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La Canada Project Launches in Oro Valley ***One-year project will involve Water, Public Works improvements***

ORO VALLEY, ARIZ (Jan. 15, 2008) — The town of Oro Valley announced the kick-off of a year-long project improvement along La Canada between Naranja and Tangerine roads that will involve both the Water Utility and the Public Works departments.

The widening project will involve the construction of a new four-lane roadway with a raised median, drainage structures, storm drains, irrigated landscaping, pavement marking and signing, sidewalk and multi-use path installation. The project will also add a northbound right turn onto Naranja, and the east leg of the intersection will be widened. Delays and restrictions will be posted with message boards during the project.

To reduce the impact to residents, the Water Utility will be extending the reclaimed water utility line along La Canada at the same time. This will enable the El Conquistador golf courses to get online with the reclaimed water program, saving 10% of the town's water supply.

Public Works began construction Jan. 21 and is expected to continue through the year. The Water Utility will begin work by the end of the month. The contractor for the roadway is NAC Construction, with a bid amount of just over \$5 million. The Water Utility project is estimated at \$6 million.

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