



LEWELLING/EAST LEWELLING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT COMMUNITY UPDATE

INTRODUCTION

May 2005

The Lewelling Boulevard/East Lewelling Boulevard Improvement Project was approved on June 1, 1995 as part of the Ashland and Cherryland Business Districts' Specific Plan to revitalize commercial development in the area and to conserve and restore the quality of this neighborhood as well as the adjacent residential neighborhoods.

The Specific Plan provides a framework for the Alameda County General Plan policies and regulations within the Plan Area regarding development, land use, circulation, design, and infrastructure.



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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Funded by Measure B funds (administered by the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority), Phase I of this project will improve Lewelling / E. Lewelling Blvd. from the existing two-lane section to a new four-lane section that will include raised landscaped median islands, a designated left-turn lane at selected intersections, bicycle lanes, curbs, gutters and sidewalks on both sides of the roadway and the undergrounding of existing ariel utility. Work will consist of acquisition of right of way, general site grading, road reconstruction, drainage improvements, landscaping, and other related work. Phase I consists of improving the boulevard from Hesperian Blvd. to Meekland Ave. Phase II consists of improving the boulevard from Meekland Ave. to Mission Blvd./East 14th Street (State Route 185). Construction is anticipated to start in 2008.

The Public Works Agency, in an effort to keep the community informed regarding this project, has hosted various community meetings to discuss the many components of this project. In addition, this and future newsletters will keep the community informed of the progress of the Lewelling Boulevard Improvement Project.

PROJECT UPDATE

To date, the Traffic Study has been completed, and the Environmental Document and the formation of the Utility Underground District have been approved by the Board of Supervisors. The project is currently in the Final Plan Design Phase (including the streetscape design component). The Appraisal Process leading to right of way acquisition is underway.

At the January 12, 2005 public meeting, the Public Works Agency indicated to the members of the public in attendance that a Citizen's Advisory Committee would be established to assist in the development of the Lewelling/East Lewelling Boulevard Streetscape Master Plan. As a result, Supervisor Nate Miley, District 4, reconvened the Cherryland and Ashland Redevelopment Citizen's Advisory Committees to act in the capacity of an Advisory Committee to the Director of Public Works with respect to the streetscape design for the Lewelling Blvd. corridor.

The Citizen's Advisory Committee will hold 3 public workshops to generate ideas on the Streetscape Amenities Design for the Lewelling Boulevard Project. The Public Works Agency in partnership with the Redevelopment Agency will work closely with the Citizen's Advisory Committee in accomplishing this endeavor.

The public workshops will cover a variety of topics, including:

STREET CROSSINGS / STREET TREES / STREET FURNITURE / PEDESTRIAN PLAZA / STREET LIGHTING AND MORE...

The first workshop was held on Wednesday, April 20, 2005. The meeting focused on acquiring input and recommendations from the committee on the various streetscape and landscape components that were presented by the landscape design consultant, Leah Haygood. The information obtained will provide guidance to the landscape design consultant in developing more detailed conceptual alternatives for the next meeting. Minutes of this workshop and exhibits are posted on the Agency's website.

Workshop #2, will focus on Alternative Design and Presentation (scheduled for May 18, 2005).

Workshop #3, will focus on the Preferred Design Presentation (tentatively scheduled for June 2005).

The next meeting will be held on
May 18, 2005
6:30-8:30 p.m.
224 W. Winton Ave. Room 160
Hayward, CA 94544

The Public Works Agency will continue to provide project updates to the community as often as possible and will also post this newsletter on the Public Works Agency website at www.acgov.org/pwa or members of the community can email their comments and/or question to info@acpwa.org and will receive a response within 48 hours.