

## Veterans Boulevard project in Fresno marches on

By Paula Lloyd Special to The Bee

Q: Whatever happened to the plans for Veterans Boulevard?

Omer L. Durham, Fresno

A: A portion of Veterans Boulevard has been finished southwest of Herndon and Polk avenues, and the rest of the project continues to progress, according to The Bee and the city.

The existing portion of the boulevard is southeast of Rio Vista Middle and River Bluff Elementary schools between Hayes and Sierra avenues. That portion is part of phase one between Herndon and Shaw avenues, but it could be another year before construction begins on the rest.

Scott Mozier, Fresno's public works director, said all the right-of-way east of Highway 99 has been acquired and the city is working to secure right-of-way to the west of the highway. Engineering construction drawings are nearly complete, and all parts of the project are being reviewed by Caltrans and other agencies, he said.

The cost of phase one is estimated at \$130 million, and funding needs to be secured. Full-scale construction of the 18-month project might start in 2020.

A 10-minute video by the Fresno Council of Governments gives a birds-eye view of the Veterans Boulevard project. The boulevard will complete a circle of modern thoroughfares around Fresno, joining with Herndon Avenue and Highways 180 and 168.

The project also includes an overpass over the Union Pacific Railroad and proposed high-speed rail tracks. Construction on the overpass is expected to begin in 2017, Mozier said.

Q: We own a 1955 Lambretta motor scooter that the original owner bought at Green's Cyclery in July 1956. What is the history of Green's?

Joyce Gostanian, Fresno

A: Samuel Wesley Green, who went by his middle name, opened his motorcycle shop in 1955 at 1230 W. Shields Ave., according to city directories.

Green died on Nov. 19, 1956, from injuries he sustained the day before in a motorcycle accident with another motorcycle in Madera County. Both riders were eastbound on Road 18 when the cyclist in front of Green slowed to make a U-turn and Green's motorcycle crashed, according to a Bee story.

Green, 44, was a native of Madera County but had lived in the Fresno area most of his life, the story said.

Green's Cyclery motorcycle shop began in early 1950s.

According to city directories, Green's wife, Mildred, took over the business in 1957. The shop moved to 3228 N. West Ave. in 1962 and to 4279 N. First St. in 1966. The last city directory listing for the shop was in 1972.

Green and his wife were members of the Fresno Motorcycle Club. A previous column about the club noted that in the early 1950s Mildred Green found a parcel of land at Chestnut and Clayton avenues that the club purchased for their clubhouse.

**More about:** After an answer about Fresno Christian Day School was published on April 10, Marshelle Carberry of Fresno wrote to share her memories of attending the school.

Carberry, who was in the second grade, and her late brother, then in the fourth grade, attended the school during the 1952-53 school year. "The buildings were old and the rooms very small. I thought they were really Sunday school rooms," Carberry wrote.

"I remember going outside one day to a very long table full of people to receive my first pink sugar cube (with the polio vaccine)," she wrote. "I thought it tasted great and wanted to get back in line."

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