



Public Works Department Update

June 26-June 30, 2023

Public Works Weekly Report

Annual Road Rehabilitation Project

The re-bid has been advertised on *Los Altos Town Crier* and the Town's website with bids due mid-July. Staff is also reaching out to building exchanges and contractors directly to solicit bids. Once bids are received and the lowest responsible bidder is established within the project budget approved by the City Council, the construction is anticipated to start by August to be completed by October. Bid Posting: <https://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/bids.aspx?bidID=59>.

General Infrastructure CIP Project

Heritage House Upgrade

In May, the County Housing and Community Development (HCD) informed the Town of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds approved for the Heritage House Upgrade project. Less than a month after, HCD staff followed up stating that the Town would not qualify for the grant program since the Los Altos Hills community would not meet the federal national objective of low to moderate-income area benefit provision. We were extremely disappointed about the news and the HCD process. However, the City Manager is working with the County Supervisor Simitian's Office to correct the situation with other grant opportunities to fill the CDBG funding gap.

Staff will also be issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) soon to solicit proposals for the final design services for the project.

Council Chambers HVAC

Staff is investigating an option to contract directly with an HVAC contractor to replace three gas furnaces for the Council Chambers that are now almost 20 years old, and for the contractor to prepare building permit plans/documents. Gas furnaces would be replaced with heat pumps, which supports a Town's goal to electrify Town facilities. 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 is looking to issue a construction contract by fall 2023.

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Matadero Creek Erosion

Staff is finalizing the design documents for the Matadero Creek Bank Stabilization project and working to secure the encroachment permit extension from Caltrans. The construction for the project is anticipated to start spring or summer 2024. The project has been certified by the State's Water Board. 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 is 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 at Byrne Preserve and ten years of maintenance and monitoring of the riparian area. Installation of fencing and irrigation and the establishment of new plantings would be challenging and costly elements to the project. Staff is working with key stakeholders to determine the feasibility of the offsite mitigation measure.

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 July 1, 2023. This reissue 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 has 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>.

Pathway Projects

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 a formal bid. 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.

The project has been advertised on Los Altos Town Crier and the Town's website with bids due mid-July. Staff is reaching out to building exchanges and contractors directly to solicit bids. Once the lowest responsible bidder is established and approved by the Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee and the City Manager in late July, the construction of pathways can start by August 2023. Bid Posting: <https://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/bids.aspx?bidID=60>.

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The voluntary pre-bid meeting occurred on Wednesday, June 28. Three contractors attended who stated that they will likely submit bids.

Edgerton Road

Edgerton Road Pathway project is along one parcel located at 27525 Edgerton Road. This week, staff met with the property owner and shared the proposed pathway layout plan, which would require a pathway easement. The property owner will further review and provide staff with feedback and a decision on granting the 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.

Maple Leaf Court and Middle Fork Lane

At the June 26 meeting, the Pathways Committee voted to further investigate adding the proposed pathway between Maple Leaf Court and Middle Fork Lane to the Master Path Plan (MPP). Once the Pathways Committee determines that staff resources would be required to push this forward for Planning Commission and/or the City Council approval, the work may need to be added to the Council Work Plan for 2023.

Again, 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 is finalizing 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 by July 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.

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 has also sent out notices to Los Altos Hills residents within 500' of the proposed path regarding an upcoming outreach meeting (hybrid: in-person and virtual) scheduled for July 19 from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall. Email Astha Khanal at akhanal@losaltoshills.ca.gov for the Zoom link to join the meeting virtually.

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Storm Infrastructure Project

Storm Drain Improvement Project

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. The lowest responsible bidder has been established at C2R Engineering. Once the construction contract is executed, construction can start in July 2023.

Permits Issued

Encroachment Permits Issued: 2

Sewer Permits Issued: 2

Maintenance

After-hours or weekend callouts: 0

Fallen trees/major limbs down: 0

- Maintain and mow Purissima Park
- Mowing/brushing along Viscaino Rd, Summerhill Ave, and Hilltop Dr
- Replace street name signs
- Remove manure pilot program enclosure to prevent illegal dumping.
- Aerate fields at Purissima Park

