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## **Public Works News Release**

### **Warren Street Funded**

The California Transportation Commission allocated over \$2 million for the construction of the City of Bishop Warren Street Improvements project at their meeting 25 June. With funding now available, the construction of first phase of the project is expected to start late fall of 2014. After an expected winter break, construction is expected to resume and extend into May 2015, but be done before Mule Days.

The funds from the CTC are only enough to construct the first phase of the project. The first phase of the project will improve Warren Street between Line Street and Pine Street with new pavement, curb, sidewalk, street trees, street lights, and other improvements. The blocks of Church, Academy, and Pine between Warren and Main are also included. The rest of Warren Street will be completed in later phases of the overall project. Later phases of the project are expected to be constructed several years after the construction of the first phase.

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 later. These items are not funded with the money allocated by the CTC 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.

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With construction funds finally allocated to the project, it may be a good time to remember why the project is proposed for Warren Street rather than a street like Main Street. First, heavy traffic, especially increasing truck traffic, and not enough room makes it almost impossible to change Main Street much from how it is. Second, Caltrans controls Main Street and determines what can and can't be done, generally with its own funding. Warren Street is only a block away from Main Street, has relatively little traffic, is controlled by the City of Bishop and, over the 75 to 100 year life of the project's improvements, has a good potential for development into a vibrant street in downtown Bishop.

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