# City of Chico

SR32 Widening Project (Phase 1)

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# State Route 32 Widening Project (Phase 1) Weekly Update

**Introduction**

Following is the Twenty-First (21st) 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

**Next Anticipated Night Work and Lane Closure - Week of November 3rd**

The next anticipated night work will be performed on Wednesday AND Thursday night, 11/5 & 11/6, respectively, in order to perform asphalt roadway paving along the new north side of SR32. This will include placing and compacting asphalt. This operation will have equipment operating throughout the night, as well as vibratory equipment to ensure the material is compacted in place. Night work hours will generally be from 9pm through 7am. Residents and businesses should expect heavy construction equipment to be active in the area during these hours. During the night work, one lane of the existing highway will be closed and one way traffic controls will be implemented between Fir Street and El Monte Avenue. Traffic will be stopped one direction at a time as a pilot car and/or flaggers lead opposing traffic through the work zone. Delays can be expected. The night work is necessary for the lane closure which is necessary to facilitate placement of asphalt on the existing roadway, as part of the rehabilitation of the existing surface.

**Dead Horse Slough Bridge Widening Work**

The major structural components to the bridge widening work has been completed, including pile driving, bridge abutment pours, bridge deck pour and removal of forms. The bridge deck was poured on September 26 and now the deck will have to develop strength (cure) for 28 days. After the concrete deck has cured, there will be a 2'-6" wide 'closure pour' to tie-in the new bridge deck to the existing bridge deck. Please drive with caution around the Dead Horse Slough bridge and be sure to pay attention to traffic control devices and signs. Material deliveries, as well as construction equipment will be entering and exiting the roadway in order to access the ongoing work at this location.

**Roadway Widening Work**

The new asphalt roadway has now been paved up to approximately Forest Avenue. Guard railing along the center median is ongoing, as well as landscape irrigation beginning to be installed. Work is now focusing on the finish asphalt surfacing for the project. Due to the close vicinity to live traffic, some of the paving will have to be performed at night as stated above. Also, sidewalk improvements at the North side of Forest Avenue are ongoing. Due to the widening of the roadway, new sidewalk and curb ramps will have to be installed in order to properly direct pedestrian traffic through the intersection. As a result of the coordination required for this sidewalk work, the sidewalk is closed on the north-east side of Forest Avenue and Highway 32, with a pedestrian detour in place to safely route the foot traffic around the ongoing work. The northwest side is now open to pedestrian traffic, which will allow the closure and construction of the new sidewalk and ramps on the north-east side of Forest Avenue and Highway 32.

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**Precast Concrete Sound Wall**

The decorative precast concrete sound wall has now been underway for awhile, with installation beginning at the east end of the project at El Monte Avenue and currently has the sound wall posts installed up to the Dead Horse Slough. Sound wall posts have been erected and cast into place with concrete footings. Work has also begun in placing the decorative fence panels as of a few weeks ago. The sound wall will consist of precast concrete posts set into 12" diameter drilled holes and then set with fresh concrete to hold in place. These posts will be spaced at 6'-4". From post to post, vertical decorative precast concrete panels will be installed as the actual sound wall material. This is a laborious item of work and will be ongoing for the next several months. The wall height will vary from 8' to 10' in total height.

**Stage 2 Traffic Alignment Shift**

On the night of Monday, July 14, temporary pavement striping was placed to shift Highway 32 traffic slightly to the south, in order to create more room for the new roadway widening work to be performed. It is anticipated that traffic will be switched to the Stage 2 configuration on approximately November 18th, 2014. You will also notice that the temporary signal system at the intersection of Forest Avenue and Highway 32 has been activated and the previously existing traffic signal poles have been removed. Please be sure to travel through this area with caution, paying attention to the revised traffic alignment and devices, as well as the other suggested driving tips through a construction zone as referenced at the bottom of this newsletter.

