

Almond Grove Street Reconstruction Project Phase II – Frequently Asked Questions – 3/9/18

What streets will be reconstructed with the Phase II project?

The following streets are included in the Phase II project:

- Glen Ridge Avenue (between Hernandez and Bachman Avenues) – completed 2017
- Massol Avenue
- Bayview Avenue – completed 2017
- Tait Avenue
- Wilder Avenue
- Almendra Avenue
- Nicholson Avenue (between Massol Avenue and N. Santa Cruz Avenue)
- Bean Avenue (between Massol Avenue and N. Santa Cruz Avenue)

What streets will be done in 2018?

The streets selected to be addressed in 2018 are anticipated to be Tait, Bean, and Massol Avenues.

When will this project start and how long will it be under construction?

The Phase II contract is a three year contract with three separate “construction seasons” – approximately between May – November of each year beginning May 2017. The completion of the entire project, without weather or other unanticipated delays, would be late November, 2019. The contractor and the Town will work towards the completion of a quality project in the most efficient and expeditious manner.

Due to the long periods of clear weather beginning in November of 2017, the contractor was allowed to continue work during the 2017/18 winter season, weather permitting.

Detailed scheduling for the remaining streets in the Phase II contract will depend on the progress made during the 2017/18 winter season. Updates to the project, including scheduling details, will be posted to the project page throughout construction.

How will the contractor approach the street reconstruction?

The contractor has identified the following very basic phases for the reconstruction of the streets:

- I. Set up project detours, lane closures, and traffic control
- II. Remove street trees as required
- III. Remove and replace curb, gutter, sidewalk (as required), ramps, and driveway approaches on one side of the street

- IV. Remove and replace curb, gutter, sidewalk (as required), ramps, and driveway approaches on the other side of the street
- V. Remove and replace one half of the street pavement– from centerline to curblin
- VI. Remove and replace the other half of the street pavement – from centerline to curblin
- VII. Restripe, adjust utilities, plant new street trees, remove detours and road closures

Who decided what trees should be removed with this project?

The Town's arborist has evaluated all trees within the project area and has made a determination based on the Town's Tree and Shrub Ordinance and the health of the tree. Several community meetings were held to discuss the tree replacements that were ultimately included in the project.

How many trees are being removed with the project?

79 trees are identified to be removed and replaced with a new street tree.

112 new locations are shown to receive new street trees.

228 existing trees are shown to remain.

What type and size of trees will be planted with the project?

The new street trees to be planted will be Chinese Pistache, Eastern Redbud, Crape Myrtle, and London Plane trees. The sizes will vary between 15 gallon and 24" box.

What if I don't like the tree proposed for my frontage, or what if I do not want a tree along my frontage?

The goal of the tree replacement plan is to provide the neighborhood with an attractive tree canopy within the limited planting space available. The tree replacement plan has been established with input from residents and the Town Arborist, and has been approved by the Town Council. If a property owner has a significant reason to request the elimination of a tree or a replacement in the tree type, please contact Michelle Quinney at 408-827-3552 to discuss.

Will the street be closed to traffic?

Safety and production by the contractor can be maximized when a dedicated work zone can be provided. In order to accomplish this, one half of each street will need to be closed down completely to pedestrians, bicycle and vehicular traffic to facilitate the removal and replacement of the improvements in that area. The remaining half of the street will be used to accommodate pedestrians, one-way bicyclists and vehicular traffic and parking (where feasible) for the immediate area only. Vehicles using the Phase II streets to reach other destinations will be detoured around the construction area until the roadways have been reconstructed and re-opened for through traffic.

How will the streets be closed to through traffic and open only to local traffic?

ROAD CLOSED – LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY signs will be posted at each end of each street and at each side street. ONE WAY LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY will be designated and allowed on each street, with the direction of travel being either northbound or westbound, depending on the street.

When will the streets be closed and for how long?

It is anticipated that road closures will be in place from May through November for each construction season (2017, 2018, and 2019)

Will emergency vehicles be permitted in the closed area?

Emergency vehicle access will always be permitted in the closed area.

How will residents and the neighborhood be notified before the roads are actually closed?

Businesses and residents who live on the Phase II streets under construction will be sent a notice of the upcoming road closure at least 2 weeks in advance of the beginning of work.

For the general public, message boards will be placed in several locations to advertise the road closure dates in advance of the anticipated closure.

Will residents who live on Bayview Court be able to access their street during construction?

