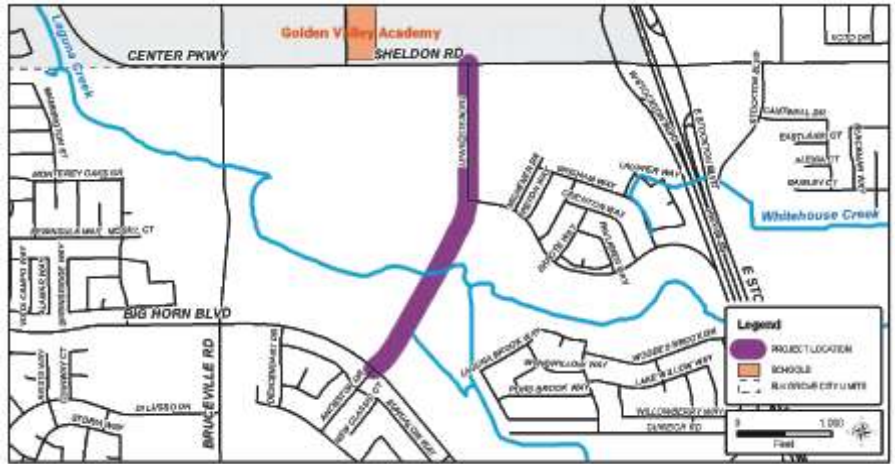


Lewis Stein Road Just Got a Little Longer

(and better for pedestrians, bicyclists and equestrians)...

As part of its ongoing commitment to improve the flow of traffic in the community, the City of Elk Grove recently opened an extension of Lewis Stein Road, and christened new pedestrian, bicycle and equestrian paths – better connecting important roads and trails through the City.

The new roadway extends three-quarters of a mile, connecting Sheldon and Big Horn Roads, and reducing traffic congestion in that part of the City. Two new signals, medians and street lighting will improve public safety, while two new bridges and the multi-use trail connect trails at Elk Grove Creek to future trails along Laguna Creek. And thanks to consultation with biologists, the habitats of native snakes, rabbits, lizards and other wildlife was protected.



...While Bruceville Gets a Little Wider.

From mid-July through November, the city of Elk Grove will be making improvements to Bruceville Road from Elk Grove Boulevard to south of Whitelock Parkway (formerly New Poppy Ridge Road), as part of the Laguna Ridge development project.

The improvements will include the widening of Bruceville Road to accommodate four lanes of traffic and a drainage box culvert at Whitelock Parkway.

Although two-way traffic will be maintained during the project, delays are to be expected. Traffic control will change periodically to fit the needs of the various construction activities in the construction zone.

To accommodate traffic during school registration and throughout the school year at Franklin High School, the traffic signal at Bruceville Road and Whitelock Parkway will be operated manually by a city signal technician during morning and afternoon rush hours until the project is completed.

Parents Help Make the Grade

**Many parents are finding a simple way to take part in the education of their kids
– by participating in parental involvement committees at school.**

As the new school year nears its start, Elk Grove Unified School District officials want to encourage parents to get involved with their children's education. Studies have shown academic achievement is often linked to parental involvement in education.

Involvement can take many shapes. It can mean joining school committees or volunteering in the classroom. It can mean taking five minutes when you see your child after school to ask them about their day -- or how they did on a test. Other ways parents can help is by praising students who have handled a social situation well. Or showing appreciation for a good test score.

“Our district greatly values parents’ and guardians’ involvement in our schools,” said Elk Grove Unified Superintendent Steven M. Ladd, Ed. D. “We strongly encourage them to be active in our schools and involved in their children’s education and lives.”

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