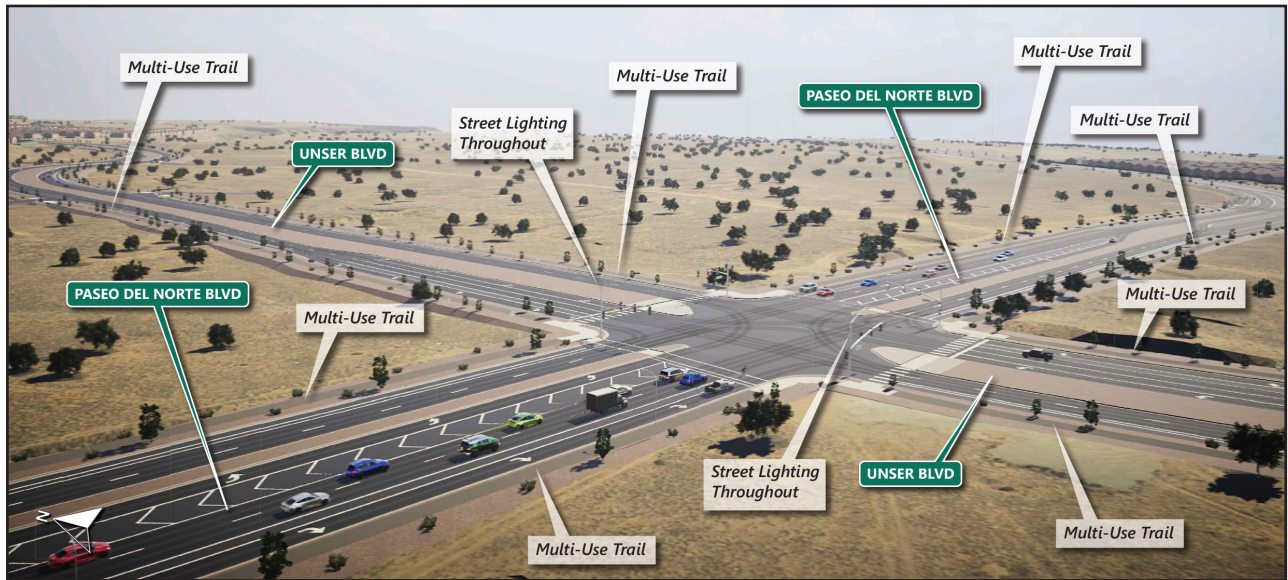




Building Improvements on Unser Blvd and Paseo del Norte – Phase 1

The Unser Blvd and Paseo del Norte Widening Projects, Phase 1, are designed to improve traffic flow by reducing congestion and improving safety.

The project will widen Unser Blvd and Paseo del Norte to four lanes (two lanes in each direction) with a median to separate ongoing traffic traveling north/south on Unser Blvd and east/west on Paseo del Norte. Also included are 10-foot multi-use trails, 6-foot bike lanes with 3-foot buffers, street lighting and improved storm drainage.

Phase 1 will include the portion of Unser Blvd from Paradise Blvd on the north to just south of Paseo del Norte on the south and the portion of Paseo del Norte from west of Unser Blvd to Calle Nortena on the east.

Future phases, which depend on funding, will extend improvements on Unser south to Universe Blvd. and on Paseo del Norte west to Rainbow Blvd.

Construction Plans for Phase 1

Preparing for Construction

Star Paving Company is the contractor for the project. The contractor will begin performing ramp-up activities for the project on September 15, 2025 through about the end of the year. Ramp-up activities may have occasional, temporary impacts on traffic and can include:

- Surveying the construction area
- Drilling and pulling out core samples of earth or rock around the construction area
- Locating underground utilities in the construction area

Actual Construction

Phase 1 construction is scheduled to begin on January 12, 2026, and last about two and one-half to three years, through mid to late 2028 or early 2029. Regular work hours will be **Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-5 p.m.**, although the contractor may work longer hours or on weekends as needed. All construction will be weather permitting and will be subject to change without notice.

Unser Blvd

Construction on Unser Blvd will be broken into four basic phases with each phase having sub-phases.

Phase A – Build New Southbound from Paradise Blvd to Paseo del Norte

- Set up wall barrier and traffic control on the roadway.
- Set up bicycle and pedestrian traffic control on Paradise Blvd.
- Traffic will remain in existing lanes on Unser Blvd.

Phase B -- Install Temporary Traffic Signals at Unser Blvd and Paseo del Norte

- Install temporary traffic signals for both roadways.

Phase C – Move Traffic to New Southbound and Build Northbound from Paradise Blvd to Paseo del Norte

- Move traffic from the existing southbound to the new southbound
- Build the new northbound from Paradise Blvd to Paseo del Norte

Phase D – Build New Median and Curb and Gutter, Install Lighting and Signs

- Build new median south of Paseo del Norte and south of Paradise Blvd
- Build new curb and gutter
- Install signage and lighting
- Install permanent traffic signals

Construction on Paseo del Norte

Construction on Paseo del Norte will also be broken into four phases, with each phase having subphases. Construction on Paseo del Norte will happen at the same time as construction on Unser Blvd.

Phase A – Build New Eastbound Lane from West of Unser to Calle Nortena

- Set up wall barrier and traffic control on the roadway
- Build eastbound from west of Unser Blvd to Calle Nortena

Phase B – Install Temporary Traffic Signals, Move Traffic to New Eastbound Lane and Build Westbound Lane

- Install temporary traffic signals for both roadways.
- Move traffic from existing eastbound to new eastbound
- Build westbound Paseo del Norte from west of Unser Blvd to Calle Nortena

Phase C – Build Paseo del Norte and Unser Intersection

- Build intersection in quadrants in conjunction with existing traffic control on both Paseo del Norte and Unser

Phase D – Build New Median and Curb and Gutter, Install Lighting and Signs

- Build new median on Paseo del Norte from west of Unser Blvd to Calle Nortena

- Build new curb and gutter
- Install signage and lighting

FAQ

Q: How can I find out about traffic impacts during construction?

A: Visit the project website -- www.upgradeunserpaseo.com -- to sign up for free email construction updates.

Q: Will I be able to get from my street to Unser and Paseo del Norte during construction?

A: Yes, the contractor will maintain access to both Unser and Paseo del Norte.

Q: Will emergency vehicles be able to get through the intersection during construction?

A: Yes. The contractor will maintain open lanes on both Unser Blvd and Paseo del Norte during construction and will work with emergency responders (police, fire, ambulance) to ensure they are aware of construction and have the access they need.

Q: Will I still get my mail and have my trash picked up?

A: We will work with City of Albuquerque Solid Waste and the U.S. Postal Service to ensure they are aware of construction activities and that both services can be provided. If for any reason your mail is not delivered or your trash is not picked up, please report it in the Contact Us section of the project website – www.upgradeunserpaseo.com

Q: Will construction slow my work/school commute during morning and afternoon rush hours?

A: There will be congestion, so we recommend allowing yourself extra time to get to work or school, particularly when a new phase of construction with new traffic impacts takes place.

Q: What happens if drivers start to use my street as a diversion to get around the construction?

A: Drivers often tend to create their own detour routes and speed through side roads because they are impatient. If this happens, please notify the construction team through the project website - www.upgradeunserpaseo.com. We will work with the Albuquerque Police Department to try to discourage these practices.

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