

## Council to consider hiring staff, get roads update

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City of Bakersfield Building Department inspector Mike Briscoe writes a list the builder will have to complete after his inspection on new construction of homes being built at Village Green near South Renfro and Stockdale Highway.

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Two local road projects will bring more than \$1.2 million in road improvements to east and southeast Bakersfield.

The council will consider approving a more than \$544,000 construction contract with Cal Prime Inc. to build sidewalks, curbs, gutters, access ramps, pavement and storm drain improvements in an area bounded by Kern Island Canal, Union Avenue, Fourth Street and Brundage Lane.

Funding would come from federal Community Development Block Grants.

The council will also consider approving a more than \$659,000 construction contract with Trinity Construction to re-fence along the Kern Delta Eastside Canal, down Lake Street from Union Avenue to Tulare Street, and rebuild pavement, curbs and gutters.

Here, CDBG funding and \$67,000 in savings on pavement improvements to Panama Lane would pay for the work.

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