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Vine-Cedar Street Project

prior to the Christmas holidays.

The Vine-Cedar Street Project is well underway and it is expected that the project will be completed

After the contractor, Granite Construction Company, completed demolition and removal of buildings, City surveyors moved in and placed survey stakes. Underground storm drainage pipelines and manholes were then constructed in Cedar and Walnut Avenue. Grading and construction of concrete curb, gutter and sidewalk are now proceeding.

Soquel Avenue Widening

Many blocks of City streets are being resurfaced with a blanket of asphalt to make them smooth and

durable. As part of this program Soquel Avenue has been resurfaced from Morrissey east to Park Way. At the same time the City Council authorized the repainting of traffic lines to provide four lanes. Traffic volumes are very high on this street and two lanes will no longer accommodate the traffic.

In order to provide for four lanes it was necessary to remove parking from one side of the street. Every effort was made to provide as little inconvenience as possible to businesses. However, the Al Cheney Ford used car lot and the Bob Bowman Volkswagon agency did suffer from the loss of street parking. The City wished to provide parking and a solution was worked out. The property owners dedicated a strip 5 feet wide and moved their signs and electrical lighting facilities and the power and telephone companies moved their power poles. The City will remove concrete curbs, gutters and sidewalks and place new ones eight feet back so that a parking lane can be developed with marked spaces. The street will be repaved and sewer and water services extended as required. The owners have agreed to pay the difference in cost to have exposed aggregate sidewalks and will plant street trees to make the areas more attractive.

Pacific Avenue Mall

The mall promotional committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Ken Wenzel obtained the signed approval

of 68% of the landowners along the proposed mall. Most of the signatures were obtained as a result of the diligent effort of Mr. Chuck Abbott. The petitions were accepted by the City Council and preliminary resolutions were passed to get the project under way.

The mall committee is anxious to proceed quickly with the design so that all approvals can be obtained and plans completed and bids can be called for in February or March. If work begins in April, the mall will be ready for the Christmas season of 1969.