

Business Report

Rehabilitation of Studebaker Road



On February 17, 2009, President Barack Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The Act includes over \$2.57 billion for highway transportation projects in California. The City of Norwalk, based on area and population, is scheduled to receive more than \$3.2 million of ARRA funds that can be used for rehabilitation of arterials and local streets in the City.

Included in the FY 2009/10 adopted budget is the proposed rehabilitation of Studebaker Road from Imperial Highway to Alondra Boulevard. Rehabilitation will consist of grinding 2 inches of the existing pavement and overlaying with 2 inches of rubberized asphalt concrete. The project will also replace damaged curb and gutter and construct Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant curb access ramps. The total estimated construction cost is \$2,086,000.

Staff submitted this project as one of the three street rehabilitation projects eligible for ARRA funding. The request for authorization to proceed with construction was submitted to Caltrans on March 24, 2009 and the environmental document was subsequently approved on May 22, 2009. Federal funds have been obligated and the project is now ready for construction.

Before any of the federal monies can be expended, the City is required to execute a Program Supplement Agreement with the State of California. Program Supplement No. 022-N to Administering Agency-State Agreement for Federal-Aid Projects No. 07-5347R will obligate \$2,086,000 of federal ARRA funds for construction. As stipulated in the agreement, the City has seven years to expend these federal funds.

Currently, a total of \$2,586,000 in ARRA funds have been obligated for the Front Street and Studebaker Road rehabilitation projects. A third project, Firestone Boulevard from Hoxie Avenue to Imperial Highway has also been approved; however, staff is still waiting for Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to obligate ARRA funds for this project.



SUBJECT LOCATION

LOCATION MAP

The NODE Bookstore: A Great New Place to Eat, Read, and Hang Out



The NODE Bookstore, Music, & Café officially opened its doors on January 21, 2005 with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

The NODE is one of the first of its kind in Norwalk. They have refined the current bookstore trends popularized by Borders and Barnes and Noble. A safe and relaxing place that provides people a place to have a meal or just hang out with friends. Making the destination even more enticing is a full-deli kitchen ready to prepare fresh sandwiches, smoothies, salads, and more.



The NODE is Located at 11723 Firestone Boulevard.



NODE Barista Adrian Marquez pumps out a blackberry italian soda for a customer.

The NODE is closed on Mondays. For more information, please call the NODE at (562) 868-1120.

Even in this tough economy the NODE remains as vital and fresh as ever by keeping their full kitchen stuffed with tasty treats and they increased their customer base by offering to special order any item on the book side. The NODE is all about customer service. The store constantly strives to improve all customers' NODE experience. Managers have employees focus on the simple concept that when a customer is in the house - nothing else they are doing is more important. The NODE is committed to serving their customers and making each one feel like royalty! Maybe most importantly the NODE works very hard to reach the community and give at-risk kids an option of not hanging out on the streets.

The NODE also has the newest in technology featuring an Instant CD Burn Bar, and E-books purchasable to download on your computer or Sony reader. The NODE provides free Wi-Fi and a comfortable sitting area to study.

Various musical performers headline music nights and special events can be planned such as music CD release parties!

NODE literally means things crossing or connecting and the NODE Bookstore is a place where family and friends gather together for a night of entertainment or just fellowship.

The NODE is located at 11723 Firestone Blvd. and is open from Tuesday to Thursday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.. The

Golden 1 Hr Photo

Operating in a so-called sunset industry, David and Judy Kwok double their effort to keep their Golden 1-Hour Photo shop afloat amid adverse economic and industry environment. Earlier this year, they added a new service line of digital machine embroidery. The offering of this service has helped to generate much needed revenues to compensate shortfall from the dwindling photography processing business.

As a stepped up effort in making their shop viable and to better serve the varied needs of customers, the Kwoks have recently acquired a direct garment digital apparel printer so that they can add one more new item to their service menu. The digital apparel printer features the latest technology in garment decoration. It prints vibrant colors and 100% cotton and cotton blends with stunning results which are unmatched by more generally used but somewhat dated screen printers. The digital apparel printer is specially designed for textile printing and it employs proprietary inks that have a high optical density to assure vivid colors which are highly resistant to fading from repeated washing and sunlight. The technology is particularly ideal for the production of promotional and special event T-shirts, souvenir shirts, blouses, aprons, pillowcases, etc.



Pictured above from left to right, owners Judy and David Kwok.



in surrounding cities. During the store's tenure, Norwalk's City Council presented David and Judy with a Community Spotlight Award highlighting many years of providing top quality service and their contribution to the local economy.

The company has offered computer digital imaging and slide processing, black and white photography, photo enlargements and reprints, studio and passport photo services, photo restoration and finishing, and one hour photo development. Some of the store's equipment includes a Canon laser color copier, a digital printer which allows print quality pictures directly from your camera's memory card and the store also offers a wide assortment of borders for all occasions, including holidays, sports, graduations and travel. Golden can also take negatives or memory cards and create compact disks of photos with a contact sheet or index print. There are even over 15 portrait backgrounds for you to choose from.

Kwok's Golden 1-Hour Photo shop has served the Norwalk neighborhood since 1989 with a reputation of providing quality services to customers. It is located at 11778 Firestone Blvd. The shop's phone number is (562) 868-8485.

Electronic Waste Collection Event



& Shred-A-Thon

Saturday, October 17

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Norwalk City Hall

12700 Norwalk Blvd.

Social Services Center

11929 Alondra Blvd.

Dispose of your unwanted electronics (e-waste) and shred important documents for free!



Computer CPUs and Screens, TV Sets, VCRs & DVD Players, Stereo Equipment, Video Game Systems, Fax Machines, Printers, and Cell Phones

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