

Tamalpais 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: (as of June 2023)

At Tamalpais High School, two solar carport structures will be constructed in the Miller Avenue Parking Lot supporting 454 solar panels with 8 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 0.411 megawatts (MW) annually and save TUHSD approximately \$116,000 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 Miller Avenue Parking Lot with its 83 parking spaces for staff, which will impact student parking in the Almonte Avenue Parking Lot. A temporary parking lot will be constructed in late Summer and will provide 74 parking spaces, which will result in 9 fewer parking spaces available during construction (see photo below for location). In early August prior to the start of school, Tam High administration will provide additional guidance on requesting an assigned student parking space as well as traffic flow guidance for the 2023-24 school year. As feasible, all students will be encouraged to bike, walk, carpool or take public transportation. For specific Tamalpais HS parking information, please use the following link: <https://www.tamdistrict.org/domain/872>.



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, Tamalpais High School has developed a positive relationship with the Mill Valley community 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 Tamalpais High School when interacting with members of our community. It is the responsibility of each of us at Tamalpais High School 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 facilitiesmodernization@tamdistrict.org.