**Purpose:**

The El Norte Parkway Improvement Project will construct new improvements in the area of the Escondido Creek Channel, bringing El Norte Parkway to its ultimate width to improve traffic flow. The Project will also add landscaped medians along El Norte Parkway between El Norte Hills Place and East Valley Parkway. A signalized pedestrian crossing will be added to increase pedestrian safety and welcome users at the existing bike path where the Escondido Creek Trail crosses El Norte Parkway. The new trailhead entry sign will be installed where the Escondido Creek Trail crosses El Norte Parkway.

**Schedule:**

September 2019 – March 2020

**Features:**

* Construction of second bridge over the Escondido Creek
* Addition of another lane in each direction on El Norte Parkway
* Construction of landscaped medians
* Undergrounding of existing overhead utilities
* Signalized pedestrian crossing
* Escondido Creek trailhead entry sign



*Location Map*

**Project Update:**

October 2019 – Update

Figure 1 represents a before picture the Escondido Creek Channel under El Norte Parkway, and measures taken for Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). Progress on the second bridge installation has started with the demolition of the existing channel lining (Figure 2) for construction of bridge abutments and wingwalls.



*Figure 1 –Before Demolition*



*Figure 2 -Demolition*

Twenty-two piles (Figure 3) were driven with a diesel engine powered pile hammer (Figure 4)to a depth of 75 ft. to support the second bridge. Figure 5 provides an illustration of the driven piles.



*Figure 3 –75’ Piles*



*Figure 4 –Driving Piles*



*Figure 5 -Driven Piles East of Creek*

The contractor has begun forming the foundation for the new bridge.

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