

Almond Grove Street Reconstruction Project Phase I – Frequently Asked Questions – updated 5/2/16

When will this project start and how long will it be under construction?

The contractor is currently preparing an overall schedule for the project and anticipates beginning work in late May or early June. Notification regarding the exact project start date will be provided to residents by door hangers and mailed letters. The contract has 120 working days which is approximately 6 months. The completion of the project, without weather or other unanticipated delays, would be late November.

How will the contractor phase the project?

The contractor has identified the following very basic phases for the construction of the project:

- I. Remove street trees as required, set up project detours and road closures
- II. Remove and replace curb, gutter, sidewalk (as required) and driveway approaches on one side of Broadway and one side of Bachman Avenue (concurrently)
- III. Remove and replace curb, gutter sidewalk (as required) and driveway approaches on the other side of Broadway and Bachman Avenue (concurrently)
- IV. Remove and replace half of the street on Broadway
- V. Remove and replace the other half of the street on Broadway
- VI. Remove and replace half of the street on Bachman Avenue
- VII. Remove and replace the other half of the street on Bachman Avenue
- VIII. Restripe, adjust utilities, plant new street trees, remove detours and road closures

Who decided what trees should be removed with this project?

The Town's arborist has evaluated all trees within the project area and has made a determination based on the Town's Tree and Shrub Ordinance and the health of the tree.

How many trees are being removed with the project?

42 trees are identified to be removed and replaced with a new street tree.

26 new locations are shown to receive new street trees.

77 existing trees are shown to remain.

The new street trees to be planted will be Chinese Pistache on the south side of the street and Eastern Redbud on the north side of the street.

Will the street be closed?

Safety and production by the contractor can be maximized when a dedicated work zone can be provided. In order to accomplish this, one half of each street will need to be closed down completely to pedestrians, bicycle and vehicular traffic to facilitate the removal and replacement of the improvements in that area. The remaining half of the street will be used to accommodate pedestrians, one-way bicyclists and vehicular traffic and parking for the immediate area only. Vehicles using Broadway or Bachman Avenue to reach other destinations

will be detoured around the construction area until the roadways have been reconstructed and re-opened for through traffic.

How will the streets be closed to through traffic and open only to local traffic?

ROAD CLOSED – LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY signs will be posted at each end of each street and at each side street. ONE WAY LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY will be designated and allowed on each street however the direction of travel has not yet been determined.

When will the streets be closed and for how long?

It is anticipated that road closures will be in place from late-May through November, 2016.

Will emergency vehicles be permitted in the closed area?

Emergency vehicle access will always be permitted in the closed area.

How will residents and the neighborhood be notified before the roads are actually closed?

Businesses and residents who live on Broadway, Broadway Extension, Bachman Avenue, and Clifton Avenue will be sent a notice of the upcoming road closure at least 2 weeks in advance of the closure.

For the general public, message boards will be placed in several locations near Broadway and Bachman and will advertise the road closure dates in advance of the anticipated closure.

Will residents who live on Clifton or the Broadway Extension be able to access their street during construction?

Yes. Broadway Extension properties will have access via West Main Street for the duration of the project. Vehicular access to Clifton Avenue will also be made available from Broadway; however it may be necessary to close access for a minimal period of time to allow the concrete roadway at the intersection to cure before being plated to allow traffic. The contractor and Town staff will work closely with the residents on Clifton as the construction proceeds to minimize impacts as much as possible.

I live on Broadway/Bachman Avenue – How will I have access to my property?

Although the streets will be closed to the general public, local traffic only will be allowed into the area as follows:

During construction, street parking and pedestrian travel will be maintained on the side of the street not under construction. Pedestrian access to your home will be continuously maintained, although a temporary walking surface may be provided if your property frontage is under construction. Vehicular access to all driveways will be maintained until such time as the driveway approach needs to be removed and replaced and again when the street needs to be removed and replaced. During these two times, when access to driveways will not be possible, residents will need to park across the street or outside of the work zone until the driveway can be re-opened. In general, as the construction is taking place, residents are encouraged to park in their driveways if at all possible.

How many days will I not have access to my driveway?

There will be two times when access to your driveway will be restricted. The first time will be during the demolition and replacement of the driveway approach. This activity is anticipated to take a maximum of 3 calendar days. The second time driveway access will be restricted will be when the roadway in front of the driveway needs to be removed and replaced. This activity may require up to 7-10 calendar days before vehicles would be allowed to drive on the new street.

How far in advance will residents be notified before their driveways are going to be closed?

Three notices are to be provided to the resident/business before a driveway is closed. The first notice would be delivered 2 weeks prior to the anticipated closure. 48 hours before the closure, a follow up notice would be provided. On the day of the closure, a final verbal notice will be given to the resident/business (if they are home) 1 hour before the driveway is closed.

I live on Broadway/Bachman Avenue/Clifton Avenue – How will my family and friends be able to visit me?

Although the streets will be closed to the general public, local traffic only will be allowed into the area. Family and friends driving to your home would be considered local traffic and would be allowed. However, parking on the Broadway/Bachman streets will be allowed on one side of the street only, and will therefore be extremely limited. We would encourage any visiting family and/or friends to park in your driveway or park outside of the construction zone and walk in to your home during this period. We understand this is an inconvenience and will make every effort to minimize the duration of the project.

Will permit parking still be enforced on these streets?

