

East Olive Avenue Reconfiguration, 2025 Restriping Project

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the purpose of this project?

- a. The purpose of this project is to continue improving the level of roadway safety for all users and make Olive Avenue, between Glenoaks Blvd. to Sunset Canyon Dr. (Project Area), more compatible with the surrounding residential neighborhood. More specifically, this project will adjust the roadway striping in this area to widen the on-street parking space and provide more separation between parked and traveling vehicles. The width of travel lanes will remain unchanged and the center turning lane will be slightly narrowed to accommodate wider on-street parking.
- b. This restriping is being done to address the primary concern received from residents and community stakeholders about the proximity of parked cars to moving vehicles.

2. Why is this project being installed?

- a. The original reconfiguration of East Olive Avenue was installed in February 2024 as part of the Citywide residential paving program scheduled periodically to maintain City streets in good conditions.
- b. The restriping allows the City to test a possible long term Citywide Complete our Streets Plan project (North Olive Greening Project) that would construct a landscaped median in the middle of Olive to achieve these goals while also improving aesthetics and potential stormwater capture (approved by the City Council in June 2020).
- c. In January 2025, the City Council directed staff to modify the striping in the Project Area to address community stakeholders' concerns about the proximity between parked and moving vehicles.

3. When will the modified striping take place?

- a. Roadwork for this project is scheduled to begin on Monday, March 17, 2025 and be completed on Thursday, March 20, 2025.
- b. Project installation schedule may change depending on weather conditions.

4. What are the hours when roadwork will take place?

- a. Roadwork will occur between 7:30am – 3:30pm.

5. Will there be any road closures due to this project?

- a. No. East Olive Avenue is expected to remain accessible during the entire restriping process. However, drivers and residents should expect temporary lane closures, lane shifts, cone patterns, and roadwork equipment and personnel during this time.

6. Will there be any impacts to street parking?

- a. Yes. Temporary NO PARKING signs will be posted throughout the Project Area during the project's installation and at least 72 hours prior to beginning enforcement.

7. What is this project's cost?

- a. The total cost for this restriping is \$55,000, which includes removing and reinstalling lanes throughout the entire stretch to achieve a wider parking lane.

8. How is this project being funded?

- a. This project is being funded through Transportation funds allocated to the City through Metro.

9. What is the next step in this project?

- a. The scheduled restriping taking place in March 2025 will conclude this phase of the project.

10. Who can I contact if I have questions about this project?

- a. Marcos Fuentes, Senior Transportation Planner/Project Lead, at (818) 238-5290 or mfuentes@burbankca.gov

11. Why are there only two lanes of travel?

- a. The goal of reducing the number of travel lanes serves a number of purposes: 1. reduce vehicle speeds on this segment of residential street, 2. decrease pedestrian crossing distances and conflict points with vehicles along Olive Avenue, 3. align street geometry along entire street segment, and 4. make Olive Avenue more compatible with the residential neighborhood.

12. Why are the two travel lanes narrower?

- a. Travel lanes were designed and installed within federal, state, and local engineering standards for city streets and are comparable to other streets in Burbank. These were designed to slow vehicle speeds.

13. Why were bicycle lanes not included in this restriping project?

- a. There are no bicycle facilities identified for East Olive Avenue in the Complete Streets Plan or other bike facilities within Downtown Burbank that would . With that said, if you ride at a slower speed than traffic, especially when going up the hill on Olive, under California law, you are allowed to take up the whole lane, and if necessary, ride as close as practicable to the right-hand curb while maintaining a safe distance from parked cars. Vehicles must also maneuver around using the wide median since it is not solid a double yellow line but striped as a center turning lane.