



## UPDATE FROM MAYOR DEBRA JONES

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I'm pleased to share with you this update on important road improvement projects the City of Victorville is undertaking for the benefit our community.

Work continues on our Green Tree Extension, which is one of the most anticipated infrastructure projects we've embarked upon in Victorville. We're extending Green Tree Boulevard 1.5 miles from Hesperia Road to Ridgecrest/Yates Road. Integral to this \$47 million-dollar-project is a 600-foot

bridge that will travel over the BNSF railroad.

Since breaking ground in June 2021, we've made significant progress on this massive project. We relocated a sewer main line and completed the major utility and drainage work. The bridge foundations and columns have been constructed, and work on the bridge abutments is well underway. Earlier this month, crews began pouring concrete for the bridge deck.

The Green Tree Extension will provide another East/West corridor in the Victor Valley, thus reducing congestion on Bear Valley Road and Highway 18. Barring any delays, construction of our Green Tree Extension will be complete by Summer 2023.

Another one of our projects, launched just a few weeks ago, is rehabilitation of the two-mile stretch of Arrowhead Drive and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Green Tree Boulevard and Bear Valley Road. We are reconstructing the roadway, adding sidewalks and ramps, improving drainage and adding bike lanes.

Crews are currently working on Arrowhead Drive in the area between Talpa and Nisqualli. Please be cautious and use the designated detours. This road improvement project is expected to be complete this summer for a cost of \$7 million.

In a few weeks, we will begin our Bear Valley Road Bridge Widening to improve travel on Bear Valley Road. Widening will take place on both sides of the bridge between Industrial Boulevard and Ridgecrest Road, and we will add a double turn lane from Eastbound Bear Valley Road to Ridgecrest in order to alleviate traffic congestion at this busy intersection.

The total cost of this project is estimated at just under \$10 million and will be funded through Road Development Impact Fees and federal dollars.

Our next big project on the horizon is our reconstruction of Bear Valley Road from Amethyst to US 395, which is planned for next fiscal year.



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