Redwood HS Solar Project Construction & Temporary Parking Information

Solar Project Summary:

The Tamalpais Union High School District (TUHSD) is moving forward with the installation of solar canopies, including electrical vehicle (EV) charging stations, in school site parking lots at Archie Williams, Redwood and Tamalpais High Schools. The Board of Trustees approved this energy-savings project in December 2022, and approved award for the design and construction of these structures to Engie, Inc. on February 28, 2023. District staff is currently engaged with the contractor on the construction planning, including impacts to existing staff and student parking during the construction phase.





Temporary Parking Information for Fall Semester 2023 (update as of June 2023):

At Redwood High School, five solar carport structures will be constructed in the Back (East) Parking Lot supporting 1,335 solar panels with 30 EV car-charging stations to reduce our carbon footprint, provide energy savings and increase energy capacity for planned classroom air-conditioning. The solar canopies are expected to produce 1.227 megawatts (MW) annually and save TUHSD approximately \$355,000 per year in energy costs. The solar project is currently in final design and is in final review by the Department of the State Architect (DSA) before construction can begin. Once DSA approval is received, construction will begin and is anticipated to start early in the 2023 Fall semester (tentatively August through December 2023), which will close the Back (East) Parking Lot with its 286 parking spaces for staff and students. Two temporary parking lots will be constructed in late Summer and will provide 193 parking spaces, which will result in 93 fewer parking spaces available during construction (see photo below for locations). This will impact student pick-up/drop off, public busing and general access to the school site from the Back parking lot (East lot). In early August prior to the start of school, Redwood High School administration will provide detailed information on student parking as well as traffic flow for the 2023-24 school year. As feasible, all students will be encouraged to bike, walk, carpool or take public transportation. For specific Redwood HS parking information, please use the following link: https://www.tamdistrict.org/domain/1075.



As a community partner, TUHSD remains committed to reducing traffic congestion and providing a safe driving environment. In an effort to continue this support and help us mitigate the impacts to current parking, we highly encourage students to maximize carpools, bicycles, walking and public transportation. Through the years, Redwood High School has developed a positive relationship with the Larkspur and Corte Madera communities and is very much committed to maintaining a positive relationship for years to come. Students should remember that they not only represent themselves but also Redwood High School when interacting with members of our community. It is the responsibility of each of us at Redwood to be good neighbors and show respect, in how we drive, how we communicate and how we interact with residents in our community.

For additional Solar Canopy project information, please visit the following website: https://sites.google.com/tamdistrict.org/facilitiesmodernization/home and click on the Solar Installations Tab.

You can also send any questions, comments or feedback to <u>facilitiesmodernization@tamdistrict.org</u>.