

## Bullard Avenue widening to begin soon

by **Charles Kelly** - May. 24, 2008 07:44 AM

The widening and landscaping of Bullard Avenue between Interstate 10 and Van Buren Street will begin within a month, according to Goodyear Engineer David Ramirez.

The project is expected to be completed by December.

Two northbound lanes will be added, making three northbound upon completion. One southbound lane will be added, making two southbound upon completion.

The work on the western half of the street, with the added lane and landscaping, was approved Monday by the City Council.

The approval came as part of an amendment to the development agreement between the city and the owner of the property where Cancer Treatment Centers of America is building its first hospital in Arizona.

Goodyear's economic-development officials say that improvements will support retail growth.

Among major developments in the area is Estrella Falls mall, which is scheduled to open in fall 2010 northwest of Bullard Avenue and McDowell Road.

Transportation officials also hope that building more lanes will encourage motorists to use the new freeway ramp at Bullard and I-10, easing the traffic load on other interchanges.