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Mesa Street lane closures enter next phase; Stanton, Santa Fe Streets reopen to two-way traffic

EL PASO, Texas — Two important north-south thoroughfares will re-open to two-way traffic by the end of this week, while lane restrictions will expand on Mesa Street as work at Glory Road/Baltimore Drive continues next week, according to the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority.

MESA STREET AT GLORY ROAD/BALTIMORE DRIVE

Beginning at 6 am on **Wednesday, July 5, 2017**, Mesa Street will be reduced to one lane in each direction at Glory Road/Baltimore Drive as work there enters Phase II. In this phase, which lasts approximately three weeks, traffic will flow in a single inside lane in each direction. During Phase III, which lasts approximately four weeks, traffic will flow in a single outside lane in each direction.

During Phases II and III, Glory Road will remain closed to thru traffic between Oregon Street and Mesa Street while Baltimore Drive will remain closed to thru traffic between Mesa Street and Stanton Street.

These plans have been developed in coordination with the City of El Paso, Sun Metro, the Texas Department of Transportation, and the University of Texas at El Paso. While traffic will be allowed to flow in both directions on Mesa Street, motorists are encouraged to consider alternate routes such as Stanton Street and Sun Bowl Drive. Motorists will be able to access the Glory Road Transfer Center parking garage from Glory Road via Oregon Street. Pedestrian who usually cross Mesa at Baltimore/Glory, should consider alternate crossing locations.

While traffic will remain open to north-south traffic on Mesa, thru traffic should consider alternate routes such as Sun Bowl Drive and Stanton Street.

STANTON STREET BETWEEN SCHUSTER AVENUE AND YANDELL DRIVE

Stanton Street will re-open to two-way traffic between Schuster Avenue and Yandell Drive by **Friday, June 30, 2017**. Because work will continue on Stanton Street, two-way traffic will travel on the western side of the street between Montana Avenue and Schuster Avenue. Between Schuster Avenue and Cincinnati Avenue, northbound traffic will travel on the easternmost side of the street while southbound traffic will travel on the westernmost side.

SANTA FE STREET BETWEEN PAISANO DRIVE AND FATHER RAHM AVENUE

Santa Fe Street will re-open to at least one lane in each direction between Paisano Drive and Father Rahm Avenue by **Friday, June 30, 2017**. Also at this time, 4th Avenue will re-open to two-way traffic between El Paso Street and Santa Fe Street. As work continues on the Maintenance and Storage Facility, a southbound lane restriction will remain in place on Santa Fe Street near Sun Metro's Bert Williams Downtown Transfer Center.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS AT OTHER LOCATIONS

The following traffic impacts will remain in place during the week of July 5, 2017:

Complete Closures

- Stanton Street between Franklin Avenue and Yandell Drive
- Oregon Street between Franklin Avenue and Yandell Drive

Lane Restrictions

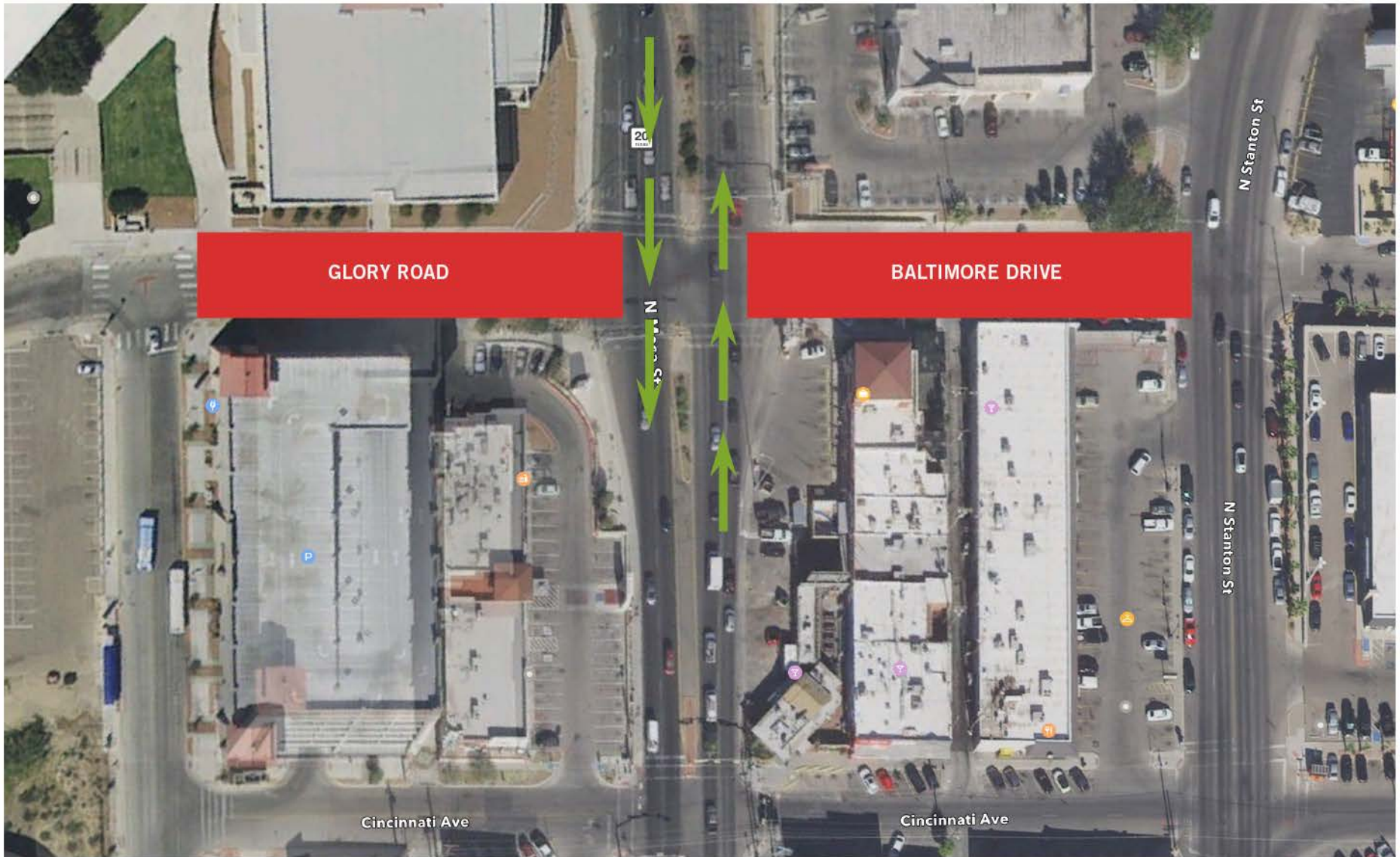
- Oregon Street between Nevada Avenue and Yandell Drive
- Wyoming Avenue between Kansas Street and Santa Fe Street
- Yandell Drive between Kansas Street and Santa Fe Street


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.

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MESA ST PHASE II



 Baltimore Drive: Closed between Stanton Street and Mesa Street
Glory Road: Closures between Mesa Street and Oregon Street

 Mesa Street: One lane in each direction