

January 6, 2017



REMINDER

Two-week closure scheduled in January as rail crosses Paisano Drive

Rail will also be laid on Santa Fe Street near Maintenance and Storage Facility

EL PASO, Texas — Motorists are reminded that the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority has scheduled work to lay rail for the El Paso Streetcar Project across Paisano Drive at Kansas Street and Santa Fe Street in January.

To accommodate this work, the following closures will be in place between **Tuesday, January 17**, and **Tuesday, January 31, 2017**.

- Paisano Drive closed to thru traffic between Chihuahua Street and El Paso Street
- Paisano Drive closed to thru traffic between Stanton Street and Campbell Street
- Santa Fe Street closed to thru traffic between Father Rahm Avenue and Overland Avenue
- Kansas Street closed to thru traffic between 1st Avenue and 3rd Avenue

Motorists who traverse Downtown El Paso on Paisano Drive will be re-routed onto a marked east-west alternate route utilizing San Antonio Avenue. Motorists who typically

use downtown streets to connect between Interstate 10 and Loop 375 will be re-routed onto marked north-south alternate routes using Mesa Street or Campbell Street.

Although originally planned for in segments at different times over several months, Paso del Norte Trackworks will work at both locations 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This approach will expedite the construction, thereby minimizing the closure time and overall impact of this work. Additionally, this work has been coordinated with the Border West Expressway project to complete this work before they re-open Paisano Drive in West El Paso to traffic.

While this work is being coordinated with the Border West Expressway project, motorists should be aware that work will continue on that project and additional closures not

related to the El Paso Streetcar Project may occur at nearby locations during this period.

PAISANO DRIVE ADVISORY



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Rail work on Santa Fe Street near Maintenance and Storage Facility

Beginning on **Monday, January 16, 2017**, crews from Paso del Norte Trackworks are scheduled to begin installing rail along Santa Fe Street between Father Rahm Avenue and Paisano Drive. This rail is some of the most complex on the 4.8 mile route, because of the switching mechanism and curved rail which will allow streetcars to enter and exit

the Maintenance and Storage Facility which is presently under construction adjacent to Sun Metro's Burt Williams Downtown Transfer Center.

To accommodate this work, Santa Fe Street will remain closed between Paisano Drive and Father Rahm Avenue thru approximately March 2017. The intersection of 4th Avenue and Santa Fe Street will be closed in March, April and May 2017.

Nightly Lane Restrictions Scheduled for I-10

Crews from Paso del Norte Trackworks are also coordinating closely with TxDOT on work to reinforce the Oregon Street and Stanton Street overpasses which will carry the streetcar line over I-10 in Downtown El Paso.

To minimize the traffic impact, this work will take place overnight beginning on **Sunday, January 29, 2016**. During this work, the left lane of I-10 will be closed in both directions Sunday thru Thursday for approximately six weeks.

REMINDER

Stanton Street is now reduced to a single northbound lane between Cliff Drive and Baltimore Drive. Meanwhile, Oregon Street is once again open to north-south traffic between Glory Road and Missouri Avenue.



Traffic Impacts at Other Locations

The following street closures and lane restrictions will remain in place during the week of **January 9, 2017**:

Street Closures

- Robinson Avenue, University Avenue, Blanchard Avenue, Blacker Avenue and Hague Road immediately west of Stanton Street
 - Franklin Avenue between Santa Fe Street and mid-block alley between Oregon Street and Mesa Street
 - Oregon Street between Main Drive and Missouri Avenue
 - 4th Avenue between El Paso Street and Santa Fe Street
 - Rio Grande Avenue between Oregon Street and El Paso Street
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- Crosby Avenue between Mesa Street and Stanton Street
- Stanton Street between Rio Grande Avenue and Cliff Drive
- Arizona Avenue between Kansas Street and Mesa Street
- Nevada Avenue, California Avenue and River Avenue at Stanton Street

Lane Restrictions

- Kansas Street between Franklin Avenue and Father Rahm Avenue
- Oregon Street between Yandell Drive and Nevada Avenue
- Santa Fe Street immediately north of Paisano
- Santa Fe Street between Main Drive and Franklin Avenue



About the Project

The CRRMA is tasked with constructing the project, using Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) funding and a design provided by The City of El Paso (City). Once operational, Sun Metro will operate and maintain the Streetcars and associated facilities. The CRRMA will place track over a 4.8-mile route, adding 27 stops and a maintenance and storage facility. The route will be serviced by Presidents' Conference Committee (PCC) streetcar vehicles – the same vehicles that ran on El Paso streets until 1974. The route runs in two loops, connecting the international bridges, retail areas, government buildings, convention center and downtown ballpark with the Las Palmas/Providence medical center, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso Community College and several historic neighborhoods.