**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

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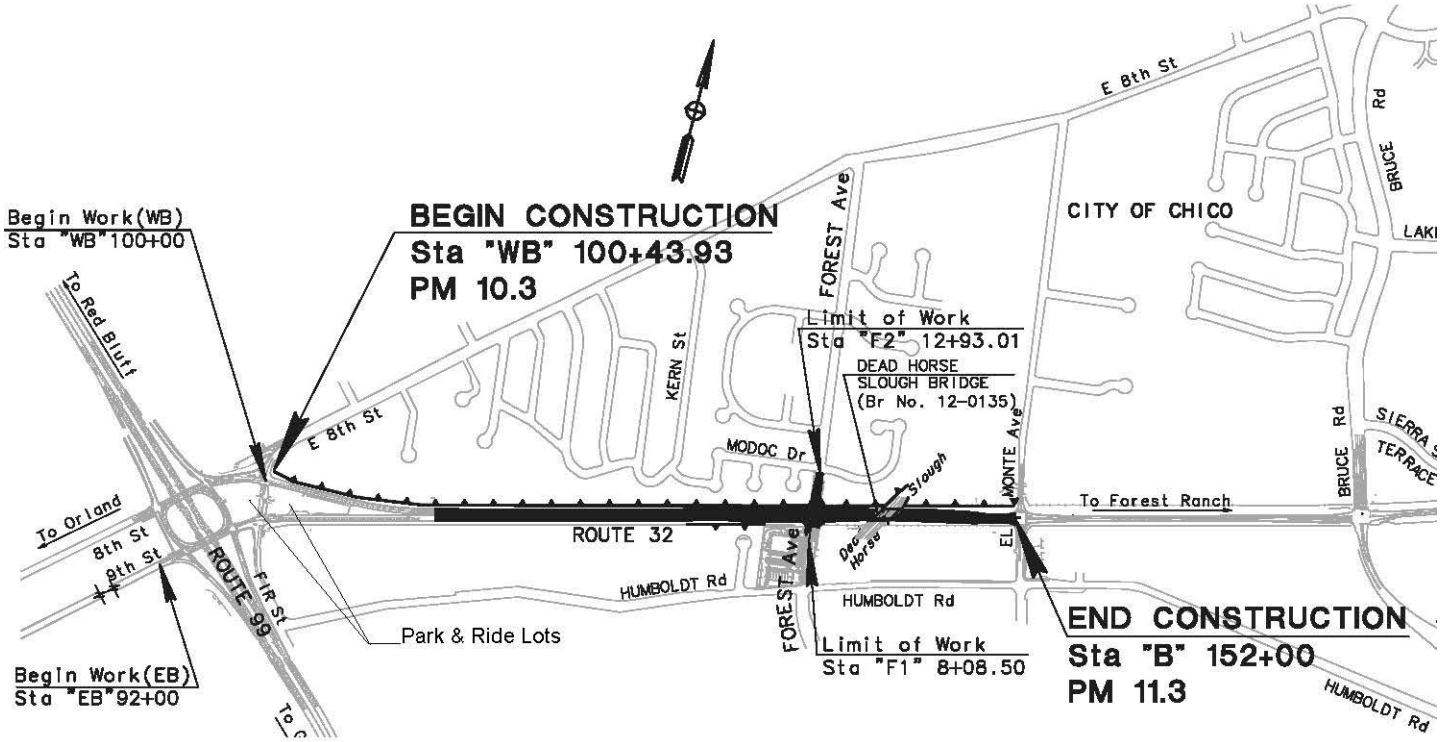
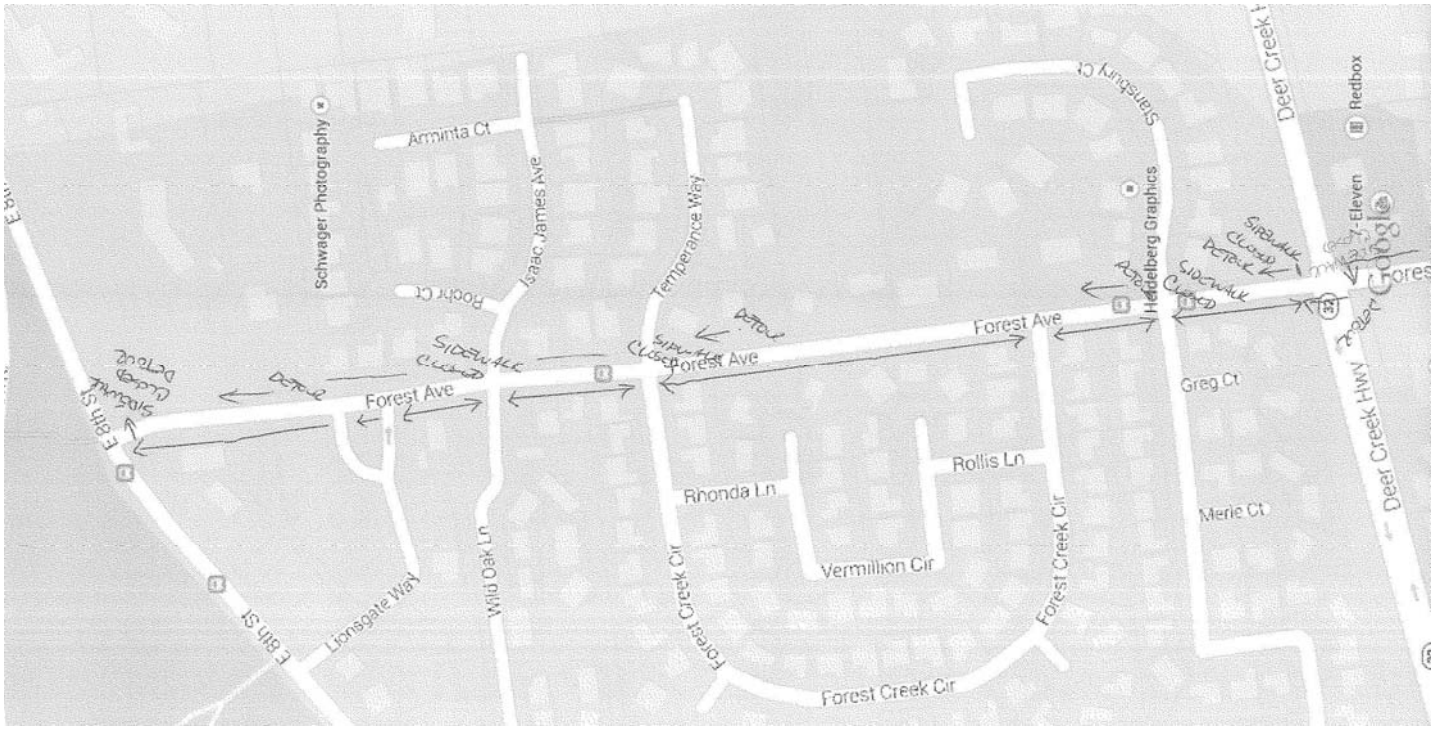
# Area of Construction Activities (June2014-January 2015)




## Pedestrian Detour (Stage 2) Route Map at Forest Avenue & SR32

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