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Safe routes to school

City starts Friday to improve sidewalks and crosswalks at three Natomas schools before students head back to school

The City of Sacramento starts construction this week of various pedestrian improvements at three Natomas elementary schools. The projects are expected to be nearly completely finished by the first day of school, Wednesday, August 15.

“We are thrilled to see the Safe Routes to School projects being implemented on three of our region’s busiest campuses. These improvements will help keep our students safe on their way to and from school each day thanks to the outstanding leadership of community members who have advocated for these much anticipated improvements for a very long time. Natomas is a community of champions and this accomplishment is a great victory for our neighborhoods,” said Vice Mayor Ashby.

The three projects totaling \$1.6 million for design and construction are being paid for through a federal Safe Routes to School grant awarded to the Natomas Unified School District and school infrastructure bond funds. The City, which is managing construction, worked diligently to see that all three school projects started this summer by splitting up the contracts among three construction contractors.

The scope of improvements was defined during numerous meetings with community members, school representatives and the City Council office. They include wider sidewalks, bulbs at key intersections to reduce the pedestrian crossing distance, curb ramps to improve accessibility and high visibility crosswalks among many other additions.

Construction will take place through August 20, weekdays, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Bannon Creek Elementary, Natomas Park Elementary and Jefferson Elementary.

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