

Thomas Roads Improvement Program

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City Council awards contract to build Mohawk Street Extension

The Bakersfield City Council has awarded a \$27.7 million construction contract to Security Paving Company to build the Mohawk Street Extension. The project is the first phase of the Westside Parkway Project and will extend Mohawk Street from Rosedale Highway to Truxtun Avenue.

The new 1.2 mile, six-lane road will provide local residents with an additional north-south crossing over the Kern River. The project also includes bridge structures over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway and the future Westside Parkway, and provides for the on and off ramp connections to the future Westside Parkway.

The project is funded through the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). In August, the California Transportation Commission authorized \$133 million for the construction of Phases 1 and 2 of the Westside Parkway. Phase 1 – Mohawk Street Extension – is anticipated to begin construction in January 2009. The City plans to advertise Phase 2, which begins the east-west portion of the Parkway, in mid-December. Construction is expected to begin on the second phase in mid-2009.

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