

## **CONTINENTAL 1-19 BOTH RAMPS INVOLVED IN CONSTRUCTION**

The I-19 on-ramp at Continental will close January 4, 2010 for a month while the intersection is being reconfigured and upgraded.

<http://www.gvnews.com/articles/2009/12/19/news/65transportation1213.txt>

The northbound 1-19 off ramp at Continental Road is closed for approximately eight months and is expected to reopen sometime in April, 2010. This is the first step of a much-anticipated project to extend the east frontage road to Canoa Road.

<http://www.roadprojects.pima.gov/I19Frontage/index.htm>

The 17-month project should be completed by winter 2010.

### **Project Description:**

The project involves the construction of a two lane Frontage Road between the Canoa Road Interchange and Continental Road Interchange. The project will include new bridges over the Esperanza Wash and Unnamed Wash, approximately 2 miles of newly constructed roadway. The newly constructed frontage road will include 2 twelve foot travel lanes and 4 foot paved shoulders.

This project will include the signalization of the southbound and northbound 1-19 off ramps at the Continental Road Interchange, widening of Continental Road under 1-19 and construction of a combined ramp for northbound 1-19 and the East Frontage Road. The new improvements will improve traffic operations at the Continental Road Interchange, Improve the frontage road connectivity and improve the safety and serviceability of the frontage road.

The construction is being phased in two segments. The first segment will include the improvements to the Continental Road Interchange and the East Frontage Road, approximately 1/4 mile south of Continental Road. The second segment incorporates the remainder of the project limits and will begin immediately after clearances are obtained. The roadway construction is anticipated to begin in Mid July 2009 and is expected to continue for approximately 16 - 18 months.