

This is an e-mail update on the Riverbank Downtown Beautification project. I will be sending updates weekly to let you know what has happened on the project and what you can expect in the week or so following my e-mail.

Construction on the Downtown Beautification Project is scheduled to start! Work on the infrastructure portion, Phase I, is scheduled to begin on Monday, November 5, 2007.

In my last progress report to you I stated that work would begin in the alleys. That has changed. Work will begin at the storm water basin which is located at the intersection of Santa Fe and First Streets and proceed east along Santa Fe Street with the installation of new (and larger) storm drain pipe. This will allow Public Works to hook up to the new drain or pump excess water into the new drain if there is excessive rain or flooding, so the excess water has somewhere to go besides the downtown alleys and stores.

The intersection of Santa Fe Street and First Street is scheduled to temporarily close on Monday, November 5, from 9:00am - 3:30pm. Local residents will be directed to Second Street, via Topeka Street and Stanislaus Street, to bypass the intersection under construction.

On Tuesday, November 6, no parking will be allowed along Santa Fe Street from 7:00am to 5:00pm while the contractor trench grinds the existing asphalt roadway on Santa Fe Street from First Street to Fourth Street. Motorists should expect some delays during the work. After grinding is completed, the roadway will be much like a gravel road. Motorists are reminded to slow down, drive safely, and obey the posted speed limit.

As with future work, I will be hand-delivering construction notices to the businesses and residents affected by the work along Santa Fe. If you or your business is in the construction project area, you will be receiving a notice from me prior to work being done. If you have any questions in the meantime, feel free to contact me by e-mail, jan@buethecommunications.com, or phone (877) 464-4350, toll free.

Construction meetings with the contractor are held weekly. Each week I will receive a schedule of work to be done the following week and I will include that, and any other helpful information, in this weekly update.

While the contractor and the project management company are committed to minimizing the impact on businesses and residents, you may still experience challenges from time to time. We thank you for your patience during the construction.

Sincerely,

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