



Feb. 3, 2005 - Green Valley Rd. to become four lanes from EDH west

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The El Dorado County Department of Transportation is preparing to finish widening Green Valley Road from Francisco Drive to the El Dorado County-Sacramento County line.

Liz Diamond, director of the El Dorado County Transportation Department, said the county is in between phases on the project. She said the final phase should begin this summer, widening Green Valley Road to four lanes from Francisco Drive to the western edge of El Dorado County.

Bob Slater, deputy director of engineering for the county Department of Transportation, said the county should begin work on the project this construction season. He said he hopes it will be completed by the end of the year.

"It will take at least a construction season to build it, if not maybe more," Slater said.

He said the county is still working on some minor right-of-way issues along the road, but that these should not stop construction from beginning this year.

In addition to widening the road, the county will also install a traffic signal at the Brown's Ravine intersection. The road will also be restriped from Sophia Parkway to Francisco Drive.

The county is also scheduling other work for the Green Valley Road area of El Dorado Hills. According to a preliminary work schedule from January, the Department of Transportation will be looking at improvements to the intersection of Francisco Drive and Green Valley Road. The county is looking to place two new signals on Francisco Drive at the shopping center entrance and Village Green Drive, as well as adding an acceleration/deceleration lane on Green Valley Road.

In the future, the county is looking to replace the bridge on Green Valley Road that spans Tennessee Creek near the intersection of North Shingle Road and Green Valley Road. Preliminary design work has started on this project, which will be funded by the Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program.

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