



City Council

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December 21, 2011

Subject: Downtown Ped/Bike and Streetscape Improvements Project, No. 014-9683

Dear Downtown Property Owners, Merchants, and/or Residents:

The City of Lafayette has awarded a construction contract to McGuire & Hester for the above project, which covers a portion of the downtown corridor along Mount Diablo Boulevard between Dolores Drive/Mt. View Drive and Lafayette Circle East, and along Happy Valley Road between Mount Diablo Boulevard and the parking lot on the south side of the BART station.

Work consists of construction of new brick paver sidewalks, driveways, and crosswalks; streetscape enhancements including landscaping; installation of decorative street lights, benches, and bike racks along Mount Diablo Boulevard. The project will also include a sidewalk extension on the west side of Happy Valley Road from the Chevron station to the BART station.

Work is scheduled to begin the week of January 9, 2012, with anticipated completion at the end of June 2012. Weekly updates for the project schedule will be posted on the City's web site at <http://www.ci.lafayette.ca.us> (select "Capital Improvements" in the quick links section in the lower right corner of the page; select the "Downtown Project").

The work will require periodic closing vehicle travel lanes and parking lanes, and implementing temporary sidewalk detours. In general, the lane closure hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and the working hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. However, these hours may be extended for certain phases of work to accelerate the construction schedule. Emergency vehicles will be provided access at all times, and the contractor is required to diligently maintain access to all businesses except for short durations when work will directly impact access at a specific location (e.g. removal and replacement of a one-lane driveway or sidewalk adjacent to a front door). The contractor is also required to keep all existing parking spaces open and safe for public use to the extent allowed by on-going construction activity.

The contractor proposes to construct the project in the following sequence:

- Phase 1:** South Side Mt. Diablo Blvd. between Lafayette Circle East and Postino/Clocktower driveway- Approximate duration 21 working days
- Phase 2:** South Side Mt. Diablo Blvd. between Postino/Clocktower driveway to Lafayette Circle west, and stone retaining wall work only between Diablo Foods and Trader Joe's frontage- Approximately 15 working days

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- Phase 3:** South Side Mt. Diablo Blvd. between Dewing Ave. and Happy Valley Road, including the easterly crosswalks at this intersection- Approximately 22 working days
- Phase 4:** North Side Mt. Diablo Blvd. from east of Petco store to Happy Valley Road- Approximately 18 working days
- Phase 5:** North Side Mt. Diablo Blvd. from Happy Valley Road to Dolores Drive including the westerly crosswalks at Happy Valley Road and crosswalks at Mt. View Drive- Approximately 20 working days
- Phase 6:** South Side Mt. Diablo Blvd. starting from Happy Valley Road to Mt. View Drive including any remaining sections of crosswalks at both intersections- Approximately 19 working days
- Phase 7:** New sidewalk along west side of Happy Valley Road from the Chevron station to the south parking lot entrance to the BART station. This work will be performed concurrently with other stages of construction- Approximately 19 working days

The contractor will take precautions to protect and adjust any private improvements that exist in the public right-of-way (which is in the order of 10' from the street curb). However, please contact me if you have any private improvements along the property frontage or in the existing sidewalk that may be inconspicuous or require special attention or protection.

The City and McGuire & Hester are anxious to complete this project with minimum delay and inconvenience to you. While the work is in progress, please lend us your cooperation and extra patience and be alert to equipment, workers, and traffic control. During construction, questions regarding the work may be directed to Rick DeKay with McGuire & Hester at (510) 632-7676, or I may be reached at (925) 284-1951. Again your patience and cooperation are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Farzaneh Sanders
Senior Engineer

