



Public Works Department Update

August 7–11, 2023

Public Works Weekly Report

Annual Road Rehabilitation Project

On July 12, the Town received five (5) bids for the re-bid of the 2023 Annual Road Rehabilitation Project. Bids range from \$991,562 to \$1,528,608. The lowest responsible bidder is established as O'Grady Paving from Mountain View. The contract with contingency will be below the City Council authorized amount. Construction is anticipated to start by end August or early September and be completed by October.

Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit (MRP 3.0)

The Regional Water Quality Control Board has adopted the third reissuance of the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit, MRP 3.0, which went into effect July 1, 2023. This reissuance includes significant changes and additional requirements to *Provision C.3 - New Development and Redevelopment*. For the Town, the most significant change is 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. 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 Pathways

Staff is working on having the contract executed with the contractor, C2R, for Base Bid Items for \$293,910, which includes pathways construction on Concepcion Road and La Paloma Road. Once the contract is executed, construction is anticipated to start by end of August. The pathway on Briones Way will be constructed inhouse by the maintenance staff as advised by the Ad Hoc Subcommittee. Staff is working on scheduling the Briones Way pathway work for late summer.

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Edgerton Road Pathway

Staff is awaiting a decision from the property owner of 27525 Edgerton Road to regarding the grant of pathway easement for the pathway.

Fremont/Redwood Grove Pathway

Town Attorney is reviewing the draft construction and maintenance agreement for the proposed path before staff routes it to the City of Los Altos for an approval. Town Staff is working on exhibits to present to the City of Los Altos along with finalized plans.

Page Mill Road (crosswalk)

Staff finalized the design documents for the new crosswalk proposed on Page Mill Road near Foothills Nature Preserve and submitted the plans to the County of Santa Clara and the City of Palo Alto for encroachment permits, which may take couple of months.

Saddle Court Pathway

The Town Maintenance team has installed the Saddle Court Pathway (approximately 2,450 linear feet). Staff plans to make final cross-slope adjustments where needed within this month.

Summerhill Pathway

Summerhill Ave. Phase II Pathway plans are still under review with the County of Santa Clara, Roads & Airports.

Sewer CIP Project

2023 Sanitary Sewer Repair and Replacement Project

Staff has finalized the plans and specifications for the 2023 Sanitary Sewer Repair and Replacement Project for bid. Staff plans to seek Council approval to advertise the project for bid at the August 17 Council Meeting. Current estimate for the construction project is around \$900,000.

Stinkwort Removal

Stinkwort (*Dittrichia graveolens*) is a fall flowering, highly invasive noxious weed. Its resin is flammable and can cause rashes. Similar to past years, the Town will work with an herbicide vendor to spray for stinkwort on roadways and pathways in September. With the help of Open Space Committee members, the Town is starting to map roadside and pathway infestations for removal.

Residents can also help by reporting stinkwort sightings on the Town's "Submit a Request/Complaint" website at <https://losaltoshills.portal.iworq.net/portalhome/losaltoshills> with a photo and location of the sighting. Please make sure to select "Weed/Brush" under *Type of Request*. There are many lookalike plants. The free smart phone apps Seek by iNaturalist are helpful for identification.

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Stinkwort removal is currently scheduled for September 5 to 8, 2023. For questions, please email Melissa Elian-Carrillo at melian-carrillo@losaltoshills.ca.gov.

If you see stinkwort or other noxious weeds like yellow star thistle on your property, please quickly remove them by hand pulling (wearing gloves) or mowing to reduce propagation.

Identifying STINKWORT

- **Sticky, gummy leaves with powerful aroma of camphor**
- **Light green, thin linear leaves**
- **Produces small yellow flowers and fluffy seed heads**
- **Mature plants grow into a “bushy beach ball” shape, up to 3 feet tall**



Permits Issued

Encroachment Permits Issued: 10

Sewer Permits Issued: 2

Maintenance

After-hours or weekend callouts: 0

Fallen trees/major limbs down: 0

- Clear and raise trees on ROW of annual resurfacing streets
- Trim low hanging branches on Moody Rd and Dezahara Way
- Clear overgrown storm drain on Cortez Ln
- Clean up multiple glass spills on Altamont Rd

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- Mow and maintain Purissima Park

