

CITY OF COMMERCE
SLAUSON AVENUE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT AND TREE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
CONSTRUCTION NOTICE
June 22, 2016

The City of Commerce will remove and reconstruct the sidewalks along Slauson Avenue from the I-710 freeway (west city limit) to the I-5 freeway (east city limit). Please see map (work area highlighted in green).

The sidewalk construction work will remove existing trees that are uplifting and damaging the sidewalks, will install new trees, and will replace broken and uplifted sidewalks.

Construction work will begin on July 5, 2016.

During construction, certain lanes may be temporarily closed to allow sufficient room for construction and for public safety. These lane closures will be limited to areas where construction is taking place.

For questions, information and updates, please contact Public Works → 323-887-4451.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

LA CIUDAD DE COMMERCE
PROYECTO PARA LA MEJORA DE LAS BANQUETAS (ACERAS) Y
EL REEMPLAZO DE ÁRBOLES A LO LARGO DE AVENIDA SLAUSON
NOTICIA DE CONSTRUCCIÓN
El 22 de junio de 2016

La Ciudad de Commerce removerá y reconstruirá las banquetas (aceras) a lo largo de Avenida Slauson desde la carretera I-710 (límite del oeste) hasta la carretera I-5 (límite del este). Refiérase el mapa (el área del trabajo está subrayado en verde).

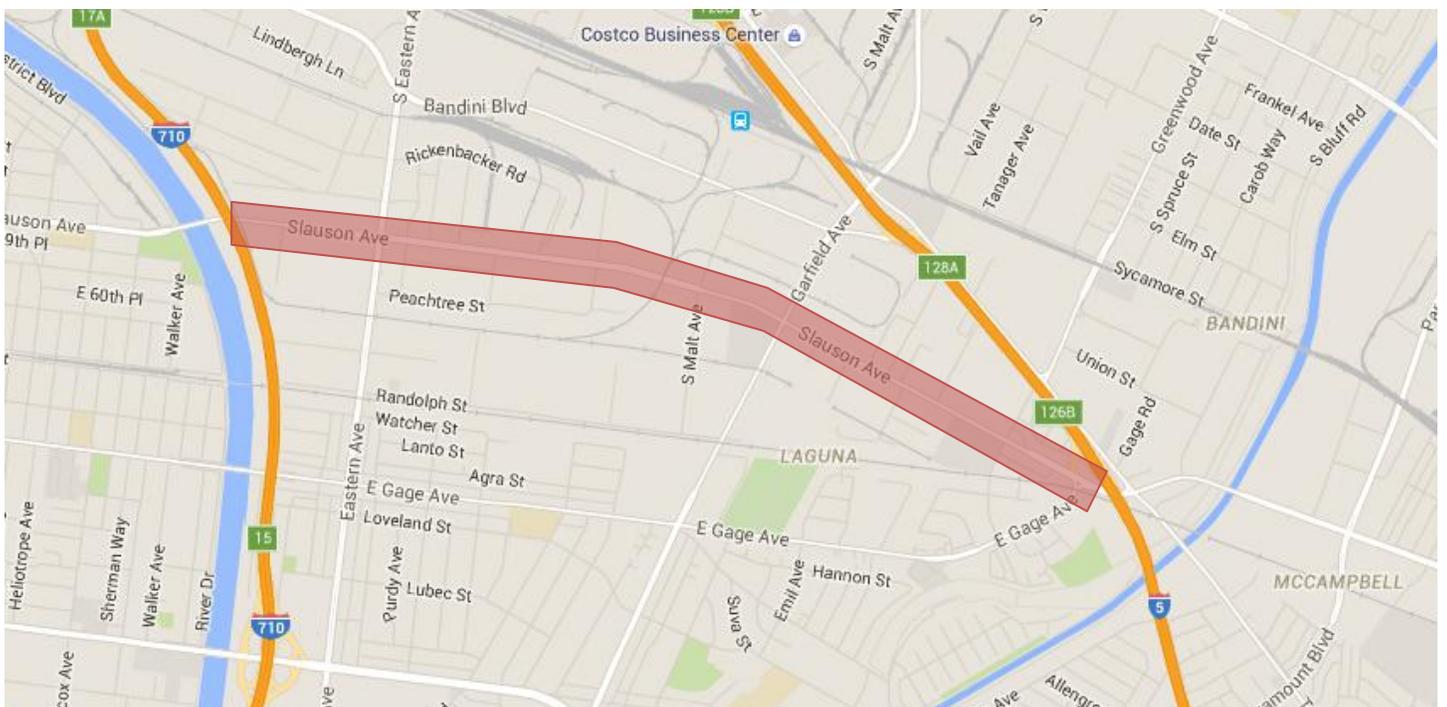
La construcción de las banquetas removerá los árboles existentes cuyos raíces están levantando y están dañando las banquetas, plantará los árboles nuevos, y reemplazará banquetas rotas y levantadas.

