



Construction is underway to bring you an improved Woodside Avenue

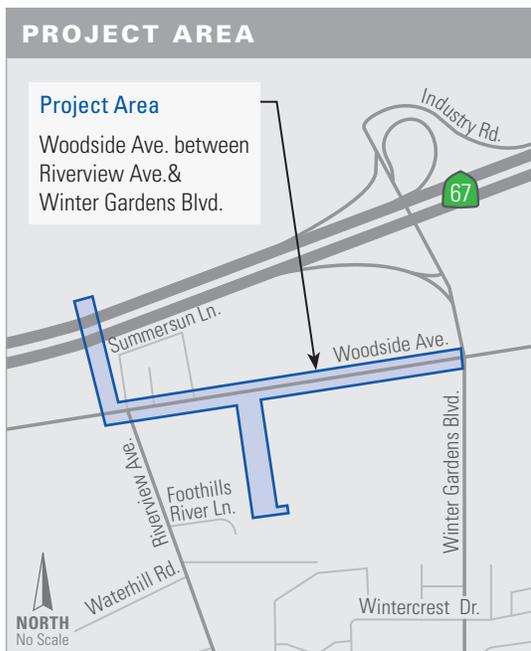
In March 2015 crews broke ground on the Woodside Avenue Flood Control Project! When the project is complete, it will provide a storm drain system capable of accommodating a 100-year storm, reduce potential flooding to local businesses and residents, and enhance roadway safety and aesthetics around Woodside Avenue. Construction of the \$16 million project began with work to underground utility lines. Improvements are anticipated to be complete in spring 2017 and include:

- › **Flood-Control Improvements:** This improvement will meet the needs of a 100-year storm in the area by replacing approximately 2,400 feet of under-sized storm drain facilities with a new path underground with 30-foot wide by 5.5-foot high box culverts. These culverts will increase the capacity of water flow under the roadway to prevent it from being flooded.
- › **Pedestrian Improvements:** Construction crews will install sidewalks along the project area so that the sidewalk is continuous and without gaps. This improvement will enhance the area for pedestrians and protect people from traffic.
- › **Utilities:** The project will underground all existing overhead utilities within the project area. Once undergrounding work is complete, the existing telephone poles will be removed, which will improve the views in the area. The project also includes relocating existing water mains, sewer lines, and gas lines to make them more accessible for servicing.

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For more information about the project or to subscribe to our bi-monthly newsletter, call our project hotline at (619) 559-8227. Help spread the word to your neighbors by posting this information on your social media account.

The County of San Diego thanks everyone in the community for their patience during construction.



Construction Update

To place the box culverts (structures that allow water to flow) under Woodside Avenue, crews must coordinate with multiple utility agencies to relocate their services. This coordination is complicated and involves the following utilities:

› **Water:** The County is coordinating with four water agencies to re-route four water lines that range from 8 inches wide to 68 inches wide under

the roadway to make room for box culvert installation.

› **Electricity:** Crews are coordinating with SDG&E to relocate electrical cable conduits underground. Once undergrounding is completed, the project crews will remove telephone poles, creating a better view.

› **Telecommunications:** Crews are undergrounding telephone and cable television lines, along with the electrical services.



Undergrounding utilities along Woodside Ave.

Meet the Team

County of San Diego Project Manager Mark Perrett

Q How long have you worked with the County of San Diego's Department of Public Works (DPW)?

A I have worked with the DPW for a total of 18 years. First, I was an intern for 3 years at the Department of Public Works when I was a Civil Engineering student at San Diego State University. After graduation, I worked with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works for



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12 years until 1999. Then, I returned to the County of San Diego, and have been a Project Manager here for the last 15 years.

Q What is your role on the project?

A As the Project Manager, I am responsible for overseeing all aspects of the project from planning through the environmental, design, and right-of-way acquisition phases.

Q What is the biggest benefit this project will provide?

A This project will alleviate flooding to local businesses and homes along Woodside Avenue by providing an enhanced flood control system capable of accommodating a 100-year storm event. Woodside Avenue will also be much safer for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists with the flood control and roadway improvements included with this project.

Q What benefit does utility undergrounding provide to this project?

A Utility undergrounding will improve the visual aesthetics by creating a clearer view along the Woodside Avenue corridor from Wintergardens Boulevard to east of Marilla Drive.

Q How will traffic alongside Woodside Avenue be affected during construction?

A There will be one lane open in each direction on Woodside Avenue during most times of construction and on occasion the contractor may use flaggers for one way traffic. A detailed detour route with signs guiding vehicles to alternative access to Woodside Avenue will be implemented. Emergency vehicle access and access to Lakeside Middle School will be provided.

Q What is your favorite part of your job?

A Large public works improvement projects are always challenging, but there comes a great satisfaction in completing projects like this one that provide numerous benefits to the community for years to come.

Woodside Avenue is no stranger to flood control projects. It sits next to the Los Coches Creek, which contains one of the oldest flood control projects in Lakeside. In the 1880s, when the historic Lakeside Inn was in need of a water source for irrigation, builders portioned the creek to create a reservoir and to direct the water towards the Inn. This 150-foot long and 30-foot tall dam is still functioning over 130 years later. If you go hiking in Los Coches Creek, follow the sound of a waterfall to find this historic dam.

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