



FAQ's DURING Construction

1. Why were tree wells added in the street?

During community meetings leading up to the project, the public expressed concerns regarding street racing and speeding. These tree wells will function as a traffic calming element to address the public's concerns. The tree wells are in areas where existing parking is already in place and were placed to help define parking spaces. The tree wells also add landscaping opportunities to a corridor that has limited space on the sidewalk to add new trees. Roadway striping has been modified to allow more room for cars to travel adjacent to the tree wells.

2. Will high speed fiber be installed?

After hearing from the community, the City reached out to several communication companies and urged them to take advantage of our construction and install new infrastructure. To incentivize the companies to act quickly, the City offered to perform their final paving obligation with the South Main Project (already part of the project scope), resulting in major costs savings for the communication companies. Verizon Wireless agreed to participate and will now install over 2.5 miles of fiber throughout the corridor!

3. Will the existing striping be adjusted?

The City has removed the existing striping and has placed temporary striping where the final striping will be installed.

4. What do the red squares shown on the flyers represent?

The flyers that were handed out by our outreach team show red square on the street which represents the areas that will have intersection enhancements. These enhancements include concrete intersections, sidewalk extensions ("bulb-outs), string lighting, landscaping and irrigation.

Frequently Asked Questions

South Main Street Corridor



FAQ's Before the Start of Construction

Project Infrastructure

1. Will residential demolition occur?

No private-property acquisition or demolition is part of this project.

2. Will schools be affected?

Access to schools, businesses, and crossings will be maintained during construction. We will coordinate with schools.

3. Will there be street racing mitigation?

The new bulb-outs, curb extensions, and raised medians naturally slow the flow of traffic. We will coordinate with the Police Department.

4. Will bus services be re-routed?

OCTA provides bus services. Improvements at bus stops may require temporary relocation of the stops.

5. Are there preventive measures to reduce homeless sleeping on bus benches?

Bus shelters include benches with arm rests that prevent laying down.

6. Will dark fiber be laid while you have Main St. trenched and open?

AT&T currently has dark fiber along the project segment. We are coordinating with other carrier companies to possibly install additional dark fiber.

7. Are there exact locations of where the existing bus shelters will go in the City after being replaced by new ones?

The existing bus shelters will be relocated to various stops along Sunflower from Harbor to Main.

8. Who will cover the maintenance fee?

The Public Works Agency will be responsible for maintaining improvements in the public right-of-way.

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9. Will the Main Street historic sign be refreshed? Paint and lighting fixes?

Yes, the sign will be repainted black to match the other light posts and the lighting for the sign will be upgraded as well.

10. What segment will the stringed lighting be located?

The string lights will be located in the two focus areas (St. Andrew to Stanford and Chestnut to First).

11. Is there a plan to add additional parking spaces in front of the businesses along Main Street?

The plan is to delineate the parking spaces to better organize the space along the corridor. No additional spaces are proposed.

12. Will Cubbon Street be replaced near Aurora's Chorizo?

About 50 feet of Cubbon east of Main will be included in the project. Additional improvements to the streets in Pacific Park neighborhood are planned as early as FY 2024/2025.

13. Has a specific type of tree or trees been selected for areas that will get new street trees?

Crape Myrtle is proposed for the curb extensions and bulb-outs along the sidewalk, and Canary Island Pines are proposed in the raised medians.

14. Have you consulted with local residents, small business owners, or local organizations in regards to the needs of that area for purposes of active transportation and mobility, as well as what they believe are the street improvements that are most needed?

As described in previous meetings, there has been extensive outreach done during both the Vision Plan process and the lead-up to construction. Additionally, the community was engaged for the Safe Mobility Santa Ana (SMSA) study, Bike Master Plan, and the South Main Open Streets (SOMOS) event to determine the transportation and mobility needs of the area.

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Arts & Culture

15. Santa Ana is very rich in history and in culture. Is the project going to affect any of that?

Since the last meeting, community representatives met with Public Works to discuss the South Main Art Retail & Technology (SMART) Initiative. Additionally, CDA has already engaged with the arts community to paint cabinets along the corridor. Public Works will continue to coordinate with CDA and the Community as well as all appropriate committees to determine location and content of any future art installations or plazas.

Community Benefits Agreement

16. Will there be a community benefit agreement?

Community benefit agreements are typically provided as part of private development. This project is a public infrastructure project and it does provide extensive community benefits.

General

17. How can you share ideas about the project?

Contact the Public Works Agency Project Information Hotline at (714) 565-MAIN (6246).

Community Development

18. How will you ensure that small businesses are not economically impacted by the construction that will be done?

Public Works will be notifying businesses of construction and will make efforts to provide access to businesses during the construction to minimize economic impacts. Also, businesses may reach out to Economic Development staff to discuss business assistance, spotlights and marketing assistance during this time. Sylvia Vazquez, Economic Development Specialist may be reached at svazquez@santa-ana.org or 714-647-5445.

19. What protections are being put in place to help prevent gentrification and protect business owners that are currently on Main St.?

As this is a street improvement project, not a development project, gentrification impacts are not anticipated. Businesses that have concerns may contact the City of Santa Ana's Economic Development Department staff for resources and assistance. Sylvia Vazquez, Economic Development Specialist may be reached at svazquez@santa-ana.org or 714-647-5445.

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20. Will there be any compensation for loss of business?

There is no compensation for loss of business; however, businesses that are concerned with economic impacts are encouraged to work with the City's Economic Development. Sylvia Vazquez, Economic Development Specialist may be reached at svazquez@santa-ana.org or 714-647-5445.

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