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Public Works News Release

Status of Bishop Street Projects

While economic stimulus funds from the federal government are moving the City of Bishop Hanby Pavement project forward toward construction in the spring of 2010, the poor financial condition of the State of California is delaying other city street projects.

The Hanby Pavement project will reconstruct the pavement and replace water line on Hanby Avenue between Line Street and Pine Street. The project may also construct water line on May Street between Main and Hanby and on Hanby between Pine and Yaney. The pavement work is funded with federal economic stimulus or American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds. Economic stimulus funds were not available for the water line work so that work will be funded from the city water program. Pavement work on Hanby is expected to cost between \$300,000 and \$400,000. Water line work is expected to cost \$300,000 to \$500,000.

The city had planned to construct the road improvement project known as Project A this fall but, because the state did not provide funds for the construction on time and won't before next July, the earliest Project A can be constructed appears to be the fall of 2010. The \$1.3 million Project A will remove trees, reconstruct pavement, construct sidewalk, provide trees, and construct water and sewer lines on Third Street from Pine to Elm and on Short Street from Second to Third.

Funds for engineering of the next two street improvement projects, the West Pine Street Improvement project and the Sneden Street Improvement project, also won't be available until after July 2010. As a result, these two projects are each delayed about 1 year. The West Pine project is now expected to be constructed in 2011 and the Sneden project is expected to be constructed in 2012.

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