



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

MONTE VISTA BOULEVARD NE

FY21 Small Diameter Waterline Replacement (2320.02202)

The project team met last week to discuss the progress of construction and the concerns raised by nearby residents regarding the traffic configuration and road closures. At this time, the traffic control barricades will remain in place in order to keep the work zone as safe as possible for the construction crews, motorists, and residents. We acknowledge the hard closure of southbound Monte Vista is creating an inconvenience and some safety concerns for everyone. We ask for your patience and understanding as we work to get the new waterlines installed as quickly as possible.

- **Why is the left turn lane closed at Carlisle on westbound Lomas?** Our contractor, TLC, originally had this left turn lane open, but found motorists were still using the lane to try to turn southbound on Monte Vista. When drivers realized Monte Vista was closed, they got confused and were creating an unsafe condition in the intersection. Some drivers were even heading south down the northbound lane on Monte Vista. Based on this report, the turn lane will remain closed until it is safe to reopen it.
- **Can't the side streets such as Roma and Marquette be opened so I can get to and from home a little more conveniently?** Crews did open the side streets between Lomas/Carlisle and Campus Blvd for a couple of days, and it was deemed unsafe by our construction crews and the City of Albuquerque. Drivers were crossing barricaded areas, weaving around heavy equipment, and not heeding traffic control barricades. These roads will remain closed until it is safe to reopen them.

Additional items to be implemented during construction:

- Additional detour signs will be placed to help motorists navigate the area.
- Lighted barricades to be placed along the work zone.
- The project team will consistently reevaluate construction progress and adjust traffic control if possible and if the proposed configuration is deemed safe by crews and the City of Albuquerque.

The scheduled completion for this waterline project is January 28, 2022.

Regular work hours will be Monday-Thursday 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. but barricading will remain in place 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for safety.

Have questions and concerns? Please contact:

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(NOTE: All work is weather permitting and subject to change without notice)

Thank you for your patience while we improve Albuquerque's infrastructure!

