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UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Friday, December 29th, 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 end of December and the first week of January.

I have also attached progress photos showing the ongoing work at the site.

Work in Progress

As of today, Friday 12/29/23, the Field Turf crew has been working on cutting in the football yard markers, striping, endzone "PIEDMONT" lettering, etc..

Bothman finished installing the LAX net sleeves and started installing the hardball and football scoreboards

The bleacher code compliant handrail work is finished.

The heavy rains this week may have affected the Field Turfs completion schedule. Bothman is looking at ways to speed up Field Turfs work so it won't interfere with the start of the track resurfacing. (OT/weekend work) The project completion date remains 2/5/24 and is weather dependent. We will immediately inform the community if/when the completion date is delayed.

Clarifications:

1. The track resurfacing work is still scheduled to start on approximately 1/11/24 and will need dry weather for the material to adhere to the asphalt. If inclement weather occurs during the track resurfacing process, it will delay the opening date.
2. Out of an abundance of caution, both PHS track and LAX programs should plan on using alternate venues through the end of their seasons. As soon as Witter Field receives a certificate of occupancy/final from the DSA (Division of State Architecture) Inspector of Record, the Witter complex will open and the track and LAX programs can return. The DSA Inspector has stated the synthetic turf field can't be used until the project is 100% complete, there are no exceptions.
3. Graduation on Witter will occur as it typically does in June

Parking Restrictions

Parking restrictions on Palm, Park View and Winsor will be reinstated starting Tue, January 2nd and run through Friday, January 5th. The parking restrictions are needed for the synthetic turf sand and infill trucking along with the trucking required to haul away the existing track material.

Bothman will place the no parking signs on the sidewalk stating "Starting on 1/2 no parking" on Friday, 12/29.

Bothman will inform how long the parking restrictions will be needed again on a weekly basis.

Parking restrictions on El Cerrito remain lifted until further notice.

As a reminder, parking restrictions have been needed to assure emergency vehicle egress during construction hours. This is per the City of Piedmont Fire Department request.

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

A 54 pg City approved encroachment permit and Verde Stormwater report was issued on dated 8/25/23

Per the City's request, PUSD has reduced the peak flow rate for the Witter Field area by approximately 20%, largely by detaining the water in storm events in the subsurface piping and rock drainage profile.

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 in approximately one week, no later than Friday, 1/4/24. 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,
Pete Palmer
PUSD, Director of Facilities/Construction Manager