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N. Santa Monica Blvd. Reconstruction Begins Jan. 11

Replacement of aging infrastructure starts on the west side of Beverly Hills

Beverly Hills, CA –The North Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction project breaks ground Jan. 11, 2017 on the western side of the City. The project, which will take approximately 18 months, includes rebuilding the roadway between Doheny Drive and Wilshire Boulevard, replacing century-old drainage and installing fiber optic cable and new street lighting.

The project will be built in east and west segments with four phases for each segment. The schedule is designed to minimize disruption to residents and businesses, particularly during the holiday season, and balance the need to keep traffic flowing with the desire to complete the project as quickly as possible.

Construction on the western segment, from Wilshire Boulevard to Alpine Drive, is scheduled to end before the 2017 holiday shopping season. The eastern segment, from Alpine Drive to Doheny Drive, will be built starting in late 2017 and last approximately nine months.

Throughout most of the project, four lanes of traffic will be open while work takes place in the curb lane and sidewalk areas. However, for about one-third of the project duration, while the roadway is removed and replaced, either two or three lanes will be open. During the phase when only two lanes are available, eastbound traffic will be detoured onto S. Santa Monica and Wilshire boulevards and the two lanes will be available for westbound traffic.

In order to facilitate traffic flow and access into the business triangle, the street parking along South Santa Monica Boulevard between Beverly Drive and Wilshire Boulevard will be temporarily removed. South Santa Monica Boulevard will be reconfigured to provide a

five lane cross-section (two lanes in each direction and a median left turn lane).

Traffic will be monitored throughout the construction period. In response to changes in traffic patterns, mitigation measures will be deployed to deter cut-through traffic in residential areas.

The project improvements include installing access ramps to ADA standards, new LED street lights, relocation and upgrade of traffic signals, fiber optics, widening and landscaping on the south side and installation of a bio-swale on the north side. Bioswales are landscaped elements that capture storm water runoff and remove pollutants and silt before the water is released into the watershed. This feature helps meet county requirements for reducing storm runoff and pollutants that flow into Santa Monica Bay.

Basic construction hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, with occasional night and weekend hours.

An extensive outreach program is underway to educate the community on the benefits of the project and how to negotiate streets during construction. Watch for mailers, social media messages, signage and notification of upcoming meetings.

The next community meetings are scheduled for Tue. Jan. 31, 2017:

Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce Board Room

8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.

9400 S. Santa Monica, Blvd. 2nd Floor

Free 2-hour parking in Beverly Cañon parking structure

City Hall Municipal Gallery

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

455 N. Rexford Dr.

Free 2-hour parking in Rexford parking structure

The website www.beverlyhills.org/smbldv will be updated continually and residents and businesses can sign up to receive emailed notifications through Ask Bev, www.beverlyhills.org/AskBev, or stay in touch via [www.Facebook.com/CityofBeverlyhills](https://www.facebook.com/CityofBeverlyhills) and [www.Twitter.com/CityofBevHills](https://www.twitter.com/CityofBevHills). In addition, the City can be reached via email smbldv@beverlyhills.org, the project helpline (424) 339-9033 or the Public Works Customer Service line (310) 285-2467.

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