



# Public Works Department Update

June 12-June 16, 2023

## Public Works Weekly Report

### Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit (MRP 3.0)

The Regional Water Quality Control Board has adopted the third re-issuance of the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit, MRP 3.0, to go into effect on July 1, 2023. This re-issuance includes significant changes and additional requirements to *Provision C.3 - New Development and Redevelopment*. For the Town, the most significant change would be that all single-family home projects that create and/or replace 10,000 square feet or more of impervious surface would now be subject to the implementation of low-impact development (LID) involving site design and stormwater treatment measures. Town staff have started outreach to the development communities related to the change. For more information, here is a link to MRP 3.0 fact sheet for single-family home development prepared by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program (SCVURPPP): [https://scvurppp.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Factsheet-for-Single-Family-Homes\\_4-12-23\\_final.pdf](https://scvurppp.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Factsheet-for-Single-Family-Homes_4-12-23_final.pdf).

### Annual Road Rehabilitation Project

On May 17, Town received bids from four (4) contractors for the 2023 Pavement Rehabilitation and Drainage Improvement Project. However, all bids were well above the Engineer's Estimate of \$1.2 million. The lowest bid was at \$1.45 million. The traffic control/notification and striping bid items came in extremely high. Contractors that submitted bids all received cost proposals from one striping subcontractor whose costs were beyond normal estimates.

At the June 15 Council meeting, the City Council rejected all bids and authorized staff to rebid the project with a reduced scope of work. The project will be advertised for bid next week with bids due mid-July. If bids are within the project budget, staff anticipates construction to start in August to be completed by October.

## General Infrastructure CIP Project

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### Heritage House Upgrade

Staff is currently working with the History Committee and the Emergency Preparedness and Response Committee to finalize the conceptual design. Staff is also preparing a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit proposals for the final design services.

### Council Chambers HVAC

Staff is looking to hire a mechanical/electrical/plumbing (MEP) consultant to prepare building permit plans and construction documents to replace three gas furnaces that are now almost 20 years old. Gas furnaces would be replaced with heat pumps, which supports the Town's goal to electrify Town facilities and eliminate the need for gas service. One of the furnaces is out of commission and in need of repair or replacement. The work would require some electrical upgrades including a new subpanel for the heat pumps. Staff anticipates that the construction documents can be completed by the end of 2023 for construction in spring 2024.

### Matadero Creek Erosion

Staff is finalizing the design documents for the Matadero Creek Bank Stabilization project to include bike lanes on Page Mill Road within the project limits. The construction for the project is anticipated to start in spring or summer 2024. The project has been certified by the State's Water Board to move forward with the Matadero Creek erosion permanent repair. As part of the certification process, the Water Board required a Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (MMP) for impacts to Matadero Creek. One of the mitigation measures approved by the Water Board involves the enhancement of a riparian area along 1.96 acres of a tributary to Moody Creek at Byrne Preserve. This offsite mitigation work would require 200 or more new plantings with protective fencing and an irrigation system along the creek banks in Byrne Preserve and ten years of maintenance and monitoring of the riparian area. Installation of fencing and irrigation and continuous maintenance efforts would be challenging and costly components of the project. Staff is working with key stakeholders and determining the feasibility of the offsite mitigation measure.

## Pathway Projects

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### Briones Way, Concepcion Road, and La Paloma Road

At the June 15 Council meeting, the City Council approved the plans and specifications for the Briones Way, Concepcion Road, and La Paloma Road Pathways Project for staff to advertise for formal bid. The Council also authorized a formation of a Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee to coordinate with the City Manager to evaluate the bids and make a final decision on awarding a contract within the construction estimate of \$500,000, including contingency. Once the lowest responsible bidder is established and approved by the Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee and the City Manager in July, the construction of pathways can start by August 2023.

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### **Edgerton Road**

Staff has received a revised layout of the Edgerton Road pathway alignment and is discussing the design with the property owner to negotiate a pathway easement.

### **Fremont/Redwood Grove Pathway**

Staff is preparing a draft of the construction and maintenance agreement for the proposed path to be reviewed by the City of Los Altos and will continue to work with Los Altos staff to move the project forward. In addition, staff has completed the design documents for the proposed path for submittal to the City of Los Altos in June.

### **Maple Leaf Court and Middle Fork Lane**

At the June 26 meeting, the Pathways Committee is planning to discuss revising the Master Pathway Plan to include the proposed pathway between Maple Leaf Court and Middle Fork Lane. Amendments to the Master Pathway Plan would require a public hearing with the Planning Commission and approval from the City Council. The property owner at 13432 Middle Fork, who has made private improvements along the public right-of-way, is strongly opposing the proposed pathway alignment. Also, the pathway easement at 13140 Byrd Lane along the proposed alignment is currently inaccessible due to private fences. Staff has sent a letter requesting access to 13140 Byrd Lane, but staff has not received a response yet.

### **Page Mill Road (crosswalk)**

Staff has finalized the design documents for the new crosswalk proposed on Page Mill Road near Foothills Nature Preserve. Staff plans to submit the design plans to the County of Santa Clara and the City of Palo Alto for encroachment permits in June 2023.

### **Saddle Court Pathway**

The Town Maintenance team has installed the Saddle Court Pathway (approximately 2,450 linear feet). Staff plans to make necessary adjustments to the pathway where needed within the next month or two.

### **Summerhill Pathway**

Staff has submitted design documents to the County of Santa Clara, Roads and Airports Department for an Encroachment Permit for the proposed path. Staff plans to organize outreach efforts for the project with the neighboring residents in late June/early July. Staff has also filed a CEQA Notice of Exemption with the County of Santa Clara, Recorder's office.

## **Storm Infrastructure Project**

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### **Storm Drain Improvement Project**

The Town received bids from three (3) contractors for the Storm Drain Improvement Project on June 15. The bids range from \$195,000 to \$245,300. The lowest bid price is within the award amount authorized by the City Council at the May 17 meeting. Once the lowest responsible bidder is established, the construction contract would be executed, and construction can start in July 2023.

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## Sewer CIP Project

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### 2022 Sanitary Sewer Repair and Replacement Project

The 2022 Sanitary Sewer Repair and Replacement Project is substantially complete. The project team will be going through any punch list items, if any. Staff anticipates seeking Council acceptance of the project in August 2023. Staff to work on getting the 2023 Sanitary Sewer Repair project ready for construction by fall.

## Permits Issued

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Encroachment Permits Issued: 5

Sewer Permits Issued: 2

## Maintenance

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After-hours or weekend callouts: 0

Fallen trees/major limbs down: 0

- Repair irrigation leaks at Purissima Park
- Maintain and mow Purissima Park
- Install 26 new Neighborhood Watch signs
- Mowing/brushing along La Paloma Rd, Robleda Rd, Elena Rd, and Arastradero Rd

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