

EMPIRE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

February 2021 CONSTRUCTION RESUMES



Project Overview

Empire Corridor Improvements is a priority project in Northeast Bend that greatly improves safety, transportation options, access, and connectivity in the area.

Major project segments have been completed to date: extending Empire Avenue from NE 18th Street to the new roundabout at NE 27th Street/NE Butler Market Road, and modernizing NE Purcell Boulevard from Empire Avenue to the North Unit Irrigation District (NUID) canal.

The project is now entering its final stage, with construction scheduled to continue through September 2021. This will include:

- Utility relocations on NE Purcell Boulevard. Expect intermittent lane closures and delays (February-April 30).
- New roundabout at the intersection of NE Purcell Boulevard and NE Butler Market Road (May 3-September). There will be a full closure of the intersection during this time. (See map for detour routes.)
- Modernization of NE Purcell Boulevard between NE Butler Market Road and the NUID canal (May 3-September). This section of roadway will be open to local traffic only. (Detour routes are shown on the map.)

Current Status

NE Purcell Blvd:

- Utility relocations – February-April 30, 2021
- Expect intermittent lane closures and delays
- Roadway modernization – May 3-September 2021
- Local traffic only
- Detours in place during construction

Butler Market Rd/Purcell Blvd Intersection:

- Complete closure for roundabout construction – May 3-September 2021
- No access for motor vehicles, bicycles or pedestrians
- Detours in place during construction

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Questions?

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