



# 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-fourth (44<sup>th</sup>) 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](mailto:update32@chicoca.gov)

### **Precast Concrete Sound Wall / Landscaping**

As a result of the recent efforts, work has rapidly progressed on the precast concrete sound wall. As of this week, the Contractor has substantially finished grading adjacent to the wall as well as other finish items pursuant to ultimate sound wall completion. Additionally, the landscaping Contractor has mobilized to continue installation of irrigation mainline and various other irrigation facilities. In conjunction with landscaping work, the concrete Contractor has begun forming of the decorative raised planter features at Fir Street and El Monte Avenue. It is anticipated that the concrete raised planters will be poured by the end of this week. During the continuation of all active work along the graded shoulder, vehicles should exercise caution as construction vehicles and equipment will be entering and exiting the roadway in both eastbound and westbound directions.

### **Next Anticipated Night Work and Lane Closure – Wednesday (6/10)**

The next anticipated night work will be performed on Wednesday night, 6/10, in order to use equipment that determines the smoothness of the paved road surface. This operation will begin around 12 AM and is anticipated to take a few hours. Residents and businesses should not expect substantial noise impacts during these hours. During this work, one lane of the existing highway will be closed and one way traffic controls will be implemented between Fir Street and Forest 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 in order to ensure the ultimate roadway meets smoothness requirements.

### **Roadway Widening Work**

The new traffic signal at the Forest Avenue intersection is now operational. The recent road widening work has allowed for the temporary traffic signal to be removed and the roadway to be re-stripped to establish a new traffic lane configuration. This configuration allows the Contractor to finish 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 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. The striping plans associated with ultimate project improvements add a dedicated bike lane for cyclists travelling south bound on Forest Avenue across SR32. The contractor has recently placed a temporary bicycle "T" on the ground at this intersection. Bicyclists can activate the in-ground loop detection installed under the "T" in order to trigger the signal. Once 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.

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](http://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](http://www.ci.chico.ca.us/capital_project_services/home_page.asp)

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### Area of Construction Activities (2014- 2015)

