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PERSHING AVENUE  
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT



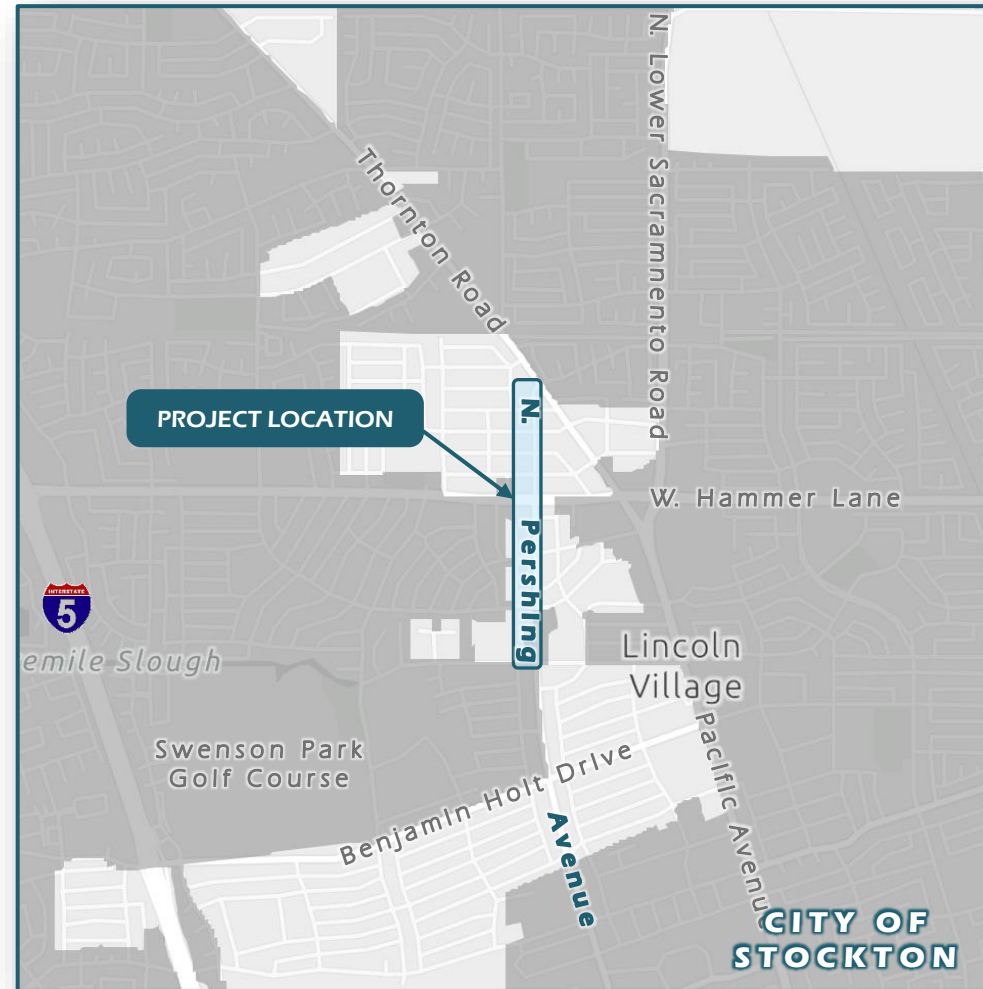
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A critical north-south corridor, Pershing Avenue serves nearly 18,000 vehicles per day. The portions of Pershing Avenue located in an unincorporated portion of San Joaquin County are lined by low-density residential land uses. This unincorporated island is surrounded by the City of Stockton. Given the significance of this corridor, the City of Stockton previously widened their segments to include a four-lane facility that would accommodate anticipated traffic increases and operational needs.

For years, the two-lane facility within the unincorporated County experienced significant congestion. Prior to widening the roadway, San Joaquin County commissioned a study to engage the community in the process of determining the most appropriate improvements.

The resulting Pershing Avenue Improvement Project provides a balanced and progressive approach to addressing traffic operational needs while preserving the residential nature of the corridor through the implementation of context sensitive complete streets elements.



Project Location Map

San Joaquin County worked collaboratively with the City of Stockton to deliver improvements to mitigate the existing congestion, accommodate future traffic demands, and provide complete streets improvements along an approximately 3/4 mile segment of Pershing Avenue.

The Pershing Avenue Improvement Project included the widening of the roadway to include a two-way left turn lane, over 8,000 feet of sidewalks, and 3,500 feet of Class IV buffered bike lanes.

