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 forty-second (42nd) 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

As a result of the recent clear and dry weather, work has rapidly progressed on the precast concrete sound wall. The Contractor has mobilized multiple crews to continue progress on the north side of SR32 between Fir Street and Forest Avenue. As scheduled, the Contractor will be substantially complete with sound wall construction by Friday (5/22). New crews are now beginning to mobilize in order to finish shoulder grading and continue installation of irrigation facilities. During the continuation of all active work, vehicles should exercise caution as construction vehicles and equipment will be entering and exiting the roadway in both eastbound and westbound directions.

Roadway Widening Work

The new traffic signal at the Forest Avenue intersection is now operational. At this stage of the project, additional night work will not be required in the foreseeable future. The recent road widening work has allowed for the temporary traffic signal to be removed and the roadway to be re-striped to establish a new traffic lane configuration. This configuration allows the Contractor to finish sound wall and landscaping work safely by restricting use of the outside vehicular travel lanes. This interim lane configuration also better aligns traffic with the intersection improvements and allows vehicles to be detected with new in-ground loop detection that is in sync with the new traffic signal. 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. These push buttons have also recently been programmed to add audible speech walk messages that relay the name of the street that a pedestrian will be crossing. Once sound wall and landscaping items are complete, the Contractor will finish the paving associated with the project by placing a thin open graded asphalt layer on top of the existing roadway on SR32. Following finish paving work, ultimate signs and striping will be placed. 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

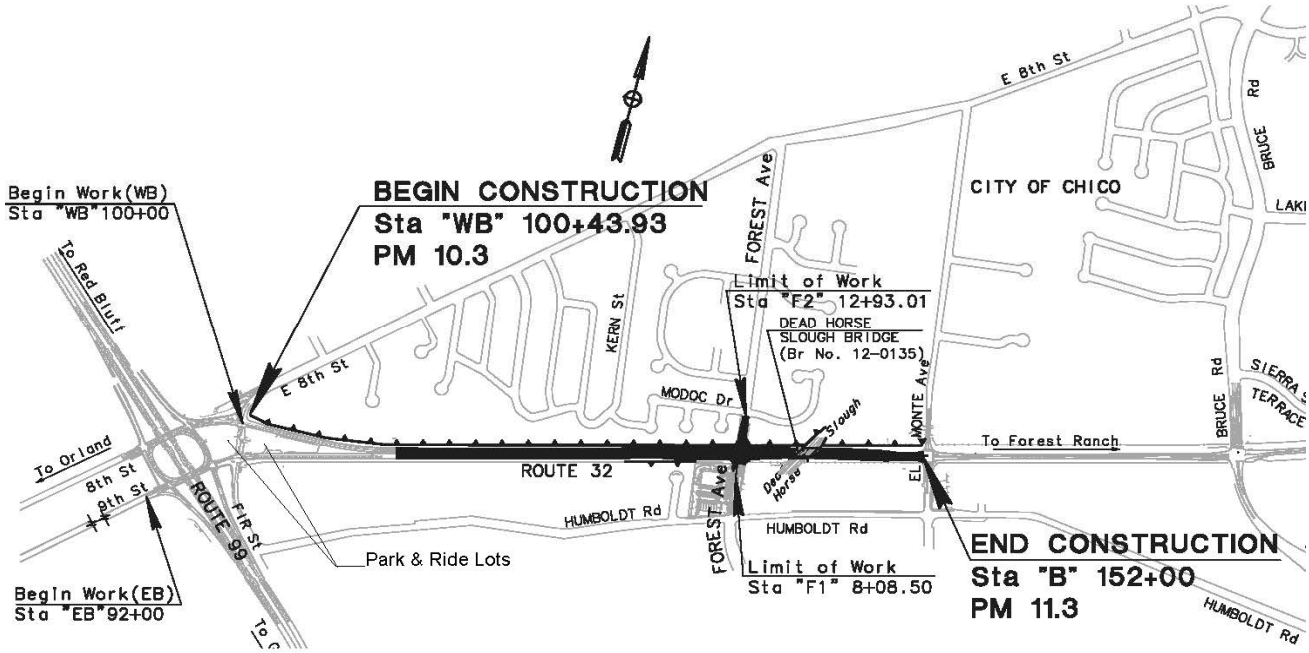
- ✓ Drive slowly and carefully through the construction area.
- ✓ Be alert for construction workers and large equipment, such as backhoes, graders and trucks.
- ✓ Obey all construction signs and directions from traffic control flaggers.

CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS (Area Code – 530)

Capital Project Services Department	879-6900
Police Dispatch (use this number for immediate assistance from 5PM - 8AM)	895-4911
Design Questions	
Craig Murray, Associate Civil Engineer	879-6931
Construction Issues	
Tyler Bodnar, Assistant Engineer	879-6936
Brendan Ottoboni, Resident Engineer	636-3848
Knife River Construction (Contractor)	
Jim Bennett (Project Manager)	891-6555
24-hour Contractor contact	891-6555

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

Area of Construction Activities (2014- 2015)



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