



Phase 1, Stage 2: Boronda Rd Congestion Relief Project Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the estimated timeline for the road closure and entire construction project?

The timeline for Stage 2 – partial closure of McKinnon – is estimated to be February 2026 – spring/summer 2026. The full construction project is expected to be completed by the end of 2026, weather permitting.

2. How can students and pedestrians cross Boronda during construction?

The alternate walking route is using Chardonnay Dr to Dartmouth Way, making a right on to Dartmouth to cross Boronda at the crosswalk. The existing partial sidewalk on the Lowe's side of Boronda will temporarily be extended to McKinnon, including a temporary sidewalk north bound on McKinnon to the front of the school and a temporary crosswalk for students (see map). All pedestrian detours will be marked and signed to ensure safety and clarity for pedestrians, but please plan for extra walking time.

3. What if I don't want my student to walk the alternate route?

The Santa Rita Union School District has arranged for a temporary bus route for the students within walking distance of the school (see map). Additional details for drop-off and pick-up times will be shared as we get closer to the date that McKinnon will be closed.

4. Why does McKinnon need to be closed for this Stage?

The work requires installation of underground utilities, new sidewalks, ADA pedestrian access ramps, pedestrian islands, medians, and bike lanes for the roundabout. This closure is essential to ensure a safe work zone for the work crews and to protect the public from potential hazards. For the safety of both pedestrians and workers, all traffic, including foot traffic, will be prohibited from entering the intersection from the south at McKinnon.

5. What are the plans for student drop-off and pick-up during the road closure?

The existing procedures for parents dropping off and picking up students will remain the same. The road closure primarily affects northbound traffic from McKinnon Street. Parents should plan their routes accordingly and allow for extra travel time to ensure a smooth and safe process.

6. How can I be notified about the project?

The SRUSD and McKinnon Elementary will continue to provide coordinated updates to residents and parents. Messaging will continue to be shared through District and School notification channels, @CityOfSalinas social media, and at salinas.gov/news on the City's website. You can sign up to receive text and/or email notifications from the city by visiting salinas.gov and selecting "Subscribe" at the top of the page.