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## Road improvement project starting in Mentone

The San Bernardino County Department of Public Works will soon start construction on road improvements at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and Walnut Street in the Mentone area. A detour will be in effect.

The construction will include road widening on Fifth Avenue at Walnut Street that includes a left turn pocket for traffic on Fifth Avenue to go onto Walnut Street, construction of curbs and gutters, drainage improvements, fencing and irrigation relocations, and relocation of 10 existing Canary Island Date Palm trees to approximately 20 feet south of their current location spaced 50 feet apart.

The Board of Supervisors approved the plans and specifications for this project, which includes a road closure for public safety. Public Works will provide convenient access to properties for the residents adjacent to the project. All emergency vehicles will be able to access the area at all times. Public traffic will be routed around the construction on public streets with minimal delays.

Traffic traveling east on Fifth Avenue will be detoured north onto Wabash Avenue, east on Citrus Avenue and then south onto Crafton Avenue to Fifth Avenue. Traffic traveling west on Fifth Avenue will be detoured north onto Crafton Avenue, west on Citrus Avenue and then south onto Wabash Avenue to Fifth Avenue.

STI Inc. of Riverside will construct the \$1,026,309 project for the project and work is scheduled to start around the middle of this month and be completed in December 2012. These improvements are financed by proposition 1B funds and will improve the sight distance for motorists.

If you have any questions please contact San Bernardino County Department of Public Works at (909) 387-7920.