



City of Chico

SR32 Widening Project (Phase 1)

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Weekly Update

Introduction

Following is the Fifth (5th) Volume of the SR32 Widening Project (Phase 1) weekly update newsletter. The purpose of these updates is to share detailed information regarding scheduling and construction activities anticipated for the upcoming week. If you do not wish to receive updates, you may opt out by sending staff a quick e-mail with that instruction. Alternatively, if you know of other interested parties that would appreciate being added to the list, please send an email request to: update32@chicoca.gov

Clearing Work and Tree Removal

On June 11th, clearing work and tree removal began at the intersection of Forest Avenue and Highway 32, heading West. Other locations for clearing and tree removal include the area on the North side of Highway 32 from Forest Avenue to El Monte Avenue, as well as a portion on the south side of Highway 32 from Forest Avenue, east approximately five hundred feet. This operation is expected to continue into the week of July 14th. In order to perform some of the clearing work, lane closures will be required in order to safely work adjacent to live traffic. On days that lane closures are required, we will perform traffic control measures between the hours of 09:00 AM and 4:00 PM so as to minimize the impacts to commute time traffic, as well as noise disturbance to the adjacent property owners. Access to all residences and businesses within the construction zone will be maintained throughout the duration of the project.

Temporary Signal Systems at El Monte Avenue and Forest Avenue

Temporary signal systems are currently being installed at the intersections of Highway 32 and Forest Avenue, as well as Highway 32 and El Monte Avenue. This work is being performed so that traffic may be temporarily shifted in order to allow the intersection improvements at these locations. New concrete sidewalk, curb ramps and traffic signals will be installed at Forest Avenue and Highway 32 in order to accommodate the roadway widening. Traffic impacts should be minimal from the existing configuration, but motorists are cautioned to follow typical methods for driving through construction zones as listed at the bottom of this newsletter. Currently, the temporary signal system is scheduled to be activated the week of July 14th, including shifting traffic to the temporary alignment.

Dead Horse Slough Bridge Widening Work

The area around Dead Horse Slough has now been cleared and is being prepared for widening of the existing structure in order to accommodate four lanes of traffic. After storm water Best Management Practices (BMP's) are installed, the contractor will begin excavation of the area in order to prepare for foundation work on the new bridge. Currently, precast concrete piles are planned to be installed the week of July 28th, 2014. This work involves percussion equipment to hammer the concrete piles into the ground, which will act as the foundation of the bridge. This is a very loud operation of work and will continue for approximately one week, depending on the pile driving conditions. The hours of operation for this work will be between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM on the days that concrete pile are installed. Next weeks' newsletter will include more specific information on this item of work.

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Safety Tips

- ✓ Drive slowly and carefully through the construction area.
- ✓ Be alert for construction workers and large equipment, such as backhoes, graders and trucks.
- ✓ Obey all construction signs and directions from traffic control flaggers.

The City appreciates your patience and understanding during the project. Please feel free to contact City staff or the Contractor should you need additional information. The Contractor will notify residents & businesses at least 10 days prior to the commencement of any construction activities that may affect or is in the immediate vicinity of their property. For more information, please refer to the City Capital Project Services website at www.ci.chico.ca.us Pull down the Departments drop down menu and select Capital Project Services. The same web page can be accessed at the following link: www.ci.chico.ca.us/capital_project_services/home_page.asp

CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS (Area Code – 530)

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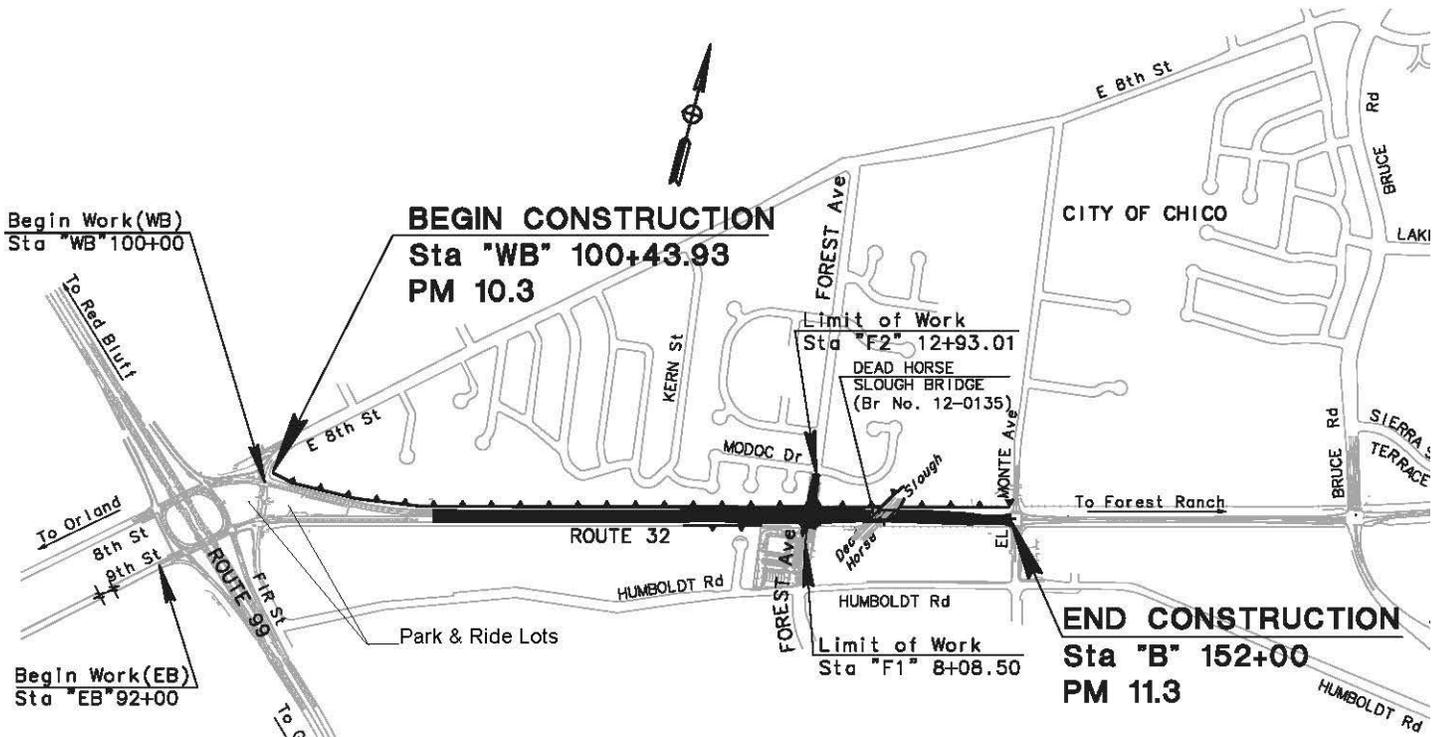
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Area of Construction Activities (June 2014-January 2015)



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