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Woodlake closes block of Valencia Boulevard from Sierra to Sequoia for widening and sidewalk project

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WOODLAKE – A one block section of Valencia Boulevard will be closed for at least a month as the City of Woodlake will widen the road and add curb, gutters and sidewalks to extend the work already done through downtown.

Caltrans, in cooperation with the City, closed Valencia Boulevard (Highway 245) between Sierra Street and Sequoia Avenue yesterday, Feb. 13 for the construction project. The closure will last until Wednesday, March 14 if weather permits.

Jason Waters, community development director for the City of Woodlake, said the project will create a safer route to school for children walking to the educational complex along Sequoia that includes the Francis J. White Learning Center, Woodlake Valley Middle School and Woodlake High School. It will extend the wide sidewalks in the downtown area north to the area where they will connect with a new subdivision of 70 homes being built by Self-Help Enterprises at the corner of Valencia Boulevard and Wutchumna Avenue.

The project is being funded through an \$895,000 grant from the Caltrans' Active Transportation Program. The construction will be handled by Agee Construction, whose bid came under budget at \$792,669.

