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\$30M improvement project nears in Tangerine/I-10 area

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Construction on a \$30 million road improvement project near Tangerine Road and Interstate 10 is scheduled to begin before the end of the year.

Using bond money approved under the Tangerine Farms Road Improvement District, construction crews will build a four-lane road with a landscaped median west of Tangerine to accommodate Marana-area growth.

The 3.8-mile road will follow Tangerine west, jogging northwest along Tangerine Farms Road before connecting to West Moore Road.

It will feature bike lanes and a sidewalk, said Jim DeGrood, an assistant town manager.

In addition to the bike lanes, the town of Marana will also build an off-road multiuse path near the road to accommodate bike and foot traffic.

The path will intersect with other paths around Gladden Farms and connect to the area's park.

The town also will build a tunnel for the path that will run underneath the road so pedestrians don't have to worry about crossing the street, DeGrood said.

Councilman Tim Escobedo praised the construction effort during last week's Town Council meeting.

"It took a lot of hard work to make it happen," he said.

Construction should begin before the end of the year, said Town Manager Mike Reuwsaat.

The road is scheduled to be opened in the spring of 2008, DeGrood said.

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