



## **HISTORIC MURPHY AVENUE STREETScape AND UTILITY PROJECT** **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Q - Who is the general contractor?**

A - General contractor is Jos. J. Albanese. Contact information:  
Justin Duncan (Project Manager): 408-639-8890  
Ernie Zarate (Asst. PM) 408-210-7251

### **Q - Who can I contact at the City about the project?**

A - The City's project manager is Don Wimberly: 408-737-4951

### **Q - How long will the construction last?**

A - The project is tentatively scheduled to be completed in spring 2010.

### **Q - What changes will we see?**

A - The project will rebuild Murphy Avenue sidewalks and curbs, install a street pavement of architectural pavers as well as renovate utilities in Murphy Avenue and their connections to buildings. New street furnishings including gateway arches over the roadway at both ends of the 100 block will be provided. The existing trees will be preserved. The sidewalks on the south side of Evelyn Avenue between Frances Avenue and Sunnyvale Avenue and the north side of Washington Avenue between Sunnyvale Avenue and Frances Avenue will be replaced, street trees planted, and new street lights installed.

### **Q - What are the hours of construction?**

A - Generally, construction hours are 7:30 am to 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday. On occasions, work may occur outside these hours if utility outages are involved or the situation requires off hours. In such a case, affected property owners and tenants will be notified in advance.

### **Q - Will there be access to businesses at all times?**

A - The intent is to provide access to businesses at all times during the entire project. During the first phase of the street closure, all sidewalks will remain open. During the sidewalk construction phase, the street will be open to pedestrians. Bridges across construction areas will be provided by the contractor to maintain access.

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### **Q - What are the phases, what do they include and how long will each one last?**

A -The project phases are as follows:

**Phase 1:** Evelyn Avenue from Frances Avenue to Sunnyvale Avenue. Work started July 6, 2009 and most work will be completed by the end of September, 2009.

**Phase 2:** Murphy Avenue street area. Work will start the week of August 31 and continue into November, 2009.

**Phase 3:** Murphy Avenue sidewalk areas. Work is scheduled to start in November, 2009 and continue into February, 2010.

**Phase 4:** Work on the Frances Avenue parking lot and final work and cleanup throughout the project. Work is scheduled to take place in February and March, 2010.

Weather and unforeseen conditions, particularly with underground utilities can affect this planned schedule. Regular schedule updates will be provided.

### **Q - Will the City maintain ADA standards in the project area?**

A - In general, temporary facilities provided during construction will be designed to meet ADA standards. If special circumstances arise, the City will take measures to accommodate the special needs of anyone wishing to access the area.

### **Q - Will businesses still have outdoor dining?**

A - City staff and contractor will monitor the effect of work near outdoor dining areas. Outdoor dining will be available; however, there may be times when it will be removed. Staff is also working to continue to provide outdoor dining locations during the sidewalk construction phase. Safety of the public will be a primary concern.

### **Q - When the sidewalks close, how will the public be able to access the businesses?**

A -The sidewalks along Murphy Avenue will be closed during Phase Three. During the sidewalk closure, the contractor will provide pedestrian bridges to maintain access to all businesses and actively use doorways along Murphy from the street area that will be open to pedestrians. When safe, outdoor dining will be permitted in the street area during the period sidewalks are closed.

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### **Q - How will the construction workers access the project area?**

A - Construction traffic will access the Murphy Avenue project from the contractor yard using gates at both ends of Murphy Avenue. Access will change as needed depending on work area and type of work being performed.

### **Q - Will general contractor be removing all the trees or will they preserve them?**

A - Only one tree on Murphy Avenue is being removed due to its condition. It will be replaced. The existing trees along Evelyn Avenue and Washington Avenue are also being replaced.

### **Q - Will the City reuse any existing outdoor furniture/fixtures?**

A - Very few of the existing street furnishings will be reused. The tower clock and historic plaques are to be removed and replaced after utility construction. New raised planters pots, new newspaper racks, new bike racks, event power and sound-system wiring, retractable bollards at both ends of the street, and new benches are being provided.

### **Q - Who should I contact about work on or affecting my building?**

A - Please contact the City's project manager, Don Wimberly, regarding any work of the project that relates to your property. The Contractor can only take direction from Don Wimberly, who is the City Engineer's representative. The City will have two construction inspectors working on the job who can also take your requests and relay them to Don – Frank Tripiano and Charley Eckwall. During working hours Frank and Charley can be reached through the City's project administration office at 408-730-7605.

Any problems after hours can be reported to the City's non-emergency public safety dispatch at 408-730-7100.

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