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Dunlap Boulevard Bridge Removal and Replacement Project - Phase 1

Over the last decade and a half, the City of Yucaipa has invested over \$40.9 million in funding for infrastructure improvements in the Dunlap area as part of the City's Dunlap Acres revitalization efforts. These investments have worked to address critical infrastructure and drainage needs in order to enhance the residents' quality of life as well as encourage economic development. Such projects include improvements to the Dunlap Channel, Avenue E storm drain, street and drainage improvements to Dunlap Boulevard, Safe Routes to School Side-Walk Projects, improvements to 14th Street, and several bridges. These types of projects have been prioritized to reduce the risk of flooding, improve traffic and pedestrian safety as well as facilitate long-term economic sustainability.

As the City continues to invest in these types of infrastructure improvements, the City is excited to announce the beginning of construction for the Dunlap Boulevard Bridge Removal and Replacement Project – Phase 1. The Dunlap Bridge is located between Live Oak Canyon Rd. and 14th Street, just north of I-10. However, due to updated requirements in hydrology and hydraulic the existing bridge no longer passes a 100-year storm event according to current Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) standards.



This bridge has several critical functions. First, the structure conveys storm water under Dunlap Boulevard from Wilson Creek which helps mitigate flooding in the surrounding area. Second, the bridge serves as a utility corridor for water, sewer, gas, and telecommunication facilities which serve the local area and the region. Finally, the new bridge will enhance access in the Dunlap area even during major storm events.

The project will be built in several phases. Phase 1 improvements include the construction of new bridge foundations, a new bridge crossing as well as protecting the integrity of the

existing bridge, utilities, and channel. The future proposed Phase 2 improvements will include the transfer of the existing utilities onto the new bridge, demolition of the old bridge and construction of channel improvements. The new structure will be approximately 5 feet higher and 20 feet longer. This larger bridge will not only increase the channel's ability to convey storm water but also remove a significant portion of the Dunlap Neighborhood from FEMA's designated 100-year floodplain/floodway map.

Additionally, the improvements will also support economic development as the bridge will serve as a third point of access between the Yucaipa Gateway Center and the ever-evolving commercial industrial corridor to the west in Yucaipa. This private development has already constructed a gas station, car wash, convenience store and is currently constructing a hotel.



“Our beautiful City is growing. Investments in our infrastructure not only encourage business development, it also significantly enhances the quality of life for our residents as new amenities and opportunities for shopping, working, and dining flourish within our community.” said Mayor David Avila.

The Dunlap Boulevard Bridge Removal and Replacement Project - Phase 1 work is anticipated to begin March of 2022.