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Sidewalk Beautification Continues



Photo Cathy Tyson

Although the project is a bit behind schedule, pedestrians are already enjoying the substantially complete streetscape project that is transforming downtown sidewalks. Starting from the Round Up Saloon, decorative brick pavers have been marching their way east along the south side of Mt. Diablo Boulevard and have made it to the corner of Mt. View Drive, home of Trader Joe's.

"Every construction project has its challenges, there've been quite a few rain days, but overall it's going well," said City Engineer Farzaneh Sanders. She commented that heavy equipment should disappear around early July, and that the entire project should be complete near the end of July.

Now the north side of the street is enjoying traffic barriers and heavy equipment. Between Pet Food Express and Wells Fargo Bank the base rock has been installed for the sidewalk and pavers are going down. Street lights are being installed between Dewing Avenue and Mountain View Drive.

Look for a variety of greenery including Scarlet Oak trees, Liquid Amber, Creeping Fig and Star Jasmine planted between Dewing Avenue and Mt. View Drive in strategically located cut-outs; the irrigation system is ready and waiting for plants. Planting will continue following paver placement throughout the project. Installation of a stone facade on the

short solid wall in front of Diablo Foods will commence shortly.

Approximately 80 percent of the cost of the project is funded by a federal grant which is administered by CalTrans.

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