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Work on West Grand Avenue Storm Drain Project to be Completed at Night

Work on the *West Grand Avenue Storm Drain Project* in Grover Beach is expected to begin this week and will be conducted primarily at night. The project is actually a component of the "Meadow Creek Bridge and West Grand Avenue Storm Drain Project". Meadow Creek is located just to the west of Highway 1 and the bridge is part of the entry way to the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area, a popular destination for off-highway enthusiasts.

The first part of the project was completed earlier this year and involved completion of the bridge and installation of an enlarged storm drain from Meadow Creek eastward to the Union Pacific right of way. With the completion of the bridge, access to Pismo State Beach and the State park was restored to four lanes. Ingress and egress to the park was previously restricted to just two lanes until the old and deteriorating wooden bridge could be replaced.

Work to be initiated this week for the second part of the project will involve construction of a large drainage facility under the Union Pacific railroad bed. Eventually, construction on the storm drain is expected to continue eastward on West Grand Avenue all the way to 12th Street. Once completed, this phase of the project is expected to assist with eliminating flood conditions on West Grand Avenue from the railroad right of way to 4th Street that occur during periods of heavy rainfall.

Installation of the storm drain at West Grand Avenue and the railroad will entail construction of a large "bore pit" that will occupy both eastbound lanes of West Grand Avenue at this location. The bore pit will be used for placement of the equipment necessary to complete the boring and placement of the facility under the railroad. *Work on the project will be done at night, Sunday - Thursday, between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., and will continue until early May.* During daytime hours, the pit will be plated and eastbound lanes will be open for traffic. Businesses located in the immediate vicinity of the project will be accessible. During night time hours, use of the eastbound lanes will be obstructed and motorists are advised to find alternative routes.

Total cost for the project is approximately \$2.6 million dollars with funds coming from two sources: approximately \$1.5 million dollars through grants received from the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) and the remaining \$1.1 million from the City of Grover Beach Improvement ("Redevelopment") Agency.

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