Yes. Bayview Court properties will have access via Bayview for the duration of the project; however it may be necessary to close access for a minimal period of time to allow the concrete roadway at the intersection to cure before being plated to allow traffic. The contractor and Town staff will work closely with the residents on Bayview Court as the construction proceeds to minimize impacts as much as possible.

I live on one of the streets in the Phase II project – How will I have access to my property?

Although the streets will be closed to the general public, local traffic only will be allowed into the area as follows:

During construction, street parking and pedestrian travel will be maintained on the side of the street not under construction. Pedestrian access to your home will be continuously maintained, although a temporary walking surface may be provided if your property frontage is under construction. Vehicular access to all driveways will be maintained until such time as the driveway approach needs to be removed and replaced and again when the street needs to be removed and replaced. During these two times, when access to driveways will not be possible, residents will need to park across the street or outside of the work zone until the driveway can be re-opened. In general, as the construction is taking place, residents are encouraged to park in their driveways if at all possible.

How many days will I not have access to my driveway?

There will be two times when access to your driveway will be restricted for an extended period of time. The first time will be during the demolition and replacement of the driveway approach. This activity is anticipated to take a maximum of 5-10 calendar days. The second time driveway access will be restricted will be when the roadway in front of the driveway needs to be removed and replaced. This activity may require up to 14-21 calendar days before vehicles would be allowed to drive on the new street. The time frame to re-open roadways and driveways depends on the actual concrete strength, and could be shorter than the time frames stated.

How far in advance will residents be notified before their driveways are going to be closed?

Three notices are to be provided to the resident before a driveway is closed for reconstruction. The first notice would be delivered 2 weeks prior to the anticipated closure. 48 hours before the closure, a follow up notice would be provided. On the day of the closure, a final verbal notice will be given to the resident/business (if they are home) 1 hour before the driveway is closed.

I live on one of the streets in the Phase II construction area – How will my family and friends be able to visit me?

Although the streets will be closed to the general public, local traffic only will be allowed into the area. Family and friends driving to your home would be considered local traffic and would be allowed. However, parking on the streets will be allowed on one side of the street only if the street has sufficient width to accommodate the on street parking. Parking will therefore be extremely limited. We would encourage any visiting family and/or friends to park in your driveway or park outside of the construction zone and walk in to your home during this period. We understand this is an inconvenience and will make every effort to minimize the duration of the street closures.

Will permit parking still be enforced on these streets?

Yes. The streets under construction will be signed for 24 Hour Daily Permit Parking Only. This will be temporary and will be removed when the street construction has been completed and the parking will revert to pre-project conditions. Residents of the streets currently under construction can obtain temporary parking permits that will allow the resident to park in any Town lot or on any Almond Grove street for up to 72 hours at a time during the duration of the project. To obtain a temporary parking permit, e-mail Jrose@losgatosca.gov. Up to two temporary permits may be issued to each address.

Can my friends, gardeners, or other service providers be given temporary parking permits?

A limited number of temporary permits will be issued to the residents and property owners. The property owner/resident may then determine if they need to provide their permit to a home service provider.

How will my garbage and recycling be collected if the street or my driveway is closed?

The collection of garbage and recycling will continue on the current schedule. The contractor will schedule construction activities to accommodate the collection process. Should any deviations be required, the contractor will give advance notice to the residents as necessary.

How will mail and Fed Ex deliveries be made during the road closure times?

Mail and other deliveries will continue to be delivered during the road closures. The contractor will make accommodations for these vehicles to access properties in the construction zone.

How can I have an appliance delivered if the street is closed?

Please notify Vanguard Construction in advance of any special deliveries or events so that access requirements can be provided. The project manager for Vanguard Construction is Joel McKay who can be reached at 925-238-6293.

I use Outreach services. Will they be allowed to come pick me up during the closures?

Yes. Please notify Vanguard Construction in advance of any special needs so that access requirements can be provided. The project manager for Vanguard Construction is Joel McKay who can be reached at 925-238-6293.

I have a handicapped guest coming to my house who cannot walk in from an adjacent street. How will they be able to visit me and where can they park?

Please notify Vanguard Construction in advance of any special needs or events so that access requirements can be provided. The project manager for Vanguard Construction is Joel McKay who can be reached at 925-238-6293.

Will my gardener, cleaning personnel or diaper service be able to get to my house with equipment and supplies?

If it is possible to postpone or defer these services during the construction period, that would be appreciated, however, if the services are necessary, please notify Vanguard Construction in advance of any special deliveries or events so that access requirements can be coordinated and provided. The project manager for Vanguard Construction is Joel McKay who can be reached at 925-238-6293.

