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Major Local Transportation Improvement Projects to Begin

The City of Bakersfield will be engaging in several major roadway improvement projects over the summer and fall months as part of our ongoing Capital Improvement Program. Two of these street paving projects, **White Lane from Wible Road to Dovewood Street** (roadway reconstruction) and **Calloway Drive from Rosedale Highway to Meacham Road** (roadway resurfacing) will begin on Monday May 11, 2009. The project on Calloway Drive is estimated to be complete on July 13, 2009, and the project on White Lane is estimated to be complete on September 29, 2009.

During the construction of these projects, traffic will at times be reduced down to **one lane in each direction**. In addition, access to side streets and driveways will be closed only for the period of time that reconstruction is occurring at that intersection. Detours and alternate access points will be provided during these closure periods. This will result in traffic delays, so drivers are urged to use alternate routes.

Upcoming projects to be constructed during the summer and fall will include:

- Median Modification on Stockdale Highway from Village Lane to Wetherly Drive and from Country Club Entrance to Ashe Road;
- Roadway Reconstruction of White Lane from Gosford Road to Ashe Road;

The above referenced projects are being funded through State and Federal monies, which are specifically designated for transportation projects only.

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In addition, the City will be able to construct the following projects this year with funding from the Federal economic stimulus program, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

- Roadway Reconstruction of Mount Vernon Avenue from Highway 178 to University Avenue;
- Roadway Reconstruction of Wilson Road from White Lane to Planz Road;
- Roadway Reconstruction of Hughes Lane from White Lane to Planz Road;
- Roadway Reconstruction of Wible Road from White Lane to Pacheco Road;
- Roadway Reconstruction of Ashe Road from White Lane to Ming Avenue

More information on the scheduling of the upcoming projects will be forthcoming.

Motorists are urged to use caution in the vicinity of the construction projects and to take alternate routes to avoid traffic delays. We apologize for any inconvenience caused during the road improvement projects.

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