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PEYTON DRIVE CORRIDOR PROJECT TO START MARCH 2nd “Peyton Drive, Another Route Might Be a Better Route!”

H & H Contractors, Inc., of Highland, will start staging equipment and supplies on Monday, March 2nd to begin work on the \$4.9 million project to construct the final phase of the Peyton Drive widening project between Chino Hills Parkway and Eucalyptus Avenue, and improvements to English Channel and Carbon Canyon Channel south of Eucalyptus Avenue.

The dirt lot on the southwest corner of Eucalyptus Avenue and Peyton Drive, used for overflow parking at Chino Hills Community Park, will be closed for the duration of the project. The contractor will begin construction of a bypass road through the dirt lot, to be used only when Peyton Drive must be closed. Construction of the curb, gutter, and new roadway in front of Chino Valley Community Church, on the east side of Peyton Drive, will also start early in the project. English Channel improvements on both sides of Peyton Drive, and construction of the Carbon Canyon Channel box culvert, will also be underway soon.

The contractor is required to maintain one lane of traffic in each direction at all times, unless otherwise approved by the City Engineer. In an effort to reduce the impact on morning school traffic, the contractor has been directed to make every effort to avoid encroaching into the travel lanes from 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. and after 3:30 p.m., unless absolutely necessary, and approved in advance. Normal working hours for the project are 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. No work will be done on weekends or holidays. Schedules and plans are subject to change due to emergencies,

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weather, and other factors. There may be periods of flagman-controlled traffic throughout the project. Motorists are encouraged to use another route, if possible, and expect delays.

Pedestrians, including children walking to school, will always have access to a walkway in the area. All pedestrians will be required to cross the streets at crosswalks.

Peyton Drive from Chino Hills Parkway to Eucalyptus Avenue will be widened to four lanes and curbs, gutters, sidewalks, medians, and streetlights will be constructed, and landscaping planted. Overall, the project will be underway for approximately 12-15 months and will affect travel on both Peyton Drive and Eucalyptus Avenue.

According to Community Services Director Jonathan Marshall, the City is sending information to various sports groups to get the word out to Chino Hills Community Park users that the project is set to begin.

If overflow parking is needed on Saturday, March 7th for Canyon Hills Little League Opening Day ceremonies, motorists will be directed to park at the Chino Hills Community Center, 14250 Peyton Drive or Litel Elementary School, 3425 Eucalyptus Avenue.

Signs have been posted along the route with the slogan, “Peyton Drive, Another Route Might Be a Better Route!” As the project proceeds, motorists should consider the benefits of using another route if their destination is not on the Peyton Drive corridor. Chino Hills Parkway or Grand Avenue provide an east/west alternative to Eucalyptus Avenue.

Several tools provide motorists with information about the project. The City website, www.chinohills.org/PeytonConstruction, includes a project description and a link to two webcams that provide a live view of the project area 24/7 so motorists can check traffic conditions. One view is of northbound Peyton Drive from Morningfield Drive, and the second camera view is a southbound view of the Peyton Drive / Eucalyptus Avenue intersection.

A new app, OxBlue Camera Viewer, is available and allows users to view the webcams from a smart phone, iPad, or tablet device. Links to the app and directions for use are available on the City website.

The City's E-Notify system will provide text or email alerts when new information is posted on the City website. To subscribe, visit www.chinohills.org/ENotify and select "Peyton Corridor Traffic Impacts." City TV3/41 channel 3 for Time Warner Cable Television Subscribers and channel 41 for Verizon subscribers will also include general information.

As the project proceeds, sports enthusiasts who visit Chino Hills Community Park are advised to travel from Chino Hills Parkway to Eucalyptus Avenue as their route to Chino Hills Community Park to avoid the Eucalyptus / Peyton intersection.

Funding for the Peyton corridor project will be provided through a combination of sources including local funds; a grant from the Federal Highway Administration; San Bernardino Associated Governments funding through Measure I, the half-cent sale tax approved by voters to fund transportation projects; San Bernardino County Flood Control District; Traffic Facilities Fee; Storm Drain Facilities Fee; and the Gas Tax. For additional information, please call (909) 364-2775.