Second Street Construction Notice – 18 August, 2016

The final push, and the most difficult for East Second Street residents is about to begin. As always, there is a plan but given the surprises we've encountered along the entire project, we caution that some adjustments may need to be made as the contractor moves along the street. The plan, if all goes well, should be finished in 2 - 3 weeks and I have to acknowledge again the huge impact it will have for the residents and we appreciate your patience and understanding through this process. Infrastructure projects of this size will never be easy but the benefits to the residents and the river/environment are the end goal.

Please read the following update from this week's meetings

The excavation of Second Street, from Synder to the Creek Crossing, is scheduled to commence on Monday the 22\textsuperscript{nd} of August. So, the “plan” as we know it to the best of our ability is:

1. The Contractor indicated they will be starting the excavation of 2\textsuperscript{nd} Street on Monday.

2. The Contractor plans on starting at Synder and working east on 2\textsuperscript{nd} Street.

3. The excavation will be “huge”, the hole will go from the south edge of the ROW to the north edge of the ROW and will be 3 feet deep. That is a big hole.

4. The excavation will impact all items that have encroached into the ROW. This could be anything, ranging from landscaped items (except for a few noted trees), decorative items, etc. Items in the ROW will be removed. If there is anything you want within the ROW associated with your property, please remove it ahead of time.

5. The plan is the contractor will excavate only what they can “fill” back in for a given day. At least that is what their initial plan is.

6. Once the gravel is put back into the open excavation, people can walk on the gravel, but you cannot drive on it.

7. Access to the houses, via cars, will have to wait until the street is paved.

8. Houses on the South side can access their properties from the alley way.

9. Houses on the North side will be more challenging in terms of accessibility and each property may have a unique solution.
10. Parking Areas:
   a. Vet Clinic – patrons for the feed store can park in the Vet Clinic (and other allowed places as well).
   b. The lot to the east of “Doc Fix It”, can be used for parking. We would suggest that the people allow the homeowners on the north side of the street use that lot for parking.
   c. Of course one can park in the parking lot west of Salto.
11. Everyone should plan in the plan changing. We will encounter problems, what those problems are we don’t know. But those will take time to resolve. So, we are asking for patience’s and understanding. This is a complicated project.
12. As mentioned before, this will “impact” all properties on the street, and the impact will be significant, in terms of access to your house. The exact solution in terms of access to your property will be different for each property and will change over time. We have done our best to provide a general solution to access, but each property will have a unique plan. Of course, the homes on the south side do have an easier solution, i.e., the alley way.
13. There has been a concern about the two spruce trees located at 155 2nd Street, those trees are noted on the drawings to be “protected” during construction.
14. The path is on the north side. I know there has been confusion on this. There are a ton of drawings out there where the path was on the north side and then on the south side. The path of on the north side.

A final note, please take the time to move objects out of the right-of-way, the contractors will work as they can with what is in the right-of-way, but if you can take the time to take care of encroachments that would be helpful. The right-of-way should be staked and Todd, Alex and Dakota should be able to help if you have questions.