

Environmental study starts on 2015 project

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Preliminary environmental work is under way in downtown Valley Springs for a project scheduled for spring 2025, according to Warren Alford, Caltrans District 10 chief public information officer.

Survey crews have been busy the past few days marking right-of-way and conducting soil samples, all part of the environmental review and study process in preparation for a \$7.8 million safety and improvement project approved last summer by county officials.

The so-called Valley Springs Town Center Connectivity Plan has been in the works for several years and includes pedestrian, bicycle and motor vehicle safety improvements in downtown area.

Major improvements could be a traffic signal at 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.

All of the work in the area may not necessarily be Caltrans related, Alford said.