

Project Updates Week Ending August 29, 2026

Last week, the crane was moved to Alamitos Heights Park (see photo below), and overnight construction activities were expected to begin on Sunday night, August 23, to support sheet pile removal north of the Colorado Street Bridge. However, SCE canceled all scheduled high-voltage outages due to grid stability issues.

Following the cancellation of the scheduled high-voltage transmission line outage, the Contractor coordinated with SCE and the crane operator to develop alternative safety measures. These measures are anticipated to allow a portion of the sheet pile removal to occur during normal working hours beginning Monday, August 31. This is expected to reduce, but not fully eliminate, the need for overnight work.

The City and Contractor do not currently have a confirmed date for the rescheduled high-voltage line outage. The City will continue to provide information as it becomes available from SCE. Please see prior updates for additional context regarding the outage and what residents can expect.

This past week, crews completed the export of excess soil from the open channel excavation and demolished the remaining apron and wing walls of the old culvert system. Construction also continued around the perimeter of the open channel in preparation for project planting and establishment. Irrigation mainlines were installed in the upland areas to support the establishment of additional trees and plantings. Adjacent to the open channel trail, crews installed the bases for the log posts that will support the log-and-wire fencing system. Final surfaces, including the final course of decomposed granite, will be installed closer to project completion to avoid damage while construction remains underway. See photos below.

Work supporting final street paving also continued. Sidewalks, curbs, and ramps were poured and finish work was completed (see photos below). Additional base material was also brought to the site in preparation for final roadway construction.

Colorado and Eliot Street paving is scheduled to occur in mid-September, however the streets are expected to re-open in phases. The paving of Colorado Street, including small portions of the Orlena and Eliot, will occur first for operational needs. Fire Station 14 will require access to Colorado Street prior to any additional work on Eliot Street is undertaken. Please note, Eliot Street requires a final pavement course, which was intentionally deferred to mitigate damage to the final asphalt surfacing from remaining construction work.

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Additionally, repairs to Eliot Street near the City fueling station and repairs to the concrete bike path at 3rd Street are now necessary due to damage from temporary routing of emergency vehicles on this path. Eliot Street is expected to reopen after crews and equipment are demobilized. More details to come as the work window approaches. Marina Vista Park reopened to the public on July 31, however construction fencing is still necessary as other portions of the project area remain under construction. The orange snow fencing is in place to allow the plants to further mature.



Photo: Crane was relocated and staged at Alamitos Heights Park



Photo: Irrigation line installation



Photo: Fencing (log and wire) base of posts set into concrete



Photo: Sidewalks and curb ramps installation



Photo: Finishing concrete work



Photo: Sidewalks and curb ramps installation



Photo: Aerial image from August 25, 2026