La construcción empezará el 5 de julio de 2016.

Durante la construcción, varios carriles pueden que temporalmente están cerrados para que permita espacio suficiente para la construcción y para la seguridad del público. Estos cierres de los carriles serán restringidos a los áreas donde ocurre la construcción.

Si hay preguntas o si quiere conseguir más información y noticias sucesivas, favor de llamar al departamento de Obras Públicas → 323-887-4451.

Apreciamos de verdad su cooperación y tolerancia.



Frequently Asked Questions

What is concrete?

Concrete is a mixture of rocks, sand, cement and water and can last for an indefinite amount of years. It is placed wet into forms that hold its final desired shape temporarily until it dries and hardens. The purpose of the concrete is to provide a new long-lasting surface and provide a water containing barrier for storm water that doesn't erode as easily as asphalt. In simple terms, concrete is a long-lasting product that keeps ongoing maintenance costs down.

Why are there dark discolored areas in the new concrete?

Concrete has a dark greenish-grey color soon after water is added to the cement, rock, and sand mixture. This darker color is because of the water in the mix. Once the water fully evaporates out of the concrete, it turns to a light grey evenly through. This process is referred to as the concrete's "cure" or "curing". Depending upon weather conditions, the water in the concrete takes longer to evaporate but eventually all of it does. Concrete only fully reaches its full strength about a month after it is mixed, but it is more than strong enough to walk on after a few days.

Why does the concrete sidewalk have a sandpaper feel to it? Can't the surface be smoother?

The roughening is done on purpose to provide a slip-resistant surface. It is called a "light-broom finish". Concrete can be worked to provide a smoother surface, but it can become slippery when water touches it.

Why are there straight lines scored in the sidewalk panels? Why isn't it continuous all the way through?

Concrete has a tendency to form minor cracks on its own. This does not make the concrete weak or unsafe. To avoid these cracks from happening at random, long dimensions of concrete are marked in repeating lengths to encourage the concrete to naturally crack there. This provides a more consistent appearance and future ease of repair.

Why can I see hairline cracks in the concrete?

Despite the purposely scored lines, sometimes concrete cracks elsewhere along its surface. These cracks do not affect the concrete's strength or purpose. It is merely an aesthetic blemish that does not warrant replacement.

What is the process of the concrete project?

The concrete project will be completed in three phases. First, trees that have been causing recurring damage, such as cracking, lifting and moving concrete, will be removed. Second, damaged concrete will be removed and the surface underneath will be prepared for new concrete. Third, new concrete will be poured and cured.

What precautions should I take once concrete has been placed?

Although a sidewalk may be opened to pedestrian access after the concrete is placed, it actually takes about a month for the concrete to completely cure. Because of this, we request that you exercise caution when moving over the concrete during this time. Please do not drag objects that may have sharp points or are particularly heavy over the newly placed concrete. Once the concrete obtains a consistently light grey color, such precautions are not needed.