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INSTALLATION OF FINAL PHASE OF RECYCLED WATER SYSTEM BEGINS; CONSTRUCTION AND POSSIBLE TRAFFIC IMPACTS TO BEGIN WEEK OF OCTOBER 23 IN AREA OF NORTH BUSH STREET AND LOW GAP ROAD

Ukiah, CA. October 17, 2023 – Construction of Phase 4 of the City of Ukiah Recycled Water Project, a \$53,770,000.00 grant-funded project, has begun! With that, the community should anticipate traffic detours and active construction in the areas of Bush Street near the intersection of Bush and Low Gap, and Low Gap between State and Bush beginning October 23rd.



Beginning Monday, October 23rd, construction crews will be "potholing"--digging small holes in the side of the street to locate underground utilities—on North Bush Street between Cypress and Low Gap Road. Work will occur primarily on the west side of the street; no traffic lanes will be closed.

Beginning approximately Wednesday, October 25th, work will move to the section of Low Gap Road between State Street and Bush. In this area, Low Gap will only be open to one-way, westbound traffic during construction hours, 7 AM – 5 PM, Monday through Friday. Traffic control measures, including flaggers during peak hours will be in place; however, drivers should allow extra time while traveling in this area. This section of Low Gap is getting water and sewer infrastructure replaced as well as recycled water installation, so work will continue in this area through approximately the end of November.

After this section on Low Gap, the project will continue along the rest of Low Gap Road, Despina Drive, Mazzoni Street, North Bush Street-Pine Street-Arlington Drive near Vinewood Park, and Brush Street between State and Orchard. Additional scheduling details will be provided as soon as they are available, as the project will continue through summer of 2024. Adjacent neighborhoods will likely experience increased traffic as drivers look for alternate routes to school, work, etc.

The City of Ukiah and Ghilotti Construction will take every measure possible to reduce impacts during this project and to keep the community informed. Construction projects are inherently noisy and often invasive, and

the City of Ukiah wishes to thank the community in advance for their patience during this time, and encourages drivers to remain cautious in construction areas, be patient with other drivers, watch for pedestrians and bicyclists, adhere to speed limits and construction detour/road closure signs, and schedule extra time when traveling in this area.

The City of Ukiah has a dedicated webpage with project information and will be sending weekly email updates throughout the duration of construction; please visit the project page at <u>www.ukiahrecycledwater.com</u> or scan the QR code below to take you to the project page. Click "Subscribe for Updates" to be added to the email distribution list.

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