



Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority

Utility Relocation Work Gets Under Way Friday for City's Rio Grande/Candelaria Roundabout Project

Southbound Rio Grande and Eastbound Candelaria to be Closed for 10-12 Weeks

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ALBUQUERQUE, FEB. 20 – Water Authority contractors on Friday will begin required utility relocation work to make way for the City of Albuquerque's planned "roundabout" traffic circle at Rio Grande Boulevard and Candelaria Road.

The project – relocation of three large water lines and a number of valves – will require southbound Rio Grande and eastbound Candelaria to be entirely closed at the intersection. To the degree possible, the contractor will allow westbound Candelaria and northbound Rio Grande to access the intersection, but total closure may be necessary at times. Drivers are advised to avoid the area altogether if possible. Maps showing all planned lane closures and detours are included below.

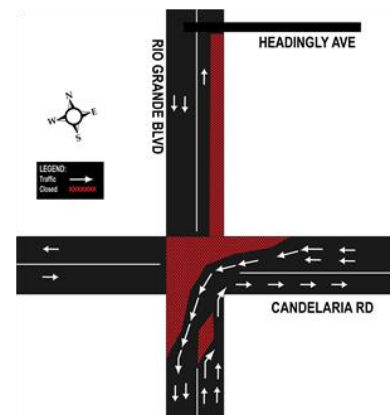
Anyone affected by planned water outages will be notified in advance. Nearby businesses and residents have been informed of the construction, which is expected to last until early May of this year.

Under the terms of the utility's franchise agreement with the City of Albuquerque, ***the Water Authority is required to relocate water and sewer lines that come into conflict with City projects such as the Rio Grande/Candelaria roundabout.***

Traffic Impact Summary:

- 1) Traffic heading west on Candelaria will be allowed to turn left and head south on Rio Grande, but will **NOT** be allowed to turn right and head north on Rio Grande or continue west on Candelaria.
- 2) Traffic heading east on Candelaria will **NOT** be allowed to travel in either direction on Rio Grande or continue east on Candelaria.
- 3) Traffic heading north on Rio Grande will be allowed to turn right and head east on Candelaria, but will **NOT** be allowed to turn left and head west on Candelaria or continue north on Rio Grande.

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- 4) Traffic heading south on Rio Grande will **NOT** be allowed to travel in either direction on Candelaria or continue south on Rio Grande.
- 5) The designated detour during this work is 12th Street and Griegos.

Anyone who has questions or wants to sign up for construction updates can contact:

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