



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 Thirty-eighth (38th) 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

Precast Concrete Sound Wall

Work had resumed on the precast concrete sound wall until the recent storm caused a short delay due to unsuitable weather. Once the wet weather passes, the Contractor will re-mobilized their crew to continue progress on the north side of SR32 between Fir Street and Forest Avenue moving easterly. There is also potential for the mobilization of additional sound wall installation crews in order to expedite the construction schedule. During the continuation of sound wall work, vehicles should exercise caution as construction vehicles and equipment will be entering and exiting the roadway and temporary lane closures will be in place. Over the next few months, sound wall work will continue along the length of the project followed by landscaping installation between the roadway and the wall.

Anticipated Night Work and Lane Closure - Week of April 6th

This week, the Contractor will continue working a combination of day and night shifts in order to install all remaining traffic signal detection loops as well as activate the new traffic signal at the Forest Avenue intersection and refresh paint lane lines and symbols. Upcoming night work will be performed Wednesday and Thursday nights (4/8 and 4/9). Night work hours will generally be from 9 PM to 7 AM. 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. It is our continued intention to minimize night shifts whenever possible but it is necessary in this case to keep the workers safe. The work to be performed during the remainder of this week is necessary in order to remove the temporary traffic signal at Forest Avenue and to change the current traffic configuration to a modified interim alignment. Beginning early Friday morning (4/10), it is anticipated that the new traffic signal at the intersection of Forest Avenue will be in full function. At this time, pedestrians and bicyclists can utilize the new yellow push buttons to activate a safe walk signal at each crosswalk within the Forest Avenue intersection. We appreciate your patience throughout the life of the project and please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

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Safety Tips

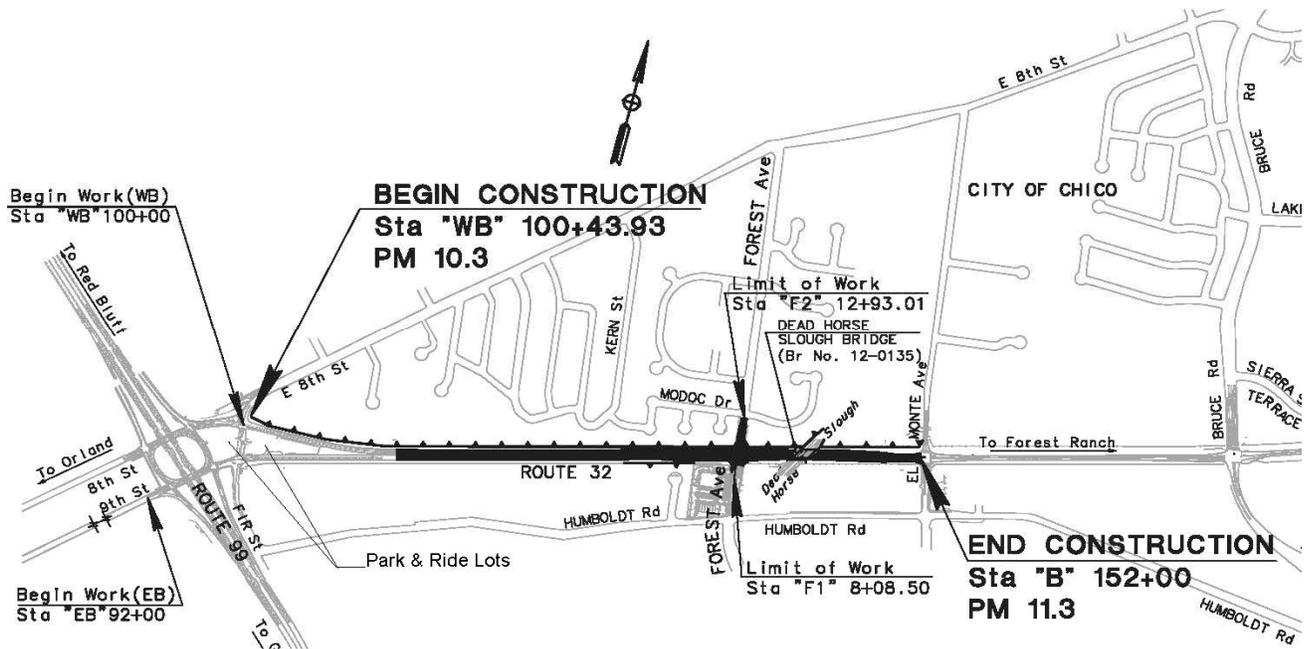
- ✓ Drive slowly and carefully through the construction area.
- ✓ Be alert for construction workers and large equipment, such as backhoes, graders and trucks.
- ✓ Obey all construction signs and directions from traffic control flaggers.

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

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Area of Construction Activities (2014- 2015)



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