

Hacienda Road

On February 11, 2020, Hacienda Road, the City's major thoroughfare, was opened to residents and commuters. After almost a year-long closure, residents may now take the direct route in and out of the City.

In February 2019, the City was made aware of a roadway depression in the southbound lane of Hacienda Road south of West Skyline Road. The City made three short-term patch repairs, but the road continued to settle. The road was judged unsafe for vehicular traffic and was closed on March 5, 2019. An in-depth geotechnical analysis was performed and a repair was designed from the data gathered. The repair required grading, re-compacting soil, addition of a geogrid to strengthen the soil and repaving. Rain slowed the progress in December 2019 and early January 2020. Nevertheless, the project was deemed complete at the end of January 2020 and the road was reopened on Tuesday, February 11. The City was also able to complete other traffic and road improvements on Hacienda Road during the closure.



Earth & Mining Construction grading to stabilize the earthwork under the road.



The rebuilt section of Hacienda Road south of Skyline.

The City understands residents' concerns regarding traffic on Hacienda Road, which date back at least as far as 2002. On January 7, 2020, the City hosted a traffic calming community meeting. Many residents voiced their concerns regarding traffic and speeds along Hacienda Road, along with their ideas to help preserve the unique rural community of La Habra Heights.



Also, in January, the City retained a transportation consultant specialist to study traffic mitigation along the City's roads. A kick-off meeting was carried out on January 21, 2020. At this meeting, consultant's scope of work was discussed along with the project schedule.

The City provided the consultant with the feedback obtained in the traffic calming community meeting as well as copies of previous studies. The consultant explained how their approach will be data-guided and that their scope includes the following:

- Review of previous studies (carried out in 2002, 2006, 2007, and 2014) and relevant plans.
- Collect traffic volumes at major intersections. The data collection will need to take place during typical weekdays, when schools are in session, as soon as traffic on Hacienda normalizes. The traffic data collection should not be impacted by spring break or by planned construction to add a turning lane at Hacienda Road and Whittier Blvd in La Habra south of the City limits.
- A sample traffic count is planned for the week of March 16 to decide if traffic volumes on Hacienda are deemed close to typical conditions or whether additional counts should be delayed to the week of April 6.
- After the data is collected and analyzed, a community meeting will be carried out to share the findings and engage the community in exploring potential solutions. The City will send notifications about the meeting schedule through Guac Talk and post information on the City's website at www.lhhcity.org.
- The consultant will embark on their analysis and present recommendations at a second community at-large workshop. The results of the analysis and refined recommendations will then be presented in a final report and presentation to the City Council.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Fabiola Huerta at fhuerta@lhhcity.org. For the latest information, sign up for Guac Talk, the City's weekly newsletter through the City's website. Log on to www.lhhcity.org, scroll down to the News and Events section, and click on the Avocado icon to access Guac Talk. You can also check the City's website for updates. Log on to www.lhhcity.org, scroll down to the News and Events section, and click on the Traffic Calming Ahead icon.