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**North Main Street Bike Lanes and Street Improvements Project Starts Soon
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Portions of North Main Street will have traffic and pedestrian restrictions during the construction of street improvements between Atascadero Road (Hwy 41) and Yerba Buena Street. Work will start on Monday, October 4 and is scheduled to be completed by mid-November. Planned improvements include the addition of bike lanes on both sides of the street, construction of sidewalks and handicap ramps, pavement rehabilitation, and restriping of the street. Businesses will remain open and accessible at all times during construction.

The general contractor is CalPortland of Santa Maria who was awarded the \$432,117 contract on August 23 by the City Council. Local Morro Bay contractor, Williams Engineering, will be responsible for all concrete work as a subcontractor. Most of the funding for this project comes as a grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

The demolition and reconstruction of a number of handicap ramps between Sequoia and Vashon Streets will be the first order of business, followed by construction of new sidewalks in the same vicinity. Though vehicle traffic will remain open, many sidewalks will be temporarily closed. Pedestrians are encouraged to use Tide Ave. during the month of October. Pavement overlay or slurry seal will take place along the entire route in late October to be followed by restriping of traffic and bicycle lanes.

The finished project will give a new look to the two-mile section of North Main, with benefits for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. Motorists will appreciate the smooth ride of the resurfaced pavement and high visibility of fresh thermoplastic striping. Cyclists will welcome the added safety of marked lanes in both directions. Pedestrians of all abilities will appreciate the uninterrupted sidewalk and easy to use ramps along the east side of the street between San Jacinto and Yerba Buena.

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