



City of Chico

Neighborhood Update

EAST 8TH STREET ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION

February 2009

Phase II Roadway Reconstruction to Begin this Spring

What is the project?

The City of Chico is preparing to commence construction on the **second** and final phase of the major improvement project along the East 8th Street corridor. The project consists of roadway reconstruction and includes the following:

- traffic calming measures, such as a narrowed roadway width and speed cushions,
- a multi use path to be shared by bicycles and pedestrians,
- underground storm drain system installation,
- sanitary sewer main line expansion and sewer lateral installation,
- landscaping, including trees and low-maintenance vegetation to enhance the aesthetics of the corridor,
- low level, aesthetically pleasing street lights,
- ADA improvements,
- equestrian facilities (path connectivity and crossing).

Where is project located?

The project commences 200 feet west of Forest Avenue and extends approximately 0.8 miles east to Bruce Road (see location map on reverse page).

Project Duration

Phase II roadway reconstruction will commence this spring, weather permitting. Pre-project preparations will begin with utility relocations that may result in minor, short-duration gas service disruptions. In addition, tree root investigations and tree-trimming will be performed to insure that existing trees are not impacted by the forthcoming construction. Following these activities, trenching and installation of the sanitary sewer line extension and sewer laterals will begin. The sewer laterals will allow for future connection opportunities for properties fronting East 8th Street. Following the underground work, the new roadway will be constructed.

What are the traffic impacts?

The City anticipates periodic traffic delays in the project area, with road closures to through traffic possible during the summer (i.e. early June through early August) when school is out for break. Access to all homes within the construction zone will be maintained throughout the duration of the project. Drivers are encouraged to allow additional time in their schedules and to find alternative routes, if necessary. Further information regarding specific road closure dates will be made available prior to any traffic modifications.

Safety Tips

- ✓ Motorists should be aware that some rough road surfaces due to trenching will exist during construction. Drive slowly and carefully through the construction area.
- ✓ Be alert for construction workers and large equipment, such as backhoes, cranes and trucks.
- ✓ Obey all construction signs and directions from traffic control flaggers.

Phase I Update

Phase I of the project, located along East 8th Street between Highway 32 and Forest Avenue, is substantially complete. Improvements installed as part of Phase I have resulted in many positive public comments as well as a few questions. Following are a few points of clarification for residents:

- During leaf collection season, please place leaves at the ends of the parking turnouts for pickup.
- Please do not block the multi use path when parking.
- Residents are encouraged to maintain the landscaped areas in front of homes. The City has provided irrigation sleeves under the sidewalks and driveways in many locations to facilitate this effort. Please contact City of Chico Engineering Division at 879-6900 should you need assistance locating the sleeves or with any questions you may have regarding planting or maintaining of landscaping in the public right-of-way.

Need More Information?

The City appreciates your patience and understanding during the construction of this project. Please refer to the following contact phone numbers should you have further questions, or you may check the project website (www.east8thstreet.net) to obtain additional information, review plans, submit comments, etc.

CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

Design Questions

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Website:

www.east8thstreet.net

