



City of Salinas

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We promised to keep you informed about the Main Street Streetscape Project and are providing weekly updates for that purpose. Construction of critical or strategic infrastructure remains exempt from the Monterey County shelter-in-place and the California stay-at-home orders. Work is progressing and various procedures are being used to help assure public and worker safety during these difficult times. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Stay safe and please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We are all in this together.

Status Update



MAIN STREET STREETSCAPE PROJECT
DESTINATION DOWNTOWN

The Week of April 26 – April 30, 2021 and Looking Ahead for May 3 – May 14

An Emergency Order was issued by the City related to COVID-19 that applies to the public as well as to businesses. Updates about the Local Emergency Declaration and Orders can be found on the bottom of the page on this link: <https://www.cityofsalinas.org/residents/covid-19-novel-coronavirus> Currently, the State is again modifying some prior restrictions. Please check guidelines currently in effect and please continue to wear masks.

Activities During the Week of April 26 – 30: What Is Being Accomplished?

100 BLOCK

- Work is complete.

200 BLOCK

- Landscaping is complete with the exception of placing a cage over the back flow area.
- Catch basin filters were installed to catch street runoff debris flow.
- Continued underground fiber work.

300 BLOCK

- Festoon lighting was installed at the mid-block Plaza between the six (6) twenty-foot-tall theme columns.
- Catch basin filters were installed to catch street runoff debris flow.
- Completing more underground fiber work.

Salinas Rotary Arch: Additional electrical work for lighting and bird control was done and lights are on. Lighting adjustments will still be required.

San Luis/Main intersection: Signal work continues at the intersection of Main/San Luis and the signal is now on flash. The intersection will continue as a three-way stop until signal work is complete.

Upcoming Activity: What Is Anticipated to Occur In The Next Two Weeks?

100 BLOCK

- Work is complete.

200 BLOCK

- Will be doing electrical and finishing work on the Salinas Rotary Arch. ***The additional work will not require road closure but there may be some intermittent mid-block stop controls.***
- Completion of electrical and fiber work for the four (4) theme-columns in the mid-block Plaza area. Pedestrian access will be maintained on both sides of the street, with minimal obstruction adjacent to the poles.

- Install tables and chairs in the mid-block Plaza area.
- Install cameras in each block when columns and lighting are fully in place.
- Continue fiber optic installations for signals and cameras.

300 BLOCK

- Will be doing finishing work on the six (6) theme columns. Pedestrian access will be maintained on both sides of the street with minimal obstruction during the theme pole placement.
- Install cameras in each block when columns and lighting are fully in place.
- Install tables and chairs in the mid-block Plaza area.
- Continue installation of underground fiber improvements for signals and cameras.

San Luis/Main Intersection: The roadway in the intersection will be reconstructed at this location. We are still waiting on a permit from Caltrans to perform this last added element of roadway work. Once the permit is received, the intersection will be temporarily closed for reconstruction. Signal work at the intersection of Main/San Luis will continue and the intersection will remain a three-way stop until reconstruction of the pavement is complete.

Salinas Rotary Arch: Will be doing electrical work. The work will not require roadway closure.

Future Construction Activity and Information: What Is Planned To Happen and When?

- In July/August there will be placement of specialty items on the Salinas Rotary Arch columns and some additional work to complete finishing touches within the project. The work will not require closure of streets nor block access to businesses.
- Reconstruction of the Main/San Luis intersection pavement replacement will require the block closure of Main Street between John Street and San Luis. Main Street traffic will be detoured at John Street. Parking will be limited at the end of the 300 block to allow for a U-turn at the end of the block while the intersection construction is in progress.
- Work on "punch list" items will continue into mid-May. Project completion check-off/final (with the exception of the finishing items on the arch) approval is expected in May/June.
- Construction schedule adjustments may be necessary due to delays in receiving products needed for construction, or due to weather or other unanticipated events.

Photos of the Week



Festoon lighting installed in 300 block plaza



Lighting installed on Salinas arch

Businesses Open / Community Events

- Wearing masks and social-distancing are still required throughout the City. Guidelines may require periodic changes and/or additional restrictions.
- Many businesses in Downtown remain open during construction and COVID-related restrictions. Most businesses offer curbside pick-up service, take-out, and/or outdoor and limited in-door dining. Some additional restrictions are gradually being lifted. Please contact individual businesses for more details.
- Steinbeck Center is conducting some virtual and other events. For more information: info@steinbeck.org

Parking in the Downtown Area

- Parking immediately adjacent to equipment work areas may periodically and temporarily reduced.
 - Signs in the Downtown area are in place to help direct the public to parking.
 - The Monterey Street Garage is open. Hours of operation are 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. on weekdays, and 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. on weekends. Monthly permit rates are \$30. Hourly rates are \$1 per hour.
 - Monthly permit rates for the Salinas Street Garage and Lots 5, 8 and 12 range between \$30 - \$45 per month.
 - A parking validation program for 90-minute validated parking at the Monterey Street garage is available to businesses affected by any temporarily loss of parking in front of their businesses. For information, click on <https://www.cityofsalinas.org/our-city-services/public-works/current-projects/main-street-streetscape-project/news/validation-parking-service-available>.
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Contact Information and How to Stay Informed

- For general information about the Main Street Streetscape Project, please visit the [project webpage: HERE](#) , or contact Patrick Fung, Assistant Engineer, by calling (831) 758-7186 or by email to patrickf@ci.salinas.ca.us .
 - Businesses and the public can sign up on the City's website to receive information about this project and other City services at: <https://www.cityofsalinas.org/main-street-master-plan>
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Background Information About the Project and Improvements to the Downtown Area

- The [Main Street Streetscape Project](#) is one of the first steps in implementing the [Downtown Vibrancy Plan](#). The Vibrancy Plan was adopted by City Council in 2015 as a strategic plan.
 - The Downtown Vibrancy Plan provides the foundation for improving circulation, safety, and aesthetics in the Downtown area. The Main Street Streetscape Project generally includes reconstruction of the sidewalks, ADA-compliant pedestrian access ramps, drainage improvements, lighting and electrical improvements, utility relocations, landscaping with irrigation improvements, signing and markings for two-way traffic, high speed fiber optic communication, traffic signal modifications, the Salinas Rotary Arch, and other public amenities.
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Project Funding: Provided by Measure X, a sales tax measure approved by Monterey County voters.

