

Traffic Control and Traffic Signal Timing:

This project is designed to remove the existing bottleneck on East Valley Parkway/Valley Center Road between Beven Drive and Lake Wohlford Road by providing three lanes in each direction. In the years that the bottleneck has existed, traffic has only increased. Congestion, particularly during commuting times, has become the new normal. Motorists are advised to be patient during the construction period as this project is designed ultimately to relieve congestion.

On September 22nd traffic control was placed to accommodate construction. Staff has adjusted traffic signals to convey the maximum amount of traffic through the work zone. Our Traffic Engineering and maintenance staff continue to make adjustments to the signals in the area during morning and evening commutes. We have heard from several sources that the adjustments have been generally effective. However, Friday evening commutes, which are often driven by events, continue to be the most congested time periods. Further, the month of October is generally very heavily congested due to traffic headed to the Bates Nut Farm. The project duration does not allow avoidance of impacts during the month of October.

Cutting through residential neighborhoods only results in increased delays. The traffic signals are designed to continue to be green in the through direction unless there is traffic from the side streets. Motorists that cut through neighborhoods REDUCE the amount of green time available for the through traffic and ultimately INCREASE CONGESTION. Signs were posted to limit traffic on residential streets to local traffic only. We ask that drivers observe these signs and remain on East Valley Parkway.



Progress this month:

The first order of work was to install water quality protection measures including straw waddles, silt fencing, steel “rumble” plates, gravel and gravel bags to prevent tracking and migration of sediment into the creek and storm drain system. Traffic control measures were then installed to allow work to commence. Grading is underway on the east side of the roadway. Fill is being placed in the area north of Escondido Creek to support the widened roadway. Excavation for the future roadway structural section (aggregate base and asphalt) is underway on the east side of the roadway. Reinforced concrete storm drain pipe is also being installed along the east side of the future roadway.



Storm Drain Installation



Grading Operation

Upcoming Work:

Over the next few weeks the contractor will be drilling and installing bridge foundations to widen the existing bridge over the Escondido Creek. In addition, concrete barriers will be placed on the west side of the road to allow for excavation for the future roadway structural section (aggregate base and asphalt). Installation of storm drains will continue and installation of street light foundations will begin.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to improve our transportation system.