

## CHURCH STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The Town of Thatcher has received a federal grant to begin the reconstruction of Church Street from Highway 70 to Stadium Avenue. This is a two-part grant and the town has received the first part. The first part is for design and right of way acquisition. Engineers from Kittleson & Associates have been hired to design the street and assist in right of way acquisition. The actual construction will be about 5 years out.

The town is also asking for the utilities, which must be relocated as part of the construction phase, to be relocated underground. We have not received notification yet.

A public meeting was held to receive comments from the public on the design. At the meeting one of the major concerns was the traffic and the speed of traffic on Church Street. The engineers were asked to design the street with these concerns in mind. A design was submitted to the town that included 3 roundabouts located at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Stadium Avenue. The engineers have indicated that roundabouts are a good way to calm traffic and are much safer than stop signs. There will still be stop signs at certain intersections. Roundabouts are utilized in many municipalities around the state and country with several located at Arizona schools.

Attached are the design drawings and a brochure that explains roundabouts and their uses. The blue dotted lines indicate existing town right of way. The roundabouts can be installed without disturbing existing yards. Some right of way will be required. As required by federal regulations an appraisal will be done and the owners will be compensated for any right of way required. As you can see, some of the homeowners own part of the current street. This right of way will be acquired as well.

Please contact town hall with any questions or concerns 928-428-2290.