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Super Street Construction On Schedule

Next Construction Phase To Begin Monday

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SAN ANTONIO -- The next phase of the Super Street project is scheduled to begin Monday.

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The latest phase of construction will require the closing of the right lanes of northbound and southbound Highway 281 North at Encino Rio, where crews will excavate portions of rock walls to allow for widening of the U-turn lane.

Leroy Alloway of the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority said work on the project is on schedule.

"We've had what may look a little slow-going but they're doing all the base work, doing all the turnaround lanes and the bays that we're going to need to make the Super Street work," he said.

Construction happens between 9 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. when traffic is lightest. Alloway said some drivers are not even aware of the work taking place.

"If you don't see construction happening during the day, then we're doing our job correctly," he said. "We're doing work at night so we don't have the construction during the busy daytime traffic on 281. "

Alloway said over the next few weeks more signal light poles will be installed. New asphalt is expected to be laid during the summer, he said.

If the work continues as planned, construction should be complete by mid-August.

"This is going to be a great thing for our community," Alloway said. "It's going to provide instant relief for the traffic on 281, cutting the travel times almost in half."

The Super Street concept is only a Band-Aid for traffic, until a long-term solution is agreed upon.

Eventually, long-term plans could include overpasses, expressway lanes with frontage roads or bridges. The Alamo Regional Mobile Authority hopes to present a permanent plan by summer 2011.

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