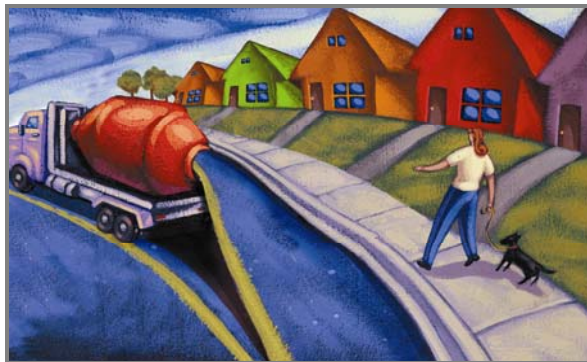




## Historic Downtown Improvements

### *Enhancing Historic Downtown*

The vision for Historic Downtown Murrieta is to be a place of great community pride, a symbol of the City's historic past and a means of preserving and promoting the community's unique rural character. The Historic Murrieta Specific Plan describes this vision and the guiding principles to establish a true cultural and governmental center, create an attractive town center, improve the historic and pedestrian scale, and foster proactive economic development. In accordance with the plan, a number of capital improvement projects are planned to enhance and upgrade the infrastructure in the area, while preserving the unique character of the community.



### *Infrastructure Improvements*

Multiple projects will take place through winter 2008, and will continue as funding becomes available. These projects include roads, storm drains, sidewalks and parking and will involve some detours and noticeable construction activities. While there will be some interruption to usual downtown activity, at the completion of these projects various infrastructure systems will be upgraded and improved streets will be more pedestrian-friendly.

### *Projects*

**Historic Downtown Traffic Signal Modifications-** Involves adding decorative bases and scrolls to existing and new signals, as well as, painting existing and new poles. This work has already been completed at Washington Avenue and Kalmia Street and at Adams Avenue and Kalmia Street.

**Adams Avenue Improvements-** Entails widening Adams Avenue and installing a sidewalk on the east side of the street, as well as, drainage, curb and gutter improvements, signing and striping from Juniper Street ultimately to Brown Street.

**Ivy, Plum, Juniper, and C Street Improvements-** Entails the widening of the south side of Ivy Street between Washington Avenue and Jefferson Avenue; and curb and gutter improvements, widening of both sides of Plum Street and storm drain improvements; and installation of sidewalks and parking on Juniper Street and C Street. Property owners in the area can assist by removing and replanting any personal property or landscaping within the

city-owned right-of-way before January 31, 2007. The project is scheduled to begin in winter 2007.

**Historic Downtown Streets Overlay-** Involves the installation of asphalt overlay on First and Second Avenues and on A, B, and C Streets, west of Washington Avenue and east of New Clay Street. This project is made possible thanks to funding from Riverside County Supervisor Jeff Stone.

**Second Avenue Park-** A neighborhood park will be constructed and will include a grass recreation area, picnic area, and tot lot modeled after a train. This project also involves construction of a replica of the original School House for public use, construction of a facility for a future Boys & Girls Club, and creating a street theme for the relocation of historic structures or reproduction of historic houses. The project will start upon the availability of funds.

**City Facilities-** A number of city facilities will be added and undergo improvements, including the Community Center Parking Lot, Town Square Parking Lot, and remodel of Fire Station number one. The parking lot of the Community Center will be re-graded, repaired and lighting will be added. The capacity of Town Square parking will be increased by 54 additional stalls, and lighting will be added. An addition to the Fire Administration Building will be constructed directly in front of the existing Fire Station building. This project will include new fire department offices, two conference rooms, and a ceremonial courtyard.

**Town Square-** Involves multiple facilities, including the Senior Center and police station which are already completed. The library and Town Square Park are under construction and are scheduled to be complete in March 2007. The construction of the new city hall is also underway and is expected to be complete in fall 2007. This project also includes private development plans for 160,000 square feet of retail, restaurant, and office space.

**Western Historic Murrieta Storm Drain System-** Involves the installation of a backbone storm drain system west of Washington Street to reduce local flooding and increase storm drain capacity.

**Future Historic Downtown Murrieta Wastewater Construction Project-** Entails the installation of a wastewater collection system to provide facilities for individual systems. Western Municipal Water District is the lead agency.

**Ivy Street Bridge-** Involves the construction of a two-lane, reinforced concrete bridge over Murrieta Creek, replacing the existing B Street bridge, and will include a sidewalk for pedestrian access.

### *Funding*

These projects are primarily funded in the City of Murrieta's Capital Improvements Plan, a long-range vision of the City's infrastructure intended to improve the quality of life for all in the community.

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