In addition, enhanced storm drainage facilities were installed to improve drainage conditions and minimize localized standing water during storm events. In response to concerns raised by the community, traffic calming elements, including real-time remote monitored radar speed feedback signs were installed throughout the corridor to reduce vehicular speeds, enhance safety and support enforcement activities.



The construction management team worked closely together to develop a thorough and responsive public outreach strategy that focused on utilizing both print and digital technologies to keep local residents, neighborhood schools, and other stakeholders abreast of construction activities. Public engagement strategies included direct mailers, public meetings, subscriptions services, social media, and a dedicated website for project-related information.

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# ROAD CLOSURE

**PERSHING AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTION STARTING MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

The Pershing Avenue Improvements project will improve safety, traffic operations, air quality, and roadway drainage by providing:

- A center two-way-left-turn-lane to allow for safer turning movements into driveways and relieve traffic queue.
- Pedestrian sidewalks, providing safer routes to schools and local points of interest.
- A storm drainage system to capture roadway runoff.

**MAY 2- SEPT. 30**

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## VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION OF PERSHING AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS (MEADOW AVENUE TO THORNTON ROAD)

Join us on February 24, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.  
Register in advance at: [tinyurl.com/RegisterPershing](https://tinyurl.com/RegisterPershing)

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The LIVE on-line presentation will provide a general overview of the project and answer your questions.

For specific questions regarding how the construction may affect your property frontage, please schedule an appointment by contacting Project Engineer Cyprus Sommer at [csommer@sjgov.org](mailto:csommer@sjgov.org) or 209-468-8919.

For any questions regarding the upcoming presentation, please contact Cyprus Sommer.

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The Project's website was a clearinghouse for all things related to the project, including the status of construction. Visitors could view social media updates, project status photos, and subscribe to receive updates and notifications.

### Frequently Asked Questions

When will construction begin and end?  
Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in July 2021 and be completed by mid-December 2021. Construction activities will be performed Monday through Friday, from 7 am to 7 pm, with occasional work on the weekends.

Will I continue to have access along Pershing Avenue during construction?  
Yes, residents within the project limits will be provided access at all times. Access to driveways will be maintained with minimal interruption.

Through traffic will be detoured around the project limits. Detour signage will be posted prior to the start of construction.

Will trash pickup and delivery of goods and services continue during construction?  
Yes, the hired contractor will coordinate with service providers to ensure services remain uninterrupted.

Will utility services continue to be provided during construction?  
Yes, utility services will continue to be provided during construction with minimal interruption. Residents will be notified in advance of any scheduled work that may affect utility services.

Who do I contact if I have questions during construction or after business hours?  
Prior to the start of construction, contact information of construction project managers/personnel will be provided to residents.

Additional FAQs will be posted on-line. A follow-up preconstruction public informational meeting will be provided by the hired contractor and Public Works staff.

Meadow Avenue to Hammer Lane\*

Hammer Lane to Thornton Road\*  
\*Conceptual Depiction - Not Actual Project Plans

The community expressed a strong desire to preserve an existing heritage oak tree located less than 10' from the existing edge of pavement. The Public Works design team worked closely with an arborist to develop a design and construction techniques that would allow for the tree to remain post construction.



During construction, the project team coordinated with the arborist to monitor excavation activities and determine if adjustments to the design were warranted. This collaboration resulted in further design refinements including further reduction of the shoulder width, shallower excavations to minimize root damage, and installation of a porous concrete sidewalk.

As construction began, the City of Stockton and County recognized an opportunity to improve pedestrian connectivity for students attending nearby schools. An approximately 900' sidewalk gap existed just south of County project, within the City of Stockton's jurisdiction.

The agencies worked quickly to present a cooperative agreement to their respective governing boards during construction for the extension of the sidewalk. This expeditious collaboration allowed for the work to be completed as part of the construction contract and only extended the contract by two weeks.



*Years of planning and collaboration have resulted in the community's concept becoming a reality. The improved roadway will provide a safer and more convenient means of transportation for area residents and the traveling public."*

*Former San Joaquin County District 2 Supervisor Kathy Miller*

*"Thank you! We are happy to have this sidewalk in place."*

*Lincoln Unified School District Superintendent  
Kelly Dextraze*

## PROJECT TIMELINE



The \$5M construction contract finished within the allotted schedule and with \$300,000 in remaining budget.

By decreasing unnecessary delays that worsen air quality and trigger negative economic consequences, the project enhanced livability and sustainability by reducing congestion, increasing safety and providing much needed active transportation to a thriving residential community.







Pre-Construction



Post-Construction













