

Current and Upcoming City of Ukiah Street Projects

Streets are the foundation of our economy, providing access, health, and vital connections in our communities.

Summer of 2023

Clara Street - Utility replacement, sidewalk and pedestrian upgrades and street reconstruction. To be completed Summer 2023.

Downtown Streetscape Phase II - State Street from Henry to Scott and Mill to Gobbi, utility replacement and under grounding, sidewalk and other pedestrian improvements, street reconstruction and other street scape features. To be completed in 2024.

Recycled Water Phase 4 - Major street impacts along Brush Street, State and Low Gap for the installation of the recycled water system providing recycled water from the Waste Water Treatment Plant to areas like Ukiah High, Frank Zeek, Vinewood Park and Pomolita. To be completed in 2025.

Fall 2023/Summer of 2024

2023 Slurry Seal Project – Various street sections from as north as West Perkins to as South as Freitas Avenue and Mendocino Drive, includes sections of the Airport and Leslie Street. To be completed Fall 2023. Map of project area can be found <u>here</u>.

2023 Street Striping Project – All City streets to be re-marked and re-striped during evening hours. To be completed Fall 2023.

Urban Core Rehabilitation and Transportation Project – The replacement of utilities on Gobbi and Main Street in addition to street reconstruction, pedestrian improvements, and ADA accessibility on Gobbi, Main and Perkins Streets.

Phases of street projects

1. Identify street project and determine the appropriate level of repair.

2. Identify funding – depending on funding availability, this process can take more than 2-3 years. Additionally, funds may only be available for specific portions of the project, such as design, ADA accessibility, pedestrian improvements etc.

3. The street project is presented to City Council during the budget process as a capital improvement project.

4. Project is designed.

5. Project is presented to City Council and bid is awarded. Ukiah is a general law city and, as such, State law requires the City to accept the lowest responsive bid on public works contracts more than \$60,000. Consequently, the City cannot provide a preference on construction contracts for more than \$60,000.

6. And finally – street project repairs begin.

Why do we need to design existing streets?

Streets are dynamic public spaces that must adapt over time. Consider, for example, East Perkins Street – an existing street that floods every time it rains! It was designed many years ago. Conditions have changed, and so has technology, surrounding infrastructure, and community needs. If we continued to just repair/replace the existing infrastructure without design, we would never have the benefit of bicycle lanes, improved pedestrian crossings, demand-based stop lights, bioswales, or updated underground utilities.

Every time we identify a street for repair, we take into consideration numerous factors, including changed conditions, improved technology, environmental sustainability, public health, economic activity, federal, state, and local mandates, growing/changing populations, and existing and proposed infrastructure.

Street design considers all these elements to create updated public spaces that meet current standards and community needs.