

US 41 IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 1 SEPTEMBER 2023 UPDATE



US 41 planned improvements include new sidewalk pathways, curbs, landscaping along the road and a functional traffic roundabout at US 41 and Wellen Park Boulevard.

The improvements will reduce the speed of traffic and enhance safety for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists along US 41 in an area that is growing rapidly with new residential and commercial construction. Reduced speed will also help mitigate noise impacts associated with US 41 traffic.

Construction is currently underway on US 41 between Preto Boulevard and West Villages Parkway.

Speed Reduction

To ensure safety, the speed limit will be reduced to 45 miles per hour throughout the work zone. Upon completion of Phases 1 & 2, the speed limit will remain at 45 miles per hour along US 41 from Mezzo Drive (east) to Preto Boulevard to maximize pedestrian and cyclist safety.

There is no fee or cost impact to homeowners via the WVID annual assessments for the initial planning, design, permitting and construction of the planned improvements.

Phase 1 Construction Update

After construction began in early 2023 and traffic was moved into single lane configuration on the north lanes of US 41, unforeseen utility conflicts were discovered between the planned improvements and telecommunication and water/wastewater utility infrastructure. This necessitated a pause in the “above-ground” construction work while the conflicts were assessed and resolved. Although it may have appeared that no construction work was taking place from the road, quite a bit of planning/design work was completed at a relative quick pace. As of early September 2023, all conflicts were resolved and work has resumed on construction for the planned improvements.

Phase 1 Timeline

Early 2024

- All of the right turns in and out of roads that connect to US 41 will be completed and open.
- Wellen Park Boulevard will be open as the main entrance into Downtown Wellen.
- US 41 southbound traffic can turn right onto Wellen Park Boulevard.

Summer 2024

- Phase 1 construction will be completed along US 41 regarding the roundabout and lane work.

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