



Hesperian Boulevard Streetscape

Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the Hesperian Boulevard Streetscape Improvement Project?

The Hesperian Boulevard Streetscape Improvement Project will enhance traffic safety and further establish a livable community with benefits to motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit, and the San Lorenzo commercial corridor. The project will revitalize Hesperian Boulevard between I-880 and A Street and feature utility undergrounding, bus shelters, widened sidewalks, and additional trees. Details about the project can be found at www.acgov.org/pwa/updates/hesperian.htm.

When will construction begin?

Construction is anticipated to commence in spring/summer of 2016.

How long will the construction for this project last?

Construction is expected to last approximately 2.5 years (one year for undergrounding of utilities and one and a half years for roadway construction). Construction is anticipated to commence in spring/summer 2016 and be completed by fall 2019.

How will construction impact my business?

Public Works is committed to minimizing the impacts of construction on businesses throughout the duration of this project. We will work with our community partners to remind the public that businesses are open during construction and with the project contractor to maintain access to all businesses at all times when possible. The Contractor will coordinate with each property owner on their access to their property during construction.

Will construction take place during Christmas season? (Thanksgiving to New Year)

No construction activities will be conducted during the Christmas season.

Will this project eliminate any existing left turns and u-turns?

No, all current existing left turns and u-turns will remain as is. The ability of vehicles to access your business from Hesperian Boulevard will remain unchanged.

Will residents and businesses be informed before construction starts?

YES! All affected residents and business owners will be provided with advance written notice prior to the start of construction. You may also sign up to receive updates about the project at www.acgov.org/pwa/updates/hesperian.htm or by contacting Lupe Serrano at (510) 670-5993, or by e-mail at lupe@acpwa.org.

What is the utility undergrounding cost?

There will be no cost to the property owners for the undergrounding of utilities. Financing for undergrounding the utilities will be provided PG&E Rule 20A Program funds.

If Hesperian is widened, won't houses and businesses be affected?

Hesperian Boulevard will not be widened – three lanes in each direction will be maintained. The project focuses on improving bicycle and pedestrian facilities while improving traffic flow and transit service.

What about on-street parking?

Where on-street parking is utilized, parking will be retained. Some areas where on-street parking use is low will be converted to sidewalk areas or bicycle lanes.

Will signs be installed to inform the public that businesses are open for business?

Yes, in areas of active construction, signs indicating driveway locations will be placed at all entrances and exits to emphasize access to businesses.

Will cars be able to access my business easily with the new design?

Yes. The existing left-turn and u-turn access along Hesperian Boulevard will not change. Minor changes to driveways are needed to improve accessibility for the disabled and to improve safety. Customers will continue to enjoy access to your business.

If you install landscaping, who will maintain it?

Landscaped medians will be maintained by the Alameda County Public Works Agency. Street trees will be installed in many of the sidewalk areas. The project will require that the contractor maintain street trees for the first 18 months after completion of the project – this is the plant establishment period. After, the first 18 months, the trees should require minimal attention. However, in accordance with the County's Tree Ordinance, property owners share the responsibility for creating and maintaining a quality neighborhood. Therefore, after the 18 month establishment period, street trees in front of private property would be maintained by the property owner, just as landscaping on private property is the responsibility of the owner.

Haven't there already been several other meetings about the Hesperian Project?

Yes! Alameda County Public Works Agency hosted previous meetings about this project. The purpose of these focused on soliciting input from the community defining the scope of the design of the project by incorporating community input and to keep them inform on the progress of the project. Meetings were held on the following dates:

- 2008 SLZ Village Homes Community Meeting 1
- 2008 Subcommittee
- 2008 SLZ Village Homes Community Meeting 2
- 2009 SLZ Village Homes Community Meeting 3
- October 2, 2014: SLZ Village Homes Meeting 4
- September 17, 2015: SLZ Village Homes Meeting 5
- 2015: Ongoing Business outreach & concurrence with Castro Valley Eden Chambers of Commerce

How can I be involved?

Stay informed and involved by visiting the project website at [//www.acgov.org/pwa/updates/projects/hesperian.htm](http://www.acgov.org/pwa/updates/projects/hesperian.htm). Click on the e-subscribe icon to receive email updates.

Where can I get additional information?

For more information or to provide your comments on any aspects of the project, contact Lupe Serrano at (510) 670-5993, or by e-mail at lupe@acpwa.org. You may also write to the Alameda County Public Works Agency (Attn: Lupe Serrano), 399 Elmhurst Street Hayward, CA 94544.