeted communications with directly impacted businesses
  - One-on-one meetings for business frontage work
  - Advance notice for significant restrictions
  - Pedestrian Signage



### **Communication and Information**



- Key project contacts
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# I Next Steps Tempe

#### Next Steps

- Ongoing dialogue with businesses/merchants
- Careful coordination with patios, business access
- Virtual meetings every second Tuesday at 2 p.m.
  - September 10
  - . October 8
  - . November 12
  - . December 10

# Questions?