I am hosting a very special event at my house and have many guests invited, caterers arriving, musicians, etc. How can my event take place with the road closure in place?

Please notify Vanguard Construction in advance of any special deliveries or events so that access requirements can be planned for and provided. The project manager for Vanguard Construction is Joel McKay who can be reached at 925-238-6293.

How much dust and noise can we expect from the street construction operations?

The construction operation will involve large equipment and the removal and replacement of concrete improvements. Both of these operations have the potential to create noise and dust; however, Vanguard Construction Company will take every effort to minimize these impacts. Additionally, the need to sawcut the concrete roadway following the concrete placement will involve the use of high powered and noisy saws and usually needs to occur during at nighttime and into the very early morning hours. Unfortunately this is a necessary and unavoidable consequence of the construction. Updates regarding the sawcutting operations will be posted on the project webpage. Please contact Michelle Quinney, the Town's Project Manager at 408-827-3552 to report any excessive noise or dust concerns.

What are the working hours for this project?

Normal working hours for this project are Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Will the contractor be allowed to work before 8 a.m. or after 5 p.m. or on weekends?

Several operations may require additional working hours for the contractor. Given the traffic conditions in our area, it is necessary for the contractor to begin work before 8 a.m. and work beyond 5 p.m. on the days of the concrete pours.

Additionally, sawcutting the concrete joints in the roadway pavement can be a very noisy operation and will normally begin in the early evening hours and continue throughout the night until the early morning hours of the next day. This item of work is very critical to the performance of the pavement and the timing is dependent on the curing rate of the concrete.

Occasionally the contractor may propose an alternative method of construction based on the contractor's specific equipment or expertise. Should an alternate proposal be presented to the Town, it is possible that alternate work hours would also be considered if the proposal results in significant safety improvements, improved quality, monetary or time savings to the Town.

What will the condition of the street be like to drive on when it is under construction?

The open portion of the roadway will be drivable but will be adjacent to an active construction zone. Please drive slower than normal, obey signs, construction personnel, and exercise caution while driving in the area.

Please feel free to come out and observe the operations, but remain outside the construction zone and maintain a safe distance from all equipment.

Will my irrigation to the park strip (the area between the curb and the sidewalk) be removed?

The Contractor will need to remove any existing irrigation system in the park strip area in order to install the new improvements, but will reinstall or replace the irrigation system to the pre-construction condition.

I have special brickwork, cobbles, plants, or other items currently in the park strip (the area between the curb and the sidewalk) and would like to replace those after the project is done. Will the contractor replace these for me?

The contractor will remove the materials in the park strip as necessary in order to install the new curb, gutter, and sidewalk; however these will not be replaced. If you have special items in this area that you wish to replace in the park strip after the project is completed, please remove those items and store them safely on your property until the project is completed. If you wish to replace these items, it will be necessary for the property owner to obtain a no-fee permit to allow the "Private Improvements in the Public Right of Way". Please contact Michelle Quinney, the Town's Project Manager at 408-827-3552 to request a no fee permit application should you wish to reinstall improvements in the park strip.

Will my utility connections be upgraded with this project?

Utility upgrades are not a part of the street reconstruction project. The utility companies have reviewed their existing mains and the laterals, and have determined they are not in need of upgrades or replacement. Homeowner's who wish to upgrade their private laterals, from the

water meter or sanitary sewer cleanout to their home, are encouraged to do so before the project start if at all possible. A no fee encroachment permit can be issued for this work should a homeowner wish to complete these upgrades before the start of the project. Some water meters and sanitary sewer clean outs will need to be relocated by the project however the services will not be upgraded at that time.

If I have immediate questions or concerns about the construction, who can I contact?

The Town's Special Project Manager, Michelle Quinney, may be contacted with any concerns. Her office phone number is 408-827-3552 and her e-mail is MQuinney@losgatosca.gov. Additionally, Kevin Selfridge, the Town's Project Manager is in the field daily and can be reached at 408-827-3549 or KSelfridge@losgatosca.gov.

Contacts for Vanguard Construction are:

Project Manager Joel McKay - 925-238-6293 and e-mail Jmckay@vc-inc.net

Project Superintendent – Zac Costa – 925-724-4902 and e-mail Zcosta@vc-inc.net

How can I stay up to date on the progress of the project?

The project team posts all updates on the Town's website. Please visit the project page at www.losgatosca.gov/AlmondGrovePhase2 .

To receive a text or e-mail each time an update is posted to the project page, please sign up for the "Notify Me" services located on the left hand side of the project page. In this way, the project team is able to get the latest information regarding the project out to the community.