



City of
San Bernardino

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City of San Bernardino Partners with Rialto for Pepper Avenue Street Improvement Project

San Bernardino, Calif. – The San Bernardino City Council, in partnership with the City of Rialto, has approved a contract for street improvements on Pepper Avenue between Mill Street and Base Line Street. The contract, awarded on August 3rd to Hillcrest Construction, Inc. of Corona, CA in the amount of \$5,553,697, will encompass a two-mile section of roadway that spans both cities and two San Bernardino City Council wards (3 and 6).

“Residents have been asking for Pepper Avenue to be improved for some time,” said City Manager Robert D. Field. “We are pleased to be working with the City of Rialto to make this happen.”

The project will include pavement replacement and rehabilitation, as well as the installation of ADA accessible ramps and construction of new sidewalks to connect existing gaps. Work is expected to begin later this year and be completed by mid-2023.

“The Cities entered into an agreement in May of 2020 to jointly fund the costs associated with improving Pepper Avenue,” said San Bernardino Public Works Director Daniel Hernandez. “This includes the project design, construction, inspection, and administration. The City of San Bernardino was designated as the lead agency for the project and Rialto will reimburse San Bernardino 50% of the total cost.”

Funding for San Bernardino’s portion of the project will come from Measure I funds, the County sales tax measure passed by voters in 1989 and 2004 for road and transportation improvements.

This project was identified and prioritized through a March 2020 pavement management analysis completed by the San Bernardino Public Works Department, which used a scientific methodology to rate the condition of all public streets in San Bernardino and to prioritize their rehabilitation.

This is the fifth major street improvement project approved by the San Bernardino City Council in the past eight months, with a total cost of \$21.3 million.

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