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Wednesday, January 24th, 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 fourth week of January.

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

Work in Progress

As of today, Wednesday 1/24/24, with today's heavy rain and forecasted rain next week, the construction team decided to not move forward with the 6000sqft of asphalt and soil sub base repair. Instead, Bothman will repair a small section (less than 500 sqft) of severely damaged asphalt base with a cold patch asphalt product.

The asphalt and 12" deep sub base repair is now scheduled to start on Monday, June 3rd. The track resurfacing to follow as soon as the new asphalt has time to cure for 30 days. The Witter synthetic turf and track will need to be closed over the summer to complete the work. (the Witter Field House/weight rm, grass softball and hardball fields will remain open) The target reopening of the synthetic turf and track, after the summer work is complete, will be before the first day of school, Monday, 8/12.

By delaying the asphalt repair to summer we will be able to be 100% certain of opening the synthetic turf field the week of 2/5. We can schedule the home soccer playoff games on Wed 2/7 and Thursday 2/8.

We can also open the track for PHS/PMS track practices and to the public.

(track will not have surfacing or lane striping but it will be safe to run on but not compete on)

(PHS track will be able to throw shot put and discus on Witter)

(PHS track will not be able to pole vault, long jump or high jump on Witter)

We can also open the turf field for the start of LAX season.

Bothman will remove their office trailer and all temporary fencing so we can open the bleachers and the Witter parking lot the week of 2/5. This also includes the temp fencing and gates on the Wildwood Elementary lower playground.

The Field Turf crew is finishing the turf infill and will remove all turf related equipment before the end of the week.

The following tasks still 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, 2/2. Bothman will inform when parking restrictions on Palm, Park View and Winsor will be lifted.

Parking restrictions on El Cerrito will need to be in place next Wed 1/31 so Bothman can remove their office portable from the Witter parking lot. Bothman will post no parking signs on El Cerrito, Tue afternoon 1/30 and remove them as soon as the portable office has been transported off site.

Parking restrictions will remain lifted on Palm, Winsor, Park View and El Cerrito starting Monday, 2/5. No parking restrictions will be needed through the end of the school year, May 31st. Parking restrictions will be held to a minimum during the summer work starting Monday, 6/3.

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.

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, 2/2/24. 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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