Broadway B permits and Bachman Avenue A permits will be valid in any of the Almond Grove permit parking areas for the duration of the project. Additionally, a temporary parking permit may be obtained that would allow the resident to park in any Town lot or on any Almond Grove street for up to 72 hours at a time during the duration of the project. To obtain a temporary parking permit, e-mail Jrose@losgatosca.gov. Up to two temporary permits may be issued to each Bachman Avenue or Broadway address.

Can my friends, gardeners, or other service providers be given temporary parking permits?

Temporary permits will only be issued to the residents of Broadway or Bachman Avenue only.

How will my garbage and recycling be collected if the street or my driveway is closed?

The collection of garbage and recycling will continue on the current schedule. The contractor will schedule construction activities to accommodate the collection process. Should any deviations be required, the contractor will give advance notice to the residents as necessary.

How will mail and Fed Ex deliveries be made during the road closure times?

Mail and other deliveries will continue to be delivered during the road closures. The contractor will make accommodations for these vehicles to access properties in the construction zone.

How can I have an appliance delivered if the street is closed?

Please notify Vanguard Construction in advance of any special deliveries or events so that access requirements can be provided. A contact name and number will be posted here soon.

I use Outreach services. Will they be allowed to come pick me up during the closures?

Yes. Please notify Vanguard Construction in advance of any special needs so that access requirements can be provided. A contact name and number will be posted here soon.

I have a handicapped guest coming to my house who cannot walk in from an adjacent street. How can they visit me and where can they park?

Please notify Vanguard Construction in advance of any special needs or events so that access requirements can be provided. A contact name and number will be posted here soon.

Will my gardener, cleaning personnel or diaper service be able to get to my house with equipment and supplies?

If it is possible to postpone or defer these services during the construction period, that would be appreciated, however, if the services are necessary, please notify Vanguard Construction in advance of any special deliveries or events so that access requirements can be coordinated and provided. A contact name and number will be posted here soon.

I am hosting a very special event at my house during the day and have many guests invited, caterers arriving, musicians, etc. How can my event take place with the road closure in place?

Please notify Vanguard Construction in advance of any special deliveries or events so that access requirements can be planned for and provided. A contact name and number will be posted here soon.

How much dust and noise can we expect from the street construction operations?

The construction operation will involve large equipment and the removal and replacement of concrete improvements. Both of these operations have the potential to create noise and dust; however, Vanguard Construction Company will take every effort to minimize these impacts. Please contact Michelle Quinney, the Town's Project Manager at 408-827-3552 to report any excessive noise or dust concerns.

What are the working hours for this project?

Normal working hours for this project are Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Will the contractor be allowed to work before 8 a.m. or after 5 p.m. or on weekends?

Work after 5pm and weekend work is currently not included in the project schedule or budget, with the exception of sawcutting the concrete joints in the roadway pavement. The timing for this item of work is dependent on the curing of the concrete. The sawcutting operation is therefore allowed outside the normal working hours, however residents of the area would be notified if such work is to take place outside of the normal working hours.

Often times, contractors propose an alternative method of construction based on the contractor's specific equipment or expertise. Should an alternate proposal be presented to the Town, it is possible that alternate work hours would also be considered if the proposal results in significant safety, monetary or time savings to the Town.

What will the condition of the street be like to drive on when it is under construction?

As this will be a construction zone, please drive slower than normal, obey signs, construction personnel, and exercise caution while driving in the area.

Please feel free to come out and observe the operations, but remain outside the construction zone and maintain a safe distance from all equipment.

I have special brickwork, cobbles, plants, or other items currently in the park strip (the area between the curb and the sidewalk) and would like to replace those after the project is done. Will the contractor replace these for me?

The contractor will remove the materials in the park strip as necessary in order to install the new curb, gutter, and sidewalk. If you have special items in this area that you wish to replace in the park strip after the project is completed, please remove those items and store them safely on your property until the project is completed. The contractor will not replace improvements in the park strip with the exception of irrigation. Irrigation in these areas will be removed and replaced or repaired as necessary by the contractor following the installation of the new improvements.

Will my utility connections be upgraded with this project?

Utility upgrades are not a part of the street reconstruction project. The utility companies have reviewed their existing mains and the laterals, and have determined they are not in need of upgrades or replacement. Homeowner's who wish to upgrade their private laterals, from the water meter or sanitary sewer cleanout to their home, are encouraged to do so before the project start if at all possible. A no fee encroachment permit can be issued for this work should a homeowner wish to complete these upgrades before the start of the project.

If I have immediate questions or concerns about the construction, who can I contact?

The Town's Special Project Manager, Michelle Quinney, may be contacted with any concerns. Her office phone number is 408-827-3552. A list of additional contact numbers will also be provided on the Town's website, project webpage once the final project team has been established. Visit the project page at www.losgatosca.gov/AlmondGroveProject.

When will this project be done?

The current projection is to have the street reconstruction completed in late November.

How will residents and the neighborhood be kept up to date regarding the construction progress, schedule and other important project information?

The most current construction information will be posted to the Town's website on the Almond Grove project page, www.losgatosca.gov/AlmondGroveProject. To receive a text and/or e-mail

each time new information is posted to the project page, please sign up for the “Notify Me” service located on the left hand side of the project page.

Every other Friday, the Almond Grove project page will be updated to include a ‘two-week look ahead’ for construction activities anticipated to take place within the next two weeks.

I am having trouble signing up for “Notify Me” in order to receive project update notices. Can someone help me?

If you are having problems signing up for the “Notify Me” service, please contact Michelle Quinney, Special Projects Manager at mquinney@losgatosca.gov .