

# NATIONAL AVENUE NEWS

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## 2010-2011 PROJECT SCHEDULE

- **Stage One: COMPLETE**  
September—mid-November  
Asphalt and concrete work  
at corners. (Some parking  
at corners restricted)
- **Stage Two: COMPLETE**  
Mid-November - mid  
December  
Construct the median island  
curb and walls. (Traffic re-  
stricted in center travel  
lane)
- **Streetscape: COMPLETE**  
Summer 2011  
Complete any remaining  
concrete work, pavement  
markings, plantings, and  
street lighting.

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## NATIONAL AVENUE PROJECT COMPLETED

Work was completed over the summer and early fall on the National Avenue streetscaping project and the new look is getting good reviews from many local businesses.

Repairs were made to the curbs and planters that had been struck by vehicles and damaged over the winter. Modifications were made to the decorative fencing at the intersections after listening to resident concerns that sight lines needed to be improved to assure safe left turns.

Milling (grinding of the street surface) was done and new lane markings were painted to accommodate the new intersection configurations. Milling was also necessary at intersections where the decorative DuraTherm® crosswalks were installed.

DuraTherm® is a product designed for high traffic areas and is embedded into pavement with infrared heating equipment that elevates the temperature of the pavement and allows for imprinting a specialized plastic template to create depressions of the pattern. The DuraTherm® thermoplastic, pre-cut to match the pattern, is then installed within the depressions and melted in place.



*Crews mill the surface of the street and begin to install the DuraTherm®. DuraTherm® is a preformed thermoplastic pavement marking that can be installed in decorative patterns.*

In the fall, City Forestry crews completed the planting in the medians installing trees, shrubs, and perennials for all to enjoy in the spring. New street lights were also installed.

Thanks to all of the businesses owners for your patience and cooperation as the project proceeded. Thanks too, to Beth and others from the Silver City Main Street program for their input and their assistance in keeping residents and business owners informed as the project moved forward.