

Lower Sacramento Road Improvement Project

**Eight Mile Road to Harney Curve  
San Joaquin County**

**Public Meeting Notes**

**Wednesday, September 24, 2014**

**6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Henderson Community Day School**

**13451 N. Extension Road**

**Lodi, CA 95242**

**Attendance:** 23 people signed in; the project team estimates a total of about 35 attendees, not including the project team.

**Summary:**

After project team introductions were made, a brief project overview was provided by David Mendoza, Engineering Services Manager. Najee Zarif, Engineering Services Manager then provided an overview of planned construction activity and answered questions from meeting attendees. The questions and a summary of the answers provided are included below. The questions all pertained to Project information and the construction timeline. Najee provided the group with his phone number for further questions. His phone number will also be added to the project website. At the conclusion of the question and answer session the open house portion of the meeting began.

**Question and Answer Session:**

**Q: Will construction start at the south end of the project alignment?**

A: Yes, at the Eight Mile Road intersection and around 350 feet north of Pixley Slough Bridge and work north. Once work is past Armstrong Road, PG&E work will start. There will be some overlap during that time.

**Q: Will this project include the widening over Pixley Slough?**

A: No, that is a project by the City of Stockton.

**Q: Will work be south of Mettler Road?**

A: Yes, it will start between Mettler Road and the Pixley Slough Bridge, approximately 350 feet north of the bridge.

**Q: What is the schedule for the bridge widening project?**

A: Najee was not sure if the construction has been scheduled yet.

**Q: Will traffic go from 4 lanes to 2 lanes as it approaches the intersection at Eight Mile Road?**

A: Yes, traffic will go from 4 lanes to 2 lanes as it approaches the intersection at Eight Mile Road.

**Q: Would it be feasible to work with Stockton to do both projects at the same time?**

A: Scheduling and funding coordination to align both projects would be very difficult.

**Q: Is Measure K money being used for the bridge widening?**

A: The project team was not sure about the funding for this project.

**Q: Who is responsible for cutting the weeds on the median at the "S" section south of Harney Lane? It was reported that they are overgrown.**

A: San Joaquin County's road maintenance department is responsible.

**Q: Can we call someone about the weeds?**

A: Najee will let the road maintenance department know and also provided the phone number for the road maintenance department.

**Q: Is it possible to build a median where no weeds will grow through it?**

A: It would be very difficult because concrete cracks and seeds get in.

**Q: Is the marking of the trees to be removed complete?**

A: Trees to be removed were identified in a tree survey. There will be another tree survey before the construction starts. Contractors will inspect and verify again before cutting.

**Q: Will Comcast come to the area?**

A: The project team does not think so. They spoke to Comcast, but they did not express interest in coming to the area at the time.

**Q: What are the boundaries of the easement between the property and the road, and who is responsible for that land?**

A: The right-of-way is approximately 110 feet wide in this corridor. It can be an easement or be owned by the County. It includes the pavement, ditches and shoulder, which are owned by the County. Crews will stake the right-of-way where the property line is before work begins. The County is responsible for the right-of-way. Improvements made within the right-of-way by the property owners are not the responsibility of the County. This could include grass, any decorative mailboxes, etc. Najee offered to speak to that particular stakeholder during the open house portion of the meeting to identify the right-of-way area.

**Q: Who is supposed to take care of the right-of-way area?**

A: The County is responsible

**Q: What will happen with utilities for Henderson Village? Will those go underground too?**

A: No, underground utilities will not be installed for Henderson Village, only along Lower Sacramento Road between Eight Mile Road and just south of Extension Road.

**Q: How will drainage be handled?**

A: There will be a retention ditch next to the roadway. The water will be held on the side of the road and will drain through percolation. Check dams will be used to control how much water will drain into one area. At Armstrong Road, some underground pipes will be used to carry drainage water across the road to the west.

**Q: This property owner has two entrances to Lower Sac Road from his property--will there be culverts on both sides?**

A: Most likely, to prevent water from running across the driveway and connect two sides of the ditch. Najee offered to look at his specific property in more detail during the open house portion.

**Q: Will the culverts for drainage be reinforced for ditch water from the property?**

A: Yes.

**Q: Will AT&T fiber optic cables be installed?**

A: The project team was not sure.

**Q: When will the new underground utilities be operational?**

A: The schedule estimates 200 working days, or about one year for PG&E relocation work, which would put the start of operation of PG&E utilities at about February of 2016, weather permitting. There will be an additional 100 working days for AT&T and Woodbridge Irrigation District work. All utility relocation should be complete and operational in summer 2016, weather permitting.