



FACT SHEET

Old Town Elk Grove Improvement Project



What is this project?

In 1999, several years of community planning efforts culminated in the creation of the Old Town Elk Grove Boulevard Conceptual Master Plan. This plan was based on extensive input gathered through community workshops and other outreach efforts. Sacramento County was initially responsible for development of the master plan, but when Elk Grove was incorporated in 2000, the City took over.

Since then, the City has used community input gathered during the master plan process to identify and prioritize specific improvements that can be implemented with available funding sources. The result is the **Old Town Elk Grove Improvement Project**.

Currently, the City is preparing to implement a variety of improvements and beautification measures designed to achieve the following objectives:

- ◆ Revitalize Old Town – create economic opportunities for businesses
- ◆ Enhance a sense of community – make Old Town a vibrant meeting place and destination
- ◆ Create a pedestrian-friendly corridor to encourage shopping and dining
- ◆ Improve aesthetics and pedestrian safety
- ◆ Promote the rich history and charm of Old Town
- ◆ Provide a unified visual theme for Elk Grove Boulevard in Old Town
- ◆ Address traffic flow and access to area businesses and residences

Who is responsible?

The City of Elk Grove is responsible for the planning and construction of the improvements.

What improvements will take place in Old Town?

Planned improvements include:

- ◆ Decorative street lighting
- ◆ Off-street public parking and associated alleyway improvements
- ◆ Decorative pavement to replace existing sidewalks, curbs and gutters
- ◆ New water mains and fire hydrants to improve fire safety*
- ◆ Traffic-calming and safety measures, including “bulb-out” pedestrian crossings
- ◆ Upgraded railroad crossing signals
- ◆ Improved storm drainage system
- ◆ Traffic signal at School Street
- ◆ Roadway improvements, including repair, resurfacing and restriping to accommodate a center two-way turn lane, where possible

* Funded by Elk Grove Water Service

Why is this project being built?

The Old Town Elk Grove Improvement Project is the first step toward rejuvenating and preserving one of the oldest western settlements in the greater Sacramento region. The City of Elk Grove, in conjunction with Old Town merchants and residents, is committed to protecting the area's heritage and revitalizing Old Town to make it a more appealing destination for shoppers, diners and tourists.

How did the project come to be?

The project's specific improvements have evolved from the broader Old Town Elk Grove Boulevard Conceptual Master Plan, which was finalized in 1999 and developed cooperatively by the Old Town Merchants Association, public officials, planners, residents and community leaders.

How is the project funded?

The project is funded through a combination of city, state and federal funding mechanisms, as well as development fees.

What's next?

Construction of the road, sidewalk and landscaping improvements will begin in April 2005 and will is expected to be complete in November—before Thanksgiving. Construction will be performed in nine phases and traffic controls will be in place when workers are on site. To minimize public impacts, most of the work will take place at night.

Throughout construction, the city will communicate with impacted businesses and residents through direct mail, newspapers, door hangers, a project hotline, periodic e-mails and other methods. The city will also maintain a construction office in Old Town, although staff will be most available to answer questions at night. During the day, residents and businesses are encouraged to call the project hotline.

How can I get more information?

During construction of the Old Town Elk Grove Improvement Project, please call the City of Elk Grove's project hotline at (877) 577-0629 and a project team member will return your phone call within 24 hours. Also, visit the "Old Town Revitalization" section on the city's Web site at www.elkgrovecity.org.

