

Warren Street Improvements Project



What is it? A street project to reconstruct street pavement, improve drainage, provide continuous sidewalks.

What else does it include? Street trees, pedestrian lighting, seating areas or "pocket parks", improved overhead utilities, space for banners, art, and gatherings, pavement and concrete color and designs, and other "extra stuff" intended to make the street more pleasant to visit.

Where is it? The full length of Warren Street from South Street to north of Elm Street and on South, Lagoon, Church, Academy, Pine, and Elm between Warren and Main Street.

Why do it? The pavement is deteriorated, drainage is poor, and there aren't continuous pedestrian pathways, especially for the disabled.

Why include the "extra stuff"? The trees, pocket parks, and space for art adds a small cost to the project but should make Warren Street an attractive place to walk, shop, eat, attend an event, and own a business, improving the areas economy.

How much? \$4 million funded by state gas tax funds. Only \$2.4 million is available now, so the project may need to be shortened to match the money available.

How long will it last? The improvements should be in place for 75 to 100 years. We need to imagine what the street could look like far in the future and plan for that.

Why not Main Street? Traffic, especially truck traffic, and not enough room make it difficult and expensive to improve Main Street. In addition, Caltrans controls Main Street and determines what can and can't be done, generally with its own funding.

When will it be built? Construction is planned for the fall of 2014. It is possible the project would be delayed in an attempt to get more money for construction.

How do I learn more? Learn more at City Hall or on the city website www.ca-bishop.us. Go to Public Works page and look for street information.

How do I get involved? Contact City Hall 873-8458 publicworks@ca-bishop.us and get on the project email list. Attend public meetings or join the Focus Group that meets each month to work on the project.