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Bike lanes coming to downtown

Bicyclists soon to have better connections to popular destinations

To improve bicycle transportation downtown, the Department of Public Works is adding bike lanes to eight well connected streets. For the first time, bicyclists will have the opportunity to have designated roadway space to travel on the streets in designated lanes just as do motor vehicles.

Streets targeted for bike lanes are:

- G Street between 8th and 16th streets
- H Street between 6th and 16th streets
- I Street between 5th and 13th streets
- J Street between 4th and 13th streets
- Capitol Mall between 5th and 9th streets
- 5th Street between I Street and Broadway
- 9th Street between I Street and Broadway
- 10th Street between H Street and Broadway

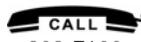
Work is expected to take place on weekends to reduce any construction related delays to traffic. Work is scheduled to take place the second and third weekends in September.

The project will underscore the City's commitment to being bicycle friendly, and encourage sustainable, non-polluting, energy efficient and health conscious transportation. The City has risen in recent years from a bronze to silver status as a Bicycle Friendly Community from the American League of Bicyclists.

“These new bike lanes will help fill the need for better connectivity to the neighborhoods south of Broadway, connections to downtown destinations such as the State Capitol, nearby State offices, the Downtown Plaza, the Central Library and City and County office buildings. New east-west bike lanes on G and H Streets will provide the missing links between Midtown/East Sacramento and key downtown destinations, including the future railyards development. We heard from bicyclists about the need and we are proud to be able now to address it,” said Jerry Way, director of public works.

The bike lanes are made possible either by placing the street on a “road diet,” meaning reduce the one-way street from three lanes to two, or by narrowing the travel lanes to accommodate bike lanes. Traffic studies indicate neither approach is expected to add to traffic congestion downtown.

For a complete schedule of City streets being resurfaced this year and to register to receive an email alert about Traffic Alert messages from the City, go to www.cityofsacramento.org and click on Traffic Alerts.

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