



Perris News

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Nuevo Road Improvements Help Traffic Flow

Cars and trucks are moving a lot smoother on Nuevo Road as a series of improvements have made a drastic improvement in the traffic flow of that critical east-west thoroughfare in Perris.

Perris City Council members are committed to maintaining and improving City streets on a regular basis by soliciting revenues from transportation and other dedicated funds without tapping into the City's general fund.

The Nuevo Road renovations included adding a new coat of blacktop between Interstate 215 and Murrieta Road, a distance of 1.3 miles.

The upgrades included new striping and turn-lane markings, which will facilitate traffic around Perris High School, shopping malls and apartments that line Nuevo Road.

On the north side of Nuevo, City contractors graded a new drainage channel between Wilson Avenue and Murrieta Road. Crews also cleaned out tumbleweeds and other debris from a drainage channel on the south side of Nuevo and later will install an underground drainage pipe to keep the flood-prone intersection of Nuevo and Murrieta from flooding. Engineers expect the improvements to be sufficient to withstand a 100-year-flood.

Cost of the renovations is about \$600,000, which will be paid in full by revenues and transportation funds dedicated to funding road improvements.

City officials say it is vital to improve Nuevo Road as it is one of the major east-west corridors through Perris. "Traffic is moving a lot more smoothly now than it was before the improvements," said Perris Mayor Daryl Busch. "They have made a great improvement on the road. We are committed to improving our streets because we know it is important to our residents."

City Councilman Al Landers said the improvements will add to the safety as aesthetics of a major Perris roadway. He said the improvements make for a top-notch Nuevo Road for its entire length through the City.

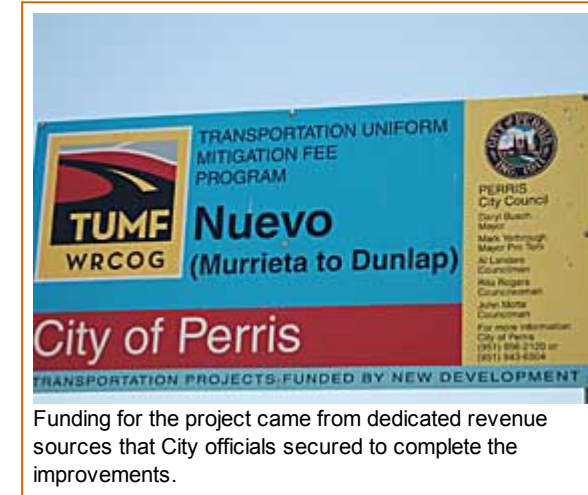
"The safety of our roads is one of the City's major priorities," he said. "Our commitment to keeping them as safe as possible never wavers. It is a critical issue and I whole-heartedly support our efforts to maintain and improve our streets and roads."

Mayor Pro-Tem Rita Rogers said the improvements were completed in time for the beginning of classes at Perris High School and before the rainy winter season.

"We have had a lot of rain over the last couple of years and it has impacted the roadway," she said. "One of the major concerns we receive from residents is the conditions of our roads. Nuevo Road is a very important roadway. It is a major entry point to our City. As someone who drives it every day, I can tell you the improvements were needed and have made a huge difference."

City Councilman Mark Yarbrough said emergency vehicles use Nuevo Road to get from one side of Perris to the other during emergencies.

"I am glad that we were able to find the resources to keep up our road maintenance and improvement programs," he said. "I consider them among the top priorities we are entrusted with as members of the City Council."



Funding for the project came from dedicated revenue sources that City officials secured to complete the improvements.



Traffic moves smoothly along Nuevo Road at Perris High School. City officials timed the recent paving, striping and drainage improvements to conclude before school started.