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## City accepts bid for Arizona 287/Attaway signal

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**The dangerous intersection at Arizona 287 and Attaway Road is one step closer to the installation of a traffic light this fall.**

Director of Public Works Don Peters announced at the May 29 City Council meeting that the city had received one bid in response to the open bid process to secure a construction and installation company for the project. Utility Construction Company of Gilbert is the same company that is responsible for the installation of the traffic signals at Arizona 87/Arizona 287 and at Arizona 87/Vah-ki Inn Road, as well as the new traffic light at Hunt Highway and Merrill Ranch Parkway at Anthem.

"Their reputation is good, and it precedes them," said Peters.

According to Peters, the bid of \$487,142 was well within the given estimation for the project, and was about what the city expected to pay. With the council's unanimous approval to award the bid on May 29, the award letter was projected to be sent out by Friday, June 1. Utility Construction would then have 10 days to respond with an acceptance of the award letter, which would lead to preconstruction meeting with the city sometime in June.

Peters said, "There is a lead time associated with a lot of the items (to be delivered) such as poles and brass arms, and things like that. We may not see any actual major construction taking place out there for a couple of months."

The city is also currently in a holding pattern for one more permit to be approved through the Arizona Department of Transportation before construction can begin.

"I tried to beat the system this time and I actually applied for the ADOT permit last September or October," said Peters. The services of an archeological surveyor have also been contracted in order to have the land professionally surveyed before construction begins.

The heart of the project will get underway 120 days from the time a notice to proceed is issued, which lines up a possible groundbreaking for late September

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"Everything seems to be in line," said Peters.

"This has been a long time coming," commented Councilman Gilbert Lopez, before voting with other council members to approve the bid. "We need this very badly."

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