CESAR CHAVEZ
SEWER AND STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS
Fact Sheet

1. **BACKGROUND:**

After several years of coordination, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and the San Francisco Department of Public Works (DPW) are taking the lead in implementing various sewer and streetscape improvements on the Cesar Chavez corridor. These improvements will be implemented through two phases of construction: ***Phase 1 "Sewer Improvements"*** and ***Phase 2 "Streetscape Improvements."*** Details of each phase are described in this fact sheet. The two phases of construction work will be led by the SFWPS and DPW, and are coordinated between other City agencies, including the Planning Department (Planning), and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA).

2. CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

Phase 1, Sewer Improvements:

Phase 1 construction work is part of the SFPUC's Wastewater Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and is intended to provide area-wide improvements to the existing sewer system in the Mission District and lower Bernal Heights area in San Francisco. The construction project will increase reliability of the combined sewer system and minimize potential flooding in the area. In addition to the Phase 1 sewer work, low impact design (LID) features will be used to increase the ecological function of the streetscape and decrease the rate and volume of stormwater entering the combined sewer. Although LID is part of the stormwater infrastructure for the project, because it involves surface improvements, it will be a part of Phase 2, described below.

Phase 2, Streetscape Improvements:

Phase 2 construction work will ensure that a safe, gracious, inviting, and ecologically sustainable Cesar Chavez Street emerges as a focal point for one of San Francisco's most vibrant neighborhoods. Building off of the work being conducted by the SFPUC, Cesar Chavez Street will be reconstructed to align with the community-developed vision for the corridor. The goals are to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety, enhance greening, promote ecology function, and make the street work better for all users. To do this, the streetscape project will widen the existing median to allow for many more street trees and landscaping, provide left turn pockets for turning vehicles, widen the sidewalk at the corners, install stormwater planters that will add green landscaping pockets and provide for stormwater management, and upgrade the street lighting along the corridor to LED, which will provide a brighter, whiter light while reducing energy consumption. LID features such as pervious paving and bioretention integrated into bulbouts will also be part of the street design. This design strategy fuses infrastructure with urban design, allowing the streetscape to become part of the solution to drainage problems while also contributing to the quality of the public realm.

3. WHERE WILL THIS PROJECT TAKE PLACE?

Phase 1, Sewer Improvements – Sewer installation, replacement and rehabilitation work will take place at the following locations:

- Cesar Chavez – from Hampshire Street to San Jose Avenue
- Harrison Street – from Cesar Chavez Street to 26th Street
- Valencia Street – from Cesar Chavez Street to Mission Street
- Fair Avenue – from Mission Street to Coleridge Street
- Coleridge Street – from Fair Avenue to Coso Avenue
- Coso Avenue at Coleridge Street

Phase 2, Streetscape Improvements –Streetscape improvement work will take place along the entire Cesar Chavez corridor from Hampshire Street to Guerrero Street.

4. WHEN WILL CONSTRUCTION START? HOW LONG WILL IT LAST?

Phase 1, Sewer Improvements – Construction work on the sewer improvements (Phase 1) is currently underway, and is estimated to last 15 months, pending weather conditions.

Phase 2, Streetscape Improvements – This work is tentatively scheduled to start in Summer 2012, and is estimated to last 9 months, and is contingent upon the completion of Phase 1 work and weather conditions.

Construction work for both phases on Cesar Chavez Street will be coordinated. As the construction of Phase 1 Sewer Improvement work completes approximately 6 blocks of sewer installation and rehabilitation work on Cesar Chavez Street, Phase 2 Streetscape Improvement work will begin. The two phases of work will be timed back-to-back in an effort to minimize construction duration and disruption to the community.

Total duration for both phases is estimated to be 24 months, pending weather conditions, contracting and environmental approvals.

Work schedules will vary, depending on work location and the desire to minimize transportation and community impacts. Once contractors are selected, a more detailed work schedule will be provided.

5. WHAT TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK SHOULD I EXPECT?

Phase 1 includes open-cut excavation work along the project streets listed in item 3 above. This work includes installation of a new 5-foot to 8-foot diameter sewer pipes on Cesar Chavez Street and some 2-foot to 4-foot diameter sewer pipes on other streets. Heavy construction equipment will be on-site, with two lanes of traffic in each direction provided at all times.

Phase 2 includes construction of widened center median, widening of sidewalks at corners, irrigation, landscaping, lighting upgrades, street tree planting and roadway resurfacing.

6. DURING CONSTRUCTION: WILL OUR SEWER SERVICE BE INTERRUPTED?

Sewer service in the area will NOT be interrupted during construction.

7. HOW WILL TRAFFIC AND PARKING BE IMPACTED?

In order to perform the work, the goal is to provide two-lanes of traffic in each direction throughout most phases of construction. A detailed notice on work schedule, hours, street parking restrictions, traffic impact and road closures, as well as contact information during construction will be distributed throughout the work area prior to construction. “No parking” signs will be posted in advance if necessary. Driveway access will be available at all times during construction unless you are otherwise notified. In the event driveway access becomes unavailable, we will work closely with residents of those buildings and ensure they have reserved parking spaces on the streets nearby for their vehicles throughout the time while access to their driveway is unavailable.

8. HOW IS THIS PROJECT FUNDED?

Phase 1 of this project is made possible through your wastewater service charges as well as federal funds.

Phase 2 of this project is made possible through a variety of funding sources, including: ******* Federal transportation dollars from the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act *** US EPA *** California Department Housing and Community Development*****Prop 84 Urban Greening Grant.

9. PROJECT CONTACT INFORMATION

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PHASE 2, Streetscape Improvement – Public inquiries should be directed to Cristina Olea at the San Francisco Department of Public Works (SFDPW), Project Management Group at Cristina.C.Olea@sfdpw.org or 415-558-4004.