



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7.c

MEETING DATE: January 9, 2025

To: Traffic Safety and Parking Commission

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Subject: Engineering Division Reports/Public Works Update

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission receive an update on various Public Works – Engineering projects and activities.

BACKGROUND

- **ECR Renewal Project** – The purpose of this project is to rehabilitate the roadway, reduce localized flooding, improve visibility, and upgrade pedestrian infrastructure to comply with ADA standards. The project area stretches 3 miles, between East Santa Inez Avenue and Millbrae Avenue and encompasses uniquely challenging pavement, vegetation, sidewalk, utility, drainage, and safety issues. This stretch of El Camino Real is also lined with heritage tree rows that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and contribute to the unique character of the corridor. The project is currently under 90% design. Caltrans is tentatively planning to begin construction by the Summer of 2025,

Please refer to the Caltrans' link below for additional details on the outreach effort to this point:

<https://ecrscoping.com/background/>

- **AB 413 Update** – Staff is reminding the community that since January 1, 2025, the new California law which eliminates parking near crosswalks is now in effect. Under Assembly Bill 413 (AB 413), parking is now prohibited within 20 feet of any marked or unmarked crosswalk. AB 413 aims to improve drivers' sightlines to enhance the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. Prior to January 1, 2025, only warnings were allowed to be issued, now citations may be issued. To support compliance, the City has been marking red curbs and removing non-compliant parking spaces; primarily in high-traffic pedestrian areas, such as the Downtown(s). Please note that this restriction applies to all crosswalks (both marked and unmarked), even if the curb is not painted red.
- **Broadway Grade Separation Project** – Project will separate the roadway and train tracks at Broadway via a structure that will raise the tracks and allow the vehicles to go

underneath without lowering Broadway. Project will also increase access and enhance safety for pedestrians and bicyclists along Broadway in the surrounding area. Project is currently under final design. Alongside the design work, the project is currently undergoing a construction manager/general contractor (CMGC) review process to refine the project plans associated with the project's schedule and construction costs.

- **California Drive Phase II Update** – This project consist of the design and construction of 0.4 miles of Class 1 shared use bicycle and pedestrian path along California Drive, between Oak Grove Avenue and Burlingame Avenue. The project will not only enhance the safety, comfort, and attractiveness of bicycling for people of all ages and abilities but will also increase the north/south connectivity within the City. Additionally, it will also close a major gap in the County's bicycle network. The project is temporarily on hold as staff are working with SFPUC on updating the existing revokable permit along California Drive.
- **South Rollins Update** – This project consists of the design and construction of one or more traffic circles, multiple chicanes, and rubberized medians along South Rollins Road between Broadway and Burlingame Avenue. The main goal of the project is to enhance safety for pedestrians and bicyclists by slowing down traffic and increasing visibility along Rollins Road. The first community workshop will be held on January 22nd. The goal is to complete full design by Summer 2025 and complete construction before end of 2025.
- **North Rollins Update** – The project will design and construct 1.3 miles of Class IV separated bikeways and pedestrian improvements along North Rollins Road, between Broadway and the Burlingame/Millbrae city limits. This project proposes to enhance multimodal access while improving safety, connectivity, and comfort for people of all ages and abilities. First community workshop will be held on February 12th, 2025. This is a large-scale CIP and needs significant outreach effort. Aiming to complete the design by the end of 2025, with construction in 2026.
- **Hillside Traffic Calming Update** – Effort is reviewing potential traffic calming and pedestrian improvements along the Hillside Drive Corridor. TSPC last met and discussed this topic with the community at the October 2024 meeting.
- **Oak Grove/Carolan Traffic Signal Improvements Update** – This project consists of the analysis, design, and construction of a traffic signal at the intersection. The signal will significantly enhance pedestrian safety at the intersection. Staff and the design team are working on addressing the comments by California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) staff as well as another review of the traffic signal operations. These comments were based on a diagnostic meeting with them and Caltrain present.
- **Murchison/Trousdale/Davis Update** – This project involves the design and construction of bicycle facilities along Murchison Drive, Trousdale Drive, and Davis Drive between Sequoia Avenue and California Drive. Improvements on these streets will improve connectivity, support Safe Routes to Schools; while enhancing safety, comfort, and accessibility for people of all ages and abilities. Staff previously provided a preview of the latest revised design concepts to the TSPC and is in the process of bringing this back to the community.

- **City Threads Update** – The City was selected as a recipient of a “Accelerated Mobility Playbook” (AMP) grant. This grant reviews the City’s resources and ability to accelerate mobility projects. These projects help people move about their communities more safely, efficiently, and equitably. Staff will soon be working with the national non-profit organization City Thread by working to set up stakeholder meetings. This process has been initiated by Commissioner Cauchi, and staff recommends that a “City Thread” committee be formed to monitor the progress. Please refer to the link below for additional details:

<https://www.citythread.org/faqs>

- **Peninsula Avenue/Dwight Road Update** – Staff has been coordinating with San Mateo staff on changes to the intersection. Burlingame has enhanced the crosswalks to high-visibility crosswalks, and San Mateo has introduced “lead pedestrian intervals” (LPI) to the pedestrian signals. San Mateo staff is currently reviewing potential signal timing alternatives as well as alterations in the lane reconfigurations.
- **Vision Zero Update** – In December, the Federal (USDOT) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program announced the final list of 2023 awardees and Burlingame was awarded \$480,000 of funding with a \$120,000 local match to develop a new action plan. While Grant agreements are being processed, staff plans to present a draft RFP to the Vision Zero Subcommittee in February. Additional information can be found on the SS4A website:

<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>

DISCUSSION

Some of these items may have been originally presented to City staff and/or the Traffic Safety and Parking Commission as public requests or comments. Items on this list are matters that would typically be addressed by City staff on an administrative level or are City Capital Improvement Projects. Matters that require broad public input or have a wide-spread impact are addressed as Commission “Discussion/Action Items” (TSPC Agenda Item 6).