

**City Council** 

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October 3, 2013

Subject: East End Ped/Bike and Streetscape Improvements Project, No. 014-9696

Dear Property Owners, Merchants, and/or Residents:

The City of Lafayette has awarded a construction contract to Gordon N. Ball, Inc. for the above project, which covers that portion of Mount Diablo Boulevard between First Street and Brown Avenue. Work consists of construction of new brick paver crosswalks; curb ramps; new median islands to include landscaping and decorative street lights; and installation of benches, and bike racks.

Work is scheduled to begin the week of October 7, 2013, with anticipated completion at the end of February 2014. Weekly updates of the project schedule will be posted on the City's web site at <a href="http://www.ci.lafayette.ca.us">http://www.ci.lafayette.ca.us</a> (select "Public Works & Construction" under the quick links on the Home page; then select "Capital Improvements Projects"; then select the East End Ped/Bike & Streetscape Improvements Project, Project Number 014-9696; and lastly select Weekly Project Update).

The work will require periodic closing of vehicle travel lanes and parking lanes, and implementing temporary sidewalk detours. In general, the working hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday with lane closures occurring after 8:30 a.m. However, these hours may be extended for certain phases of work to accelerate the construction schedule. Emergency vehicles will be provided access at all times, and the contractor is required to diligently maintain access to all businesses except for short durations when work will directly impact access at a specific location (e.g. removal and replacement of a driveway or sidewalk adjacent to a front door). The contractor is also required to keep existing parking spaces open and safe for public use to the extent allowed by on-going construction activity.

The contractor will take precautions to protect and adjust any private improvements that exist in the public right-of-way (typically the property line is in the order of 10' from the street curb). However, please contact me if you have any private improvements along the property frontage or in the existing sidewalk that may be inconspicuous or require special attention or protection.

The City and Gordon N. Ball, Inc. are anxious to complete this project with minimum delay and inconvenience to you. While the work is in progress, please lend us your cooperation and extra patience and be alert to equipment, workers, and traffic control. During construction, questions regarding the work may be directed to Fred Ackerman with Gordon N. Ball at (925) 838-5675, or I may be reached at (925) 284-1951. Again your patience and cooperation are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Farzaneh K. Sanders Senior Engineer