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Thursday, July 13th, 2023

Re: Witter Field Renovation Project Update

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for your continued patience with the Witter Field renovation project.

This message provides an update on anticipated parking restrictions and other impacts for the remainder of July, as well as an update on the drainage calculations. I have also attached the updated 3-week look ahead project schedule from Bothman Construction dated 7/12/13 and progress photos showing some of the work going on at the site.

Work in Progress

This week Bothman will finish the off hauling of field sub base/sand material and begin trenching for the field storm drain piping/structures and underground infrastructure (electrical/irrigation pathways). Residents will be seeing materials delivery trucks and different types of trenching equipment being delivered to the site. Potholing and storm drainage work continues for the walkway in front of the Witter Field House. As soon as the walkway storm drainage work is complete, base rock will start to be delivered via the El Cerrito entrance. The goal is to try to have the walkway poured and opened for use before the start of school, Wed August 9th.

There have been reports of dump trucks arriving before 8am each morning. We have been working with Bothman, the dump truck company, and with PPD to prevent early arrivals. Please continue to report any incident or condition that may be hazardous. (A photo of the offending truck(s) is very helpful) Repeat offenders will be removed from working on our project.

Parking Restrictions

As of today, Bothman is requesting that the parking restrictions in both the El Cerrito/Jerome Ave and the Palm Dr/Winsor Ave neighborhoods remain in place through the end of July. Parking restrictions will remain in place 8am-4pm, Monday-Friday. No weekend work is planned.

These restrictions are necessary to ensure that the contractor is able to access the site for regular equipment and material deliveries including piping, baserock, rebar and concrete, while maintaining neighborhood access for emergency responders.

This morning, Superintendent Jennifer Hawn and I walked the truck routes at 7:15am to assess and evaluate the egress and discuss parking restrictions. If the District and contractor determine that parking restrictions are no longer needed at any point, we will immediately notify the community.

Winsor driveway gate closure

For your safety, the pedestrian access gate on the Winsor Avenue driveway, which many residents use to access the Piedmont Park off-leash dog area will be closed during working hours: Monday-Friday from 7:30am to 4pm. The gate will be locked and chained during these periods. Please respect this closure, as construction activity on the driveway could pose a safety hazard to pedestrians and dogs.

We will keep the gate open for pedestrian access to the off-leash dog area outside of working hours and on weekends. Please email me if you find the gate chained outside of designated working hours.

Drainage Calculations

Several residents have inquired about potential impacts that the project will have on storm runoff. Please be assured that the overall goal is that the Witter Field renovation project will have minimal to no impact on the existing storm drain system in the area.

The District's consultant, Verde Design, continues to work with the City Engineer on drainage calculations to demonstrate pre- and post-project storm water flows. Once this work is complete, I will provide a letter to the community summarizing the net impacts that the Witter Field renovation project will have on the existing storm drain system. We are working with the City to confirm the 2018 drainage calculations that were provided by Verde's Civil Engineer. (see attached)

Updates and Contact Information

The District remains committed to providing regular updates to the community regarding the Witter Field renovation. We understand that construction is inconvenient and disruptive, and appreciate your continued patience, understanding, and cooperation as we complete this important project.

I will provide another update on construction activity and parking restrictions for the month of August no later than Thursday, July 27th. All updates will continue to be posted on the PUSD website at <https://www.piedmont.k12.ca.us/ref/facilities/witter-field-renovation>.

I remain the point of contact for questions and concerns. Please feel free to reach out to me anytime at ppalmer@piedmont.k12ca.us or by phone at (510) 594-2877.

Regards,
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