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UPPER LAKE MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY;

MAIN STREET BUSINESSES OPEN DURING CONSTRUCTION

UPPER LAKE, CA — Lake County Redevelopment Agency officials report the long-anticipated improvements to Main Street in Upper Lake are beginning this week and businesses along Main Street will remain open for business during the project.

The scope of the improvements includes under-grounding of utilities; curb, gutter, and sidewalk improvements; installation of decorative streetlights; reconstruction of Main Street; and the installation of a welcoming gateway arch across Main Street at the entrance from Highway 20. The sidewalk upgrades will include bulb-outs at intersections and will be formed from decorative stamped concrete. Several concrete design options are available, and the public will be given an opportunity to vote on their favorite.

Improvements will be made to both sides of Main Street from the intersection at Highway 20 to the intersection at Second Street.

County Administrative Officer and Redevelopment Director Kelly Cox said, “While we are excited about the project, we understand the disruption this places on the businesses along Main Street. We encourage all Lake County residents to support the local economy and patronize these businesses during the construction period.”

Although the improvements will be ongoing over the next several months, it is anticipated full closure of Main Street will encompass just 12 days. Traffic control on Main Street will begin on Monday, June 29, and will remain in effect over the course of the project.

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According to Deputy Redevelopment Director Eric Seely, "Traffic control and signage are important components of the project as these will enable residents and patrons to continue to easily access downtown businesses during construction."

Updates regarding the timing of street closures and alternative parking locations will be made available as the project progresses.

Funding for the project is provided by the Lake County Redevelopment Agency, which has contracted with Argonaut Constructors for the project at a cost of under \$1.3 million.

Cox said, "Once this project is completed, Upper Lake will still have its pioneer charm, but it will be more visible from the highway and the shops will be more accessible to customers and business owners."

"It will be a great place to go for a stroll and enjoy shopping, dining, and special events," Cox said.

For more information about the project, contact the Lake County Redevelopment Agency at (707) 263-2580.

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