

El Dorado Street

Widening Phase II

NEWSLETTER

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El Dorado Street Improvements Planned

Background

In 1990, San Joaquin County voters approved Measure K, a ½-cent sales tax increase to fund a system of improved highways and local streets, new passenger rail and bus routes, and better air quality. Subsequently, the City of Stockton completed the Stockton Streets Improvement Project (SSIP), which studied nine major street corridors throughout the City and identified the roadway improvements to meet future traffic needs.

In 1994 the City Council adopted the SSIP and nine specific plans, including the El Dorado Street Improvement Project. The City recently completed Phase 1 improvements between Yokuts Avenue and the Calaveras River.

The City is now implementing Phase 2 improvements, which will begin just north of the Calaveras River and end at Mariposa Avenue. Within those limits, El Dorado Street is a four-lane arterial within an eighty-foot public right-of-way. The street has two northbound and two southbound traffic lanes, a two-way left-turn lane, and signalized intersections at Alpine Avenue, Fulton Street, and Churchill Street. Along the residential frontages within the City right-of-way, a five-foot landscaped strip of trees and lawn separates the existing curb and existing sidewalk.

Proposed Improvements

Phase 2 improvements will include:

- Adding a through lane for northbound traffic, resulting in three northbound lanes
- Rehabilitating the existing pavement
- Constructing new curb, gutter, and sidewalk on both sides of the street
- Improving the signals at Alpine, Churchill, and Fulton streets
- Adding a southbound left-turn lane at the Alpine intersection



The project will widen El Dorado Street from Mariposa Avenue to just north of the Calaveras River. Each side of the existing roadway will be widened to accommodate an additional northbound traffic lane. The Calaveras River Bridge will not need to be widened; however, the existing curbed median on the bridge will be reconstructed to accommodate the additional northbound lane. Existing landscaping within the City right-of-way on both sides of the street will be removed; and new curb, gutter, five-foot sidewalks, and street lighting will be constructed. Intersection improvements at Alpine Avenue, Fulton Street, and Churchill Street will replace signals and add an additional southbound left-turn lane at Alpine Avenue. Right-of-way will be acquired where needed to provide the necessary roadway widths.

Project Benefits

The proposed improvements will benefit neighbors and motorists by reducing traffic delays within the corridor and repairing damaged curb, gutter, and sidewalks. The improvements will also complement other neighborhood improvements you will be seeing around the City.

Work Underway

A traffic analysis and an environmental document are being prepared. Project engineers are creating preliminary drawings of the proposed improvements. You may also have seen surveyors along El Dorado Street, mapping the project. A public meeting will be held during the late summer or early fall. An environmental document is being prepared and will be circulated to the public before the public meeting.

Utility Improvements

A separate project to place existing overhead utilities underground is being coordinated by Pacific Gas and Electric Company. A recent Stockton City Council resolution declared El Dorado Street between Alpine Avenue and the Calaveras River an Underground Utility District. Therefore, Pacific Gas and Electric Company as the lead trench agent, along with AT&T and Comcast, will convert existing overhead electric, telephone, and cable TV facilities to underground.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company anticipates that construction activities will begin in August 2006 and continue until approximately July 2007. The majority of the excavation work associated with this project will be done along the east side of El Dorado Street. During construction working hours, northbound traffic will have single-lane closures throughout the majority of the project.

Roadway Widening Construction

The El Dorado Street Phase II roadway improvements will be constructed after completion of the environmental document and detailed construction plans. The City anticipates that construction may start as soon as fall 2008.

Public Outreach Activities

This newsletter has been sent to introduce you to the project. The City also plans to schedule a public meeting late this summer or early in the fall. In the meantime, feel free to call (209) 464-4350; fax your inquiries to (209) 942-3080; send email to Hotline@buethepr.com; or write to Public Outreach Coordinator, El Dorado Street Widening Phase II, P.O. Box 773, Stockton, CA 95201-0773. Si usted habla español, pida por favor Melissa cuando usted llame (209) 464-4350. Sus comentarios y preguntas son recepción. Your comments and questions are welcome.

