

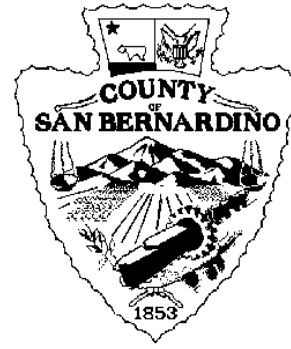
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County Moving Forward on Road Improvements Near Oak Hills High School

HESPERIA – The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday is scheduled to accept El Centro Road into the County Maintained Road System – the first step toward making important safety improvements on the road next to Oak Hills High School. After acceptance into the road system, crews will immediately begin improvements on the road.

“I’m pleased to see our public works crews moving so quickly on this project,” said Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, who recently proposed the improvements. “This project will dramatically improve safety for students using this road to travel to and from school.”

Local residents and concerned parents contacted Supervisor Mitzelfelt’s office complaining about dangerous conditions shortly after students began attending the school. County staff immediately began efforts to evaluate traffic conditions and plan mitigation measures.

A 15-year-old girl was struck by a car on El Centro Road near the school on September 29, one month after the school opened.

El Centro Road is not currently maintained by the County or City of Hesperia and is a narrow dirt road. High volumes of traffic on the road cause excessive dust, obscuring motorists’ views of pedestrians and bicyclists.

An emergency project to widen, grade and apply soil stabilizer to El Centro Road will begin immediately. The construction schedule is planned so as to ensure construction equipment is not operating while students are traveling to and from school. All construction will be conducted either while students are in school or after students have left for the day.

The improvements are expected to cost \$75,000, which will be funded by gas tax and local Measure I funds. The project should be completed by first week of November.