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UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Friday, January 5th, 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 beginning of January.

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

Work in Progress

As of today, Friday 1/5/24, the Field Turf crew continues to work on cutting in the football yard markers, striping, end zone "PIEDMONT" lettering, etc..

Bothman finished installing the hardball and football scoreboards this week.

All of the existing track material was scraped from the base and hauled away this week.

Due to the weather forecast for the next two weeks and due to unforeseen conditions, the completion date of 2/5/24 is now in question. Bothman and the track re-surfacing subcontractor will provide additional information and an updated completion schedule early next week.

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. ***As of today, the start date of the track resurfacing is in question.***
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 lifted on Tue 1/9/24. The no parking signs will be removed at the end of the work day, on Monday, 1/8/24. The parking restrictions are needed Monday, 1/8/24 to truck in the turf infill.

Bothman will inform when parking restrictions on Palm, Park View and Winsor 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, 1/12/24. 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
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