



City of Chico

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State Route 32 Widening Project (Phase 1) Weekly Update

Introduction

Following is the forty-eighth (48th) 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 / Landscaping

As a result of recent efforts, the Contractor has substantially finished grading adjacent to the constructed sound wall and continues to make progress on other finish items pursuant to ultimate sound wall completion. Additionally, the landscaping Contractor has continued installation of irrigation facilities as well as continued planting along the north shoulders moving westerly. Once trees and shrubs are planted, wood chip mulch is being spread to help with retaining moisture and weed control. During the continuation of all active work along the graded shoulder and center median, 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 Closures – Thursday (7/16), Monday (7/20), Tuesday (7/21)

The next anticipated night work will be performed on Thursday night, 7/16, in order to perform final roadway profile grinding to correct smoothness of the newly paved travel lanes on SR32. Night work hours will generally be from 9 PM through 7 AM. Residents and businesses should expect heavy construction equipment to be active in the area during these hours but should not expect substantial noise impacts. During this 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 in order to ensure the ultimate roadway meets smoothness requirements. Night work can also be anticipated on the nights of 7/20 and 7/21 as the Contractor expects to finish final striping and placement of reflective markers under the same type of closure with minimal noise impact.

Recent Milestones and Projected Project Completion

The final paving throughout the project is now complete as a result of the Contractor's recent night shift efforts. Until final striping is placed next week, commuters should follow the temporary reflective delineation that is currently in place. Once final signs and striping are installed, traffic control devices will be removed, and the new traffic lanes will be opened to traffic. It is anticipated that all major construction activities will be complete by Wednesday (7/22). Drivers, as well as pedestrians and bicycles are reminded to use caution as all travelers adapt to the new roadway facilities. Major traffic changes to this area include:

- An additional travel lane eastbound and westbound on SR32
- A dedicated bicycle lane and loop detection for commuters travelling southbound on Forest Avenue
- An additional left turn lane on to westbound SR32 from northbound Forest Avenue
- Placement of open graded asphalt layer for noise reduction and improved drainage

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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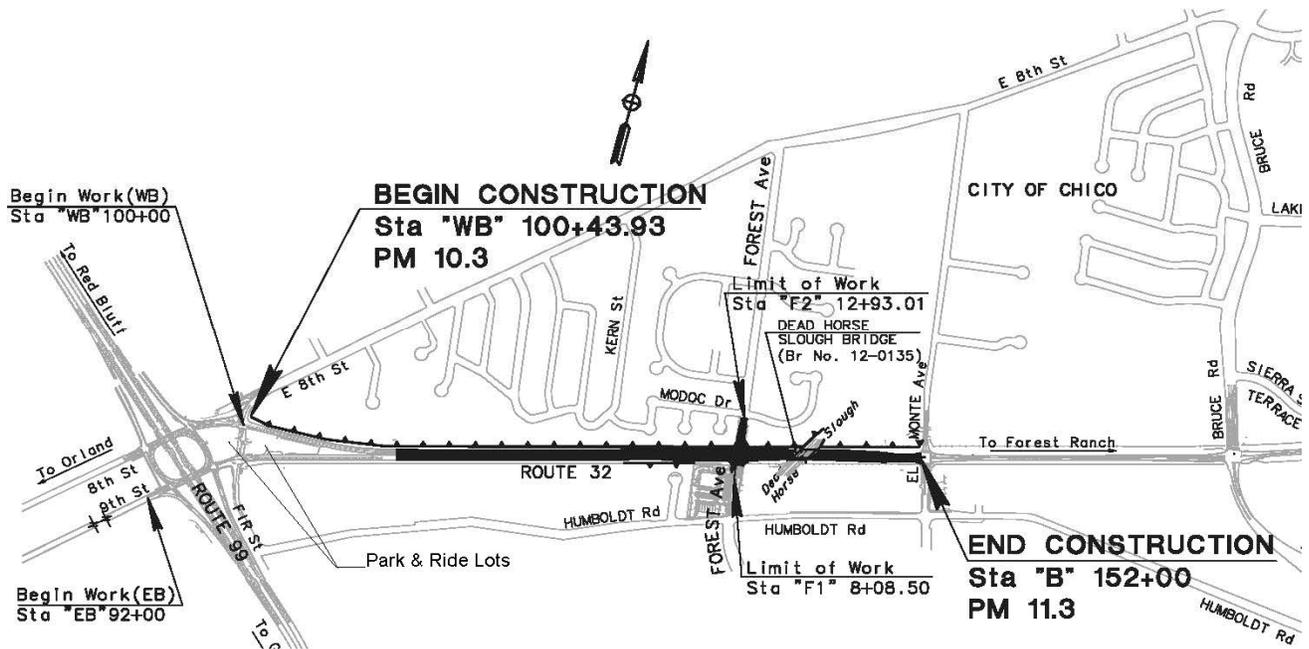
Safety Tips

- ✓ 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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