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ROADWORK

SOUTH MAIN STREET REPAIRS WILL BEGIN



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Cars in Red Bluff travel South Main Street Wednesday.

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REDBLUFF » Those bemoaning the state of Red Bluff's roads will have something to look forward to as the city is gearing up to start fixing South Main Street in the coming months.

Assistant Public Works Director Scott Miller said the city expects to start the South Main Street rehabilitation project during the late spring or early summer. This project includes cold planing and placing rubberized stress absorbing

membrane interlayer and rubberized hot mix asphalt from the intersections with Luther Road to Elm Street. Additional work includes replacing non Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant curb ramps with compliant ramps, pedestrian push buttons at signals, new detector loops at signals and striping.

Most of the construction will take place Monday through Friday, starting early morning and proceeding throughout the afternoon. Miller said there might be occasional night work to expedite the project and reduce the impact

on traffic.

No route diverting detours are being proposed with the project. Miller said the contractor is required to keep one lane open in each direction of travel during construction. At the same time, at least one access will remain open at business driveways when possible.

"Should the business have one access, the contractor will coordinate with the business about when and how the closure can be mitigated," Miller said. "Drivers are welcome to voluntarily reroute their travel to avoid the construction activities

and any subsequent delays that may be experienced."

The project has been allotted 60 days for completion.

The City Council Tuesday night awarded Knife River Construction, of Chico, the contract for \$3,260,071.

Miller said the city would be coordinating with the contractor to establish the final construction schedule during the contract finalization and execution.

The city will release more information about the project once the contract is finalized and closer to the start of construction.

ROADS

Caltrans clears vegetation for I-5 safety project

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REDBLUFF » Those fallen trees commuters see while traveling along Interstate 5 just north of Red Bluff are the first steps of a larger project underway by Caltrans to improve the safety of the freeway.

Known as the Tehama 5 CRZ Project, this undertaking seeks to improve the clear recovery zone of the road and remove obstacles to allow drivers to recover and return to the highway when they leave the roadway.

The project area will be from the Nine Mile Hill over-crossing to just north of the Bowman Road over-crossing in between Cottonwood and Red Bluff.

The project's scope

includes grading the nearby slopes, removing fixed objects from the clear recovery zone, widening the left shoulder to 10 feet where there is a third southbound lane and some drainage work.

Construction will begin sometime in April, depending on the amount of rain Tehama County receives.

Caltrans Public Information Officer Kurt Villavicencio said the project has an estimated 90 working days, with 45 requiring light traffic control. There is not a specific start or finish date yet.

Trees and other vegetation were removed in the planned construction area. Caltrans is looking at planting vegetation in locations that do not have the potential to create a hazard for the traveling public.



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Caltrans has removed several trees for an upcoming project on Interstate-5.

TEHAMA

County honors day for women

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REDBLUFF » Clinic Managers Gloria Barreto and Maria Barreto, of Women's Health Specialists, asked the Tehama County Board of Supervisors Tuesday recognize March 8 as International Women's Day.

According to the proclamation adopted by the board, International Women's Day is a time to pay respect to all women from different cultures and populations, to celebrate their contributions to the culture of diversity, innovation and resilience.

"Today marks the 111th International Women's Day and we are pleased to celebrate the important economic, political and social achievements of women around the world," Barreto said. "It is important to us because we are dedicated to promoting equity and justice and continue to work on addressing the systemic and structural oppression that perpetuate inequality."

This year marks the first time the county has officially recognized International Women's Day. The theme for this year is "Break the Bias."

Senior Director of Community Engagement Melody Proebstel came to show her support for the proclamation on behalf of United Way of Northern California.

"So many community members face bias every day based on gender, sexuality, ethnic origins, languages, spoken and many other identities," Proebstel said. "It is key that we raise awareness of implicit bias and prejudices that negatively impact opportunities for so many."

International Women's Day was first established on March 19 in 1911, but was first celebrated on March 8 in 1914.

According to board Chairwoman Candy Carlson, numerous Northern California organizations backed the creation of the proclamation within a 24-hour period, including First 5 Tehama, Tehama Together and United Way.

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POLITICS

Special US House election will fill term of Trump ally Nunes

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LOS ANGELES » Former California U.S. Rep. Devin Nunes' resignation to lead Donald Trump's media company has left his one-time constituents with an odd special election: Voters will select someone to complete the remaining months of his term in a district that will disappear next year.

The election next month in the Republican-leaning 22nd District in the state's Central Valley is largely an afterthought as national Republicans and Democrats focus on November elections that will determine control of Congress in 2023.

About a half-dozen of the key House races are in California. Such contests are a rarity in

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RED BLUFF GARDEN CLUB

The crowning glory of dogwood plants

Colette Inman writes a column on her experience with the dogwood (cornus) native to the Pacific Northwest. PAGE A3



NFL

49ers won't accept that Garoppolo won't trade

The 49ers' plan to trade Jimmy Garoppolo is doomed from the start as other teams just aren't interested. PAGE B1

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▲ S&P 500 4,357.86. (+95.41)
▲ Nasdaq 13,436.55. (+487.93)

GOOD MORNING!

Have a great day, Christopher Louissell!

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