

## Thomas Roads Improvement Program

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### Commuter Alert

#### Truxtun Avenue at Mohawk Street and Kern River Parkway Bike Path

Security Paving Company (SPC), the contractor for the Mohawk Street Extension project, plans to work on the installation of a water pipeline near Truxtun Avenue and Mohawk Street on Thursday, November 12, 2009. The work will require a temporary detour on the Kern River bike path to cut the trench for the pipeline.

Bike path users may continue to cross through the work zone by diverting off the bike path and crossing through the grassy area of the park. Signage will be posted on the bike path in advance of the construction zone and people crossing through the construction zone should remain alert to construction personnel and equipment. It is anticipated that the bike path will be repaired and returned to use the same day (November 12).

Construction on the pipeline, which ties in at Truxtun Avenue, is expected to continue for about a week in the vicinity of the park. The contractor plans to access the construction zone from Truxtun Avenue, so motorists should also remain alert to construction personnel and equipment entering and leaving the site.

A long-term paved detour for the bike path will be constructed in mid-2010. This will allow the bike path to remain open while more extensive construction work is performed. Ultimately, the bike path will be realigned in conjunction with the Mohawk Street Extension project (along with the Hoey jogging trail and equestrian trail, which are currently closed due to heavy construction activities).

The City of Bakersfield and the Thomas Roads Improvement Program (TRIP) appreciate the patience and understanding of trail users and motorists during construction.

The Mohawk Street project is the first phase of the Westside Parkway. The new 1.2 mile roadway will offer three lanes in each direction from Rosedale Highway to Truxtun Avenue. The project includes bridges over the Kern River, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, and an interchange at the future Westside Parkway.

For current construction information, please visit [www.bakersfieldfreeways.us](http://www.bakersfieldfreeways.us).

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