

Meeting set to discuss VS Elementary traffic safety project

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An informational meeting to outline efforts toward reducing congestion in the vicinity of Valley Springs Elementary School begins at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, in Jenny Lind Veterans Memorial Hall, 300 Daphne St.

The Valley Springs School Safety Improvement Project includes paved shoulders along Sequoia Avenue, Cedar Street, Laurel Street, and Chestnut Street, as well as sidewalk along Daphne Street and Pine Street.

Circulation and safety improvements will also be implemented in the immediate vicinity of the elementary school, including the installation of a pedestrian-actuated flashing beacon at the intersection of Pine Street and Daphne Street.

County staff will be available to answer questions from the public.

This project was identified in the Valley Springs Town Center Connectivity Plan, which has been in the works for several years and calls for \$7.8 million in safety and improvement projects in downtown Valley Springs.

Approved by county officials in 2020, major improvements in the connectivity plan could be a traffic signal at the State Route 12 entrance into the Valley Oaks Shopping Center and a left turn lane off eastbound SR 12 into Castle Rock Mobile Home Park.

Collisions along that stretch of the highway have been identified in excess of statewide averages.

Environmental work on the entire project began a year ago and construction could begin as soon as spring 2025.