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Friday, January 12th, 2024

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 second week of January.

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

Work in Progress

As of Friday 1/12/24, the Field Turf crew is finishing the turf striping and will infill and finish the install and remove all turf related equipment and materials from Witter the week of 1/15.

When the existing track surfacing was removed last week, Bothman discovered approximately 6000 sq ft of substandard asphalt base underneath. The asphalt was in such bad condition that the track resurfacing company stated they could not install the new track base.

Bothman has issued a change order to remove the substandard asphalt, excavate and haul away soil to a depth of approximately 12", Bothman would then need to install geo-structural fabric (per the project Geo Tech engineer), truck in, place and compact to 95%, 8" to 9" of baserock, then pave a 3" section of asphalt. The earliest available paving date is 2/1/24. The paving date is weather dependent, if it's raining or too cold, the date would be postponed. The new paving will need 30 days to cure. This will push the track resurfacing tasks to Monday, June 3rd.

Once Bothman completes the aforementioned change order work (paving is complete on 2/1) the balance of their contract work (listed below) and the DSA inspector has signed off on the work, the synthetic turf field will open for PHS athletics. Bothman's goal is to open the synthetic turf sometime between Monday, 2/5 and Friday, 2/9. Again, the turf opening dates are weather dependent.

Once the synthetic turf field is open, parking restrictions will remain lifted until the track resurfacing tasks begin on June 3rd. The entire Witter Field track and synthetic turf will need to remain closed the month of June in order to finish the work. In June, during the track resurfacing, the parking restrictions on Palm and Winsor will be kept to a minimum.

The following tasks will need to be completed prior to opening the turf field.

1. Install x2 pole vault pit boxes
2. Install LAX posts and nets
3. Install x2 football goal posts
4. Finish installing/wiring/testing the x3 scoreboards
5. Finish g-max testing of the new turf/infill (<https://g-max-testing.com>)
6. Remove all temp fencing, top of bleachers and Wildwood lower playground
7. Remove Bothman portable office/materials and open the Witter parking lot

Parking Restrictions

Parking restrictions on Palm, Park View and Winsor will remain in place, at least through Friday, 1/19. Bothman will inform when parking restrictions on Palm, Park View and Winsor will be lifted. 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, 1/19/24. 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