



City of Grover Beach

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Next Phase of West Grand Avenue Improvements Underway In Grover Beach

GROVER BEACH, CA —This week, construction was initiated on the next phase of improvements for West Grand Avenue in Grover Beach. This state and federally funded project is located on West Grand Avenue adjacent to the Pismo State Beach and west of Highway 1. Improvements will consist of a multi-use path, reconfiguration of the travel lanes, new curb and gutter, crosswalks with decorative paving, lighting, installation of native dune landscaping, and a decomposed granite path that will assist pedestrians and equestrians with access to the Grand Dune Trail located to the south of West Grand Avenue. According to Mayor John Shoals, *"This project is part of the City's ongoing efforts to improve the West Grand Avenue corridor and strengthen the connection between the beach and the downtown"*.

The cost of the project is budgeted at nearly \$1 million. All but \$135,000 comes from state and federal grants. The remaining \$135,000 is being funded from the allocation of State Gas Tax that the City of Grover Beach receives. Grant funding was made available through an award by the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) following a competitive process. These grant funds can only be used for transportation enhancement activities, and this project competed well based on the fact that it incorporated the multi-use path and crosswalks. The Caltrans Office of Local Assistance was also instrumental in the review of the project. It should be noted that this project and its funding is separate from the projects funded by the local voter-approved bond measure. The first of the Measure K-14 bond projects will be under construction early this summer.

Souza Construction was awarded the contract to construct the new improvements. Most of the construction will take place over the next several weeks. Access to the beach, Fin's Seafood Restaurant, and the Pismo Beach Golf Course will not be impeded during construction. Access to the vacant lot on the north side of West Grand Avenue used for equestrian and over-sized vehicle parking will be maintained via the improved parking lot located just east of the Fin's Seafood Restaurant.

For more information regarding the project, please contact the City of Grover Beach Public Works Department at (805) 473-4520.

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