



City of Grover Beach

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West Grand Avenue Improvements Initiated

GROVER BEACH, CA — Work on the **West Grand Avenue Enhancement Project** will be getting underway this month. The project involves construction of street and pedestrian improvements along West Grand Avenue between Second and Fourth Streets. Project components include street repaving and the installation of landscaped center medians, pedestrian bulb-outs, sidewalk upgrades, decorative crosswalks, new street lights, and bike lanes. The goals of the project are to improve the appearance of the City's westerly gateway, upgrade public infrastructure to facilitate redevelopment in this visitor-serving area, and to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety by slowing down traffic on West Grand Avenue. According to Grover Beach Mayor John Shoals, *"The City Council and staff are pleased to be making these much needed improvements along the Grand Avenue corridor. This enhancement project is consistent with the community's vision and represents a significant investment of resources into the City's visitor serving area, which is a key element of our Economic Development Strategy."*

Total project costs are estimated at **\$1.5 million dollars** with funding coming from a variety of sources, including \$856,000 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) obtained with the assistance of the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG), and \$258,000 in federal funds secured by Congresswoman Lois Capps. The remainder of the funding is from the City's Redevelopment Agency and other City sources.

The project is expected to take about 100 working days, or four to five months to complete -- weather permitting. Local businesses will remain open during project construction, and City staff will make every effort to maintain access to those businesses. Motorists should, however, expect lane closures and intermittent brief traffic delays. No night work will be performed as a result of this project.

On January 22, 2010 (Friday), City staff and the construction team will hold a meeting to review the project with residents, business owners and property owners located within the project area. The meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. in the Station Grill located at 170 West Grand Avenue in Grover Beach. Representatives from the City and Souza Construction will be on hand to answer questions from residents or business owners.

Please contact City Manager Bob Perrault at (805) 473-4567 for additional information.

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