

IMPORTANT INFORMATION on the Stossel Avenue School Route Safety Improvement Project

This flyer is being sent to residents near **Stossel Avenue** to provide information pertaining to the **Stossel Avenue School Route Safety Improvement Project**.

Of all the services provided by the **City of Carnation**, two of the most fundamental and vital are public safety and public roads.

The **City** has responded to this need by providing funding for road improvements and adopting a plan to reconstruct the City's major paved road system.

In the future, **Stossel Avenue**, NE 40th Street, NE 50th Street, Morrison Street and Spilman Avenue will be made smoother, straighter and wider, making these roads safer and less expensive to maintain.

Stossel Avenue is one of our City's major **arterial** roads. It carries in excess of 750 vehicles per day during peak periods and is a major route for school busses and students. There are narrow sections, substandard sidewalks and parking, and unanticipated accesses. As traffic increases, these problems will worsen, hindering traffic and potentially causing accidents. The **City of Carnation** wants to address these problems.

Beginning last year, the **City of Carnation** committed to reconstructing **Stossel Avenue** from Blanche Street to Entwistle Street. When considering a major reconstruction of this kind, our **Public Works Mission** dictates several "bottom line" responsibilities. These include:

- **Safety** – which we feel cannot be compromised.
- **Reduction of the City's liability** – which ultimately and directly impacts taxpayers.
- **Cost** – we have strict limitations on what we can spend for capital construction and long-term maintenance.
- **Traffic and road usage** – to meet current and future demands.
- **Environmental enhancement** – which improves everyone's quality of life.
- **Improve livability** – through clean, well-maintained and accessible streets, sidewalks and parking areas.

Within the next few weeks, detailed engineering of the **Stossel Avenue School Route Safety Improvement Project** will be complete. This project will:

- Widen the road.
- Add curb, gutter and sidewalk making the road less hazardous.
- Add a stormwater system to reduce localized flooding and pollution concerns.
- Add street lighting.
- Reconstruct the existing water main.
- Improve safety at the Entwistle Street and Blanche Street intersections.

Although an exact date for construction start has not been determined, we expect work to begin towards the **beginning of July**.

For property owners living on the **west side** of Stossel Avenue, we want to inform you that some of the

construction may involve work on your property—in particular, **driveway connections** from the new sidewalk transitioning to your existing driveway. This will require work within your driveway in order to make these connections. Other work may involve construction at the front of your yard to build the new sidewalk.

There are no plans at this time for driveway connections on the east side of Stossel Avenue. Construction standards for arterial roads limits access to properties with existing primary connections only.

We at the City of Carnation are making every attempt to be proactive to protect citizens by providing and maintaining safe roads. We take our responsibility seriously and look forward to your support through your participation and input.



For more information please call Christopher Hagedorn, City of Carnation Public Works Director at (425) 333-4192.