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City's first 'Green Street' project gets underway

The City of Sacramento Department of Transportation is constructing the City's first "Green Street" on Dixie Avenue, between Evergreen Street and the Swanston Light Rail Station. The project is sponsored by District 2 Councilmember Sandy Sheedy and the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency.

Councilmember Sheedy brought the idea to her district after seeing Green Streets in the older neighborhoods of Portland. "It not only looks good, it's environmentally sound and will do wonders for this neighborhood," Sheedy said. Dixie Avenue is the gateway to the neighborhood and light rail station with both residential and light manufacturing businesses.

The pilot project means sidewalks for residents in areas that have never had sidewalks, new sidewalks in others and a planter strip featuring several varieties of trees, shrubs and grasses planted over a new storm drainage system along all five blocks. Streetscape elements designed by local artists will also dot the planter strip.

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Green Street, continued

In addition to the greenery, the storm drainage system beneath the planter strip is a sustainable feature because the collected storm water run-off eliminates the need for irrigation. The storm water also is treated as it percolates through the soil, as opposed to flowing straight into the neighborhood's drainage ditches.

The overall project cost for design, environmental clearance and construction is about \$2 million. Work on the new drainage system got underway Monday. The project is expected to be completed by the end of August. A grand opening event will be scheduled.

News Media: Attached is a rendering showing an example of a segment of the project.

Residents with specific questions about construction can contact Nader Kamal, project manager at nkamal@cityofsacramento.org or 808-7035.

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