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Public Works News Release

Warren Street Update

Final work is underway this month on the construction plans for the City of Bishop Warren Street Improvements project. Even though the plans are almost complete, construction of the first part of the project is not planned until early 2015.

Construction of the remainder of the project is expected in the next several years.

The Warren Street project will improve the full length of Warren Street with new pavement, curb, sidewalk, street trees, street lights, and other improvements. The blocks of South, Lagoon, Church, Academy, Pine, and Elm streets between Warren and Main are also included in the overall project. The project includes pocket parks, seating areas, colored concrete with designs, and shade trees. Other items such as sculpture, banners, archways, flower baskets hanging from street lights, bike racks, and a public restrooms will be added to the project later. These items are not funded with the money from the state to construct the project and so will have to wait until separate funding for them is identified. Continued community support will be essential for completing these parts of the project. Draft construction plans for the Warren Street project are available on the city website.

The aesthetics of overhead utilities has been a consideration for the project since the start. The elimination or the aesthetic improvement of the overhead utilities was planned as part of the project but the City of Bishop was unable to get the support needed from the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to make this happen. As a result, overhead utilities will be unchanged by the project.

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A requirement of the state gas tax funding for the Warren Street project is that plans be complete and submitted to Caltrans this month. Although the plans must be complete now, to avoid construction during the important summer and fall tourist seasons, construction is planned to start in late winter and be completed in the spring of 2015. This means that even though we have to have plans for the construction of the project complete now, construction of the project is probably about 10 months away.

There is not enough money available to construct the entire project at once. As a result, only the middle of the project, probably from Lagoon Street to Pine Street, can be constructed initially. The remaining blocks of the project will have to wait until additional money is available from the state, probably in 6 to 8 years time.

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