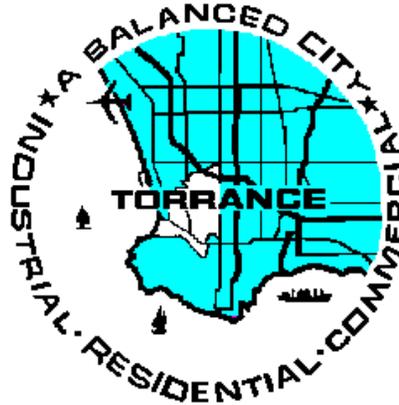


CITY OF TORRANCE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



ARTESIA BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS (Hawthorne Blvd. to Western Ave.)

PROJECT FACT SHEET

Q: What does this construction project include?

A: Construction includes: pavement reconstruction; roadway widening just east of Prairie Ave. and at Western Ave.; repair of damaged curb, gutter and sidewalk; storm drains; traffic signal upgrades; signing & striping; and new median and parkway landscaping.

Q: Why are we doing this project?

A: In 1998 Caltrans relinquished Artesia Boulevard (Hawthorne Blvd. to Western Ave.) to the City of Torrance. Over the last several years the roadway has deteriorated. However, the roadway rehabilitation has been scheduled as the final phase of improvement so that new underground utilities could be installed/upgraded, including the removal of overhead utility poles and wires and also for the installation of new potable water and recycled water mains and sewer rehabilitation.

Q: How much does this project cost?

A: The total project cost is estimated at \$14 million. The project is funded with the City's General, Gas Tax, Prop C and Water Funds; Federal funds and Los Angeles County "Highway" funds.

Q: What is the construction schedule?

A: Construction will begin in July 2003 and will be completed in summer 2004.

Q: Will the city replace existing curbs and sidewalk with new curb and gutter and sidewalk?

A: The project scope and funds are limited to replacing damaged curbs, gutters and sidewalks only.

Q: What work will be done?

A: In addition to replacing damaged curbs, gutters and sidewalks, the entire roadway will be reconstructed with new pavement from Hawthorne Blvd. to Western Ave. Also, the roadway will be widened east of Prairie Ave. and at Western Ave. to provide new turn lanes. New center medians and sections of new storm drain will be installed. Traffic signals will be upgraded. Finally, the new medians and parkway will be landscaped.

Q: What will be the construction impacts to our residential and commercial areas?

A: While construction is ongoing, the most significant impacts will be that traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction. Long delays are expected and therefore, it is recommended that motorists use alternate routes to avoid the delays. Also, the Contractor will be utilizing large construction equipment and there will be many large trucks removing and delivering materials. The construction will create some inconveniences, dust and noise. We will make every effort to minimize these impacts.

Q: Will any intersecting residential streets be blocked off and/or parking restricted during construction?

A: Yes. In order to construct some of the improvements and expedite construction activity, some of the intersecting residential streets [i.e. Kornblum, Glenburn (northside), Falda, Atkinson (northside), Ardath, Haas and Wilton) will be temporarily closed. Detours will be provided.

Parking on Artesia Blvd. in the construction zone will be restricted on a 24-hour basis for periods of approximately 3 to 6 weeks. The street will be posted with "NO PARKING" signs and the dates for the parking restriction. Please look for these signs along the street. Any type of vehicle, motorcycle or trailer will be towed if it is parked in a restricted area. Access for emergency vehicles will be provided at all times. However, access to driveways may be restricted on a temporary basis during excavation and paving. Residents will be informed at least 48 hours before construction begins or before any parking restriction. The contractor will distribute a Notice.

Q: What are the construction hours?

A: Normal construction hours: 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Some work at the intersections with Prairie Ave, Yukon Ave, Crenshaw Blvd. and Van Ness Ave. may occur during weekends. Weekend work hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In some cases, the working hours may be extended by the City Engineer.

Q: Whom do we call if we have a question?

A: The City's Engineering Staff will be happy to answer your questions during normal business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and on alternate Fridays. For further information, or to leave a message, please call the Engineering Department at (310) 618-2820. You may also visit the City's web site at www.torrcnet.com/city/dept/eng/enghome.html.