The City of Peoria and Peoria County have partnered to reconstruct the intersection of Allen Road and Willow Knolls Drive in Peoria. The project area extends approximately 500 feet in either direction on Allen Road and 1,000 feet in either direction on Willow Knolls Drive.

The intersection is part of a key business corridor in the city with thousands of shoppers and commuters traversing it every day. Over 32,000 cars pass through the corridor each day and there is a high crash rate of 32 crashes per year on average. By splitting funding equally, the City and County have the opportunity to implement much-needed improvements to this intersection in 2018.

Know Before You Go
There will be traffic impacts at the intersection this year but our goal is to minimize them as much as possible. We encourage you to visit PeoriaGov.org/Public-Works for construction updates and follow us on social media to get the latest news.

Project Questions and Comments
Submit your comments/questions to AllenWillowKnolls@PeoriaGov.org or mail to:
Stephen Letsky, City Project Engineer
Re: Allen Road and Willow Knolls Drive Project
Peoria Public Works Department
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Project Area:
500 FT. ON ALLEN RD.
1,000 FT. ON WILLOW KNOLLS DR.

Heavy Traffic:
32,000 CARS PASS THROUGH THE INTERSECTION DAILY

Crash Rate:
32 CRASHES PER YEAR ON AVERAGE
WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

Reconstructing the intersection is anticipated to begin in June 2018. In order to minimize inconveniences, an aggressive schedule was set and construction is anticipated to be completed in the Fall of 2018. During construction, one lane will be maintained in each direction on Allen Road. Access to businesses will be maintained throughout construction.

CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE
BY FALL 2018

IT’S TIME FOR AN UPGRADE

This intersection of Allen Road and Willow Knolls is one of Peoria’s busiest areas. Built in 1979, the roadway was originally designed for much less traffic than the 32,000 cars it currently carries each day. With aging infrastructure and a growing community, the intersection is long overdue for an upgrade.

The project team originally developed three new design concepts offering a variety of benefits. The goal of the project is to improve mobility and increase safety. One design option included installing a roundabout, which would provide a continuous flow of traffic and result in significant safety improvements. Two signalized intersection designs were also developed and included reconfiguring the through- and turn-lanes as well as installing a bike path on Allen Road. These design options were presented at a public meeting in March of 2018 and attendees were asked to participate in a survey to get their input on improvement needs.

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IN ADDITION, PARTICIPANTS FAVORED ADDING A BIKE PATH ON BOTH ALLEN ROAD AND WILLOW KNOLLS DRIVE.

DESIGNING FOR THE FUTURE

Armed with extensive data and public input, the project team developed a proposed designed option that will significantly improve the quality of the intersection for years to come, while also making important safety upgrades. A signalized intersection was determined to be the best option to meet the goals of the project.

The proposed designed option includes:

• Three lanes in each direction on Willow Knolls Drive
• Removing medians on the north and east sides of the intersection
• Keeping the medians on the west and south sides of the intersection
• Installing a five-foot sidewalk and a 10-foot bike path on both Allen Road and Willow Knolls Drive

THE PROPOSED DESIGNED OPTION OFFERS A VARIETY OF BENEFITS INCLUDING:

• INCREASED MOBILITY AND EFFICIENCY AT THE INTERSECTION
• IMPROVED SAFETY BY REDUCING THE CHANCES OF SEVERE LEFT-TURN CRASHES
• IMPROVED ACCESS TO BUSINESSES
• IMPROVED ACCESS FOR PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLES

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