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COUNCIL APPROVES DOWNTOWN STREET IMPROVEMENTS *Old Stanley Boulevard Improvements Part of Downtown Specific Plan*

PLEASANTON, *Calif.* — The City Council voted unanimously last night to move forward with the reconstruction and renovation of Old Stanley Boulevard, as specified in the 2002 Downtown Specific Plan, which provided guidelines for preserving and enhancing the 308-acre downtown area in Pleasanton. The more than \$7 million project awarded to Ghilotti Construction Company, Inc. will underground the overhead utilities on Stanley Boulevard between Main and First Streets, followed by the complete reconstruction of the street.

“The project, once delayed due to the economic downturn, is now in full swing and while there will be some temporary traffic disruptions over the summer months, the end result will be well worth it,” said Steve Kirkpatrick, Director of Engineering for the City of Pleasanton.

The multi-faceted project will incorporate new design features that will greatly improve the overall aesthetics and create new bicycle lanes and sidewalks for pedestrians in order to comply with Pleasanton’s Complete Streets Program, which ensures that all new road construction and reconstruction projects integrate pedestrian and bicycle paths to encourage alternative modes of transportation.

In addition to creating sidewalks and bicycle lanes in accordance with the Complete Streets Program, the city will also be installing new curbs and gutters to comply with storm water pollution prevention requirements. There will be parallel parking, decorative streetlights using energy-efficient LED light fixtures, and drought-tolerant landscaping will be incorporated as part of the overall improvements. All overhead electric utilities will also be placed underground conduits, thereby eliminating the current electric utility poles and wires.

Construction is set to begin in the early part of June and during first two months of summer, Old Stanley Blvd. will be closed to through traffic, though access will be maintained to business and residents. It is anticipated that the project will take approximately one year to complete.

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