



City of Chico

SR32 Widening Project (Phase 1)

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Weekly Update

Introduction

Following is the Twenty-Fifth (25th) 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

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 in the early part of December. Beginning Monday, December 1, the closure pour and new bridge approaches will begin to be constructed on the south side of the roadway. 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, with only a few areas around Forest Avenue that remain to be completed. The main components of the new median have been completed, including planting of the California native Valley Oak trees. Shrubs will continue to be planted in this median in between the new trees. After soundwall installation, planting will also be completed on the north shoulder of the highway. Sidewalk improvements at the North side of Forest Avenue are now complete and the Stage 2 traffic configuration is in effect. In the next few weeks, work to remove and replace the sidewalk and curb ramps on the south side of Forest Avenue will be completed. 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. Similar to the north side, these will be done in stages in order to maintain pedestrian accessibility across Highway 32.

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.

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Stage 2 Traffic Alignment Shift

Last night, temporary pavement striping was placed to shift Highway 32 traffic onto the new pavement and nearest the new median guard railing, in order to create more room for the new roadway widening work to be performed on the shoulders of the highway. 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

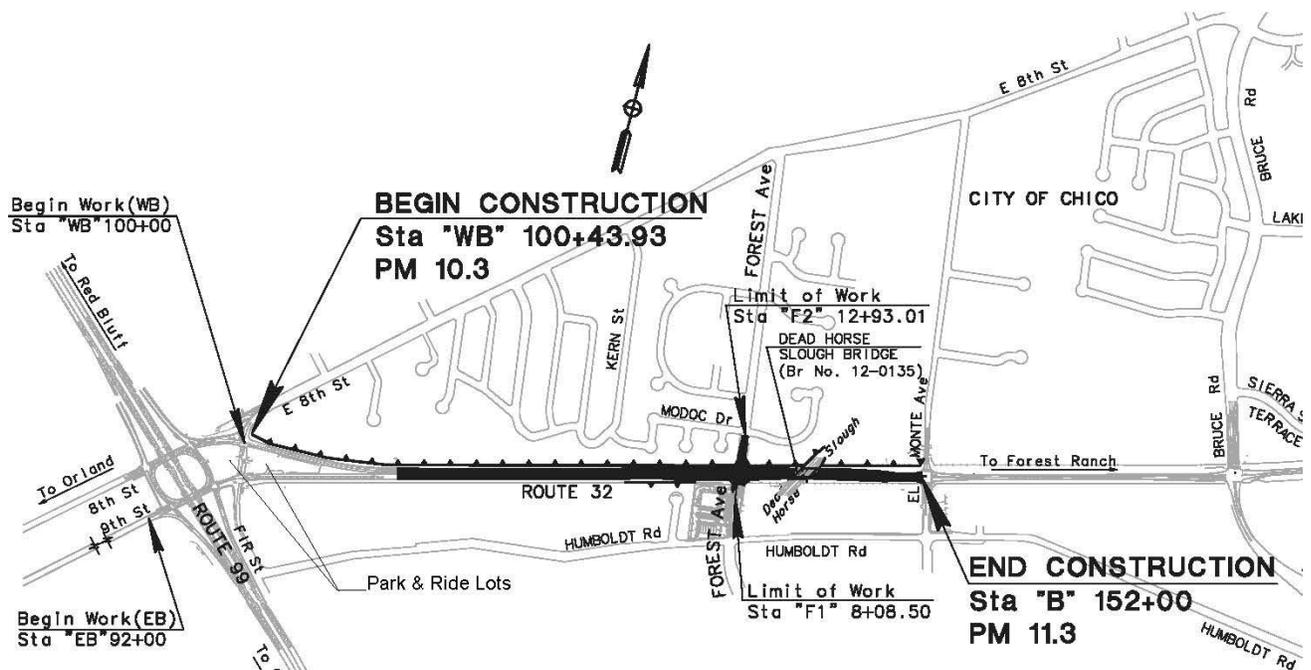
- ✓ Drive slowly and carefully through the construction area.
- ✓ Be alert for construction workers and large equipment, such as backhoes, graders and trucks.
- ✓ Obey all construction signs and directions from traffic control flaggers.

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 (June 2014-January 2015)



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