



FAIRFAX TOWN COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE July 17, 2024
PREPARED FOR Mayor and Town Council
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SUBJECT Receive Presentation and Update on Bridges Projects

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and File Report on Status of Fairfax Bridge Projects

DISCUSSION

Town of Fairfax is currently working on multiple bridge projects of varied sizes and complexity. The Projects include:

- a. Meadow Way Bridge Replacement
- b. Azalea Ave Bridge Replacement
- c. Creek Road Seismic Retrofit and Repaving
- d. Bridge Preventative Maintenance Program (BPMP) which includes the following bridges:
 - i. Canyon Road
 - ii. Marin Road
 - iii. Spruce Road

Town of Fairfax has worked with California Infrastructure Consultancy, Inc to assist in managing the projects and to coordinate the specific steps required by regulatory agencies and other groups in order to perform the needed maintenance and repair work that has been identified to ensure the on-going stability and functionality of Fairfax's bridges.

Due to the location of the bridges along waterways, several conditions must be met before subsequent steps may be addressed. These include among many other things, determination of parcel ownership and property acquisition or easements when required, consultation with Federal Agencies and Tribal Communities regarding potential cultural resources that may be present, coordination of work with Utility agencies including PG&E, MMWD, Ross Valley Sanitary District, telecommunications for the removal and relocation of their assets, and addressing National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) regulations and conditions.

The cost of the projects are being funded predominantly by Caltrans, however, this also requires the Town to meet all of the conditions required by Caltrans and associated agencies, all of which necessitates a systematic, thorough, and time-consuming process.

Attached is a table outlining the various stages of progress for all the projects. Due to changes in requirements placed upon the Town by Caltrans and other agencies, changes in scope and allowable times of construction, unavoidable delays have resulted in extending schedules an additional year or more.

FISCAL IMPACT

Caltrans has committed to paying substantial portions of the funds required for the projects: some bridges will be 100% and others up to 88% funded by Caltrans for the total construction, consultancy and design costs, which is described in the attached table. A rough order of magnitude of construction costs for all projects is currently anticipated to be approximately \$10M in today's dollars. Fairfax cannot realistically assume full responsibility for the projects, in an attempt to accelerate the schedule, as regulatory requirements may still be necessary regardless of whether CalTrans or Town of Fairfax funds and manages the projects.

ATTACHMENT

Status of Fairfax Bridges Table

Status of Fairfax Bridges:

Updated June 28, 2024

Fairfax Project	Bridge Project Type	Current Phase (Design) HBP Funding Level	HBP Funding Level ROW & Construction Phases	Environmental Status & Tasks	Anticipated Year of Construction	Current & Upcoming Tasks	Date of Initial Request Submitted to Caltrans for Additional Dollars	Funds Availability for Federal FY (Beginning September 1 ea. Year)
Meadow Way Bridge	Replacement	88.53%	100%	NEPA & CEQA Cleared already. Need to update the project's Area of Potential Effect (APE) Map during construction	2026	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Begin negotiations with five Home-owners and approve easement agreements 2. Begin the Eminent Domain process for two nonresidential properties 3. Prepare Agreements for five Utility Owners 4. Submit updated request for ROW and design dollars to Caltrans 5. Give the last design phase workshop & neighborhood meeting 	August 3, 2022	U/K - Caltrans has not responded for date of Funding. Town to send the latest response to Caltrans questions / comments. Additional requests for Meetings have been sent to Caltrans
Azalea Ave Bridge	Replacement	100%	100%	NEPA & CEQA Studies Proceeding	2027	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Town & MGE to meet with two Homeowners at project site. 2. Town and MGE to meet again with two other homeowners previously met with 3. Submit updated request for design dollars. 4. Town to host first design phase workshop & neighborhood meeting 	June 14, 2021	23/24
Creek Rd Bridge	Seismic Retrofit	100%	100%	NEPA certification is Imminent (in the next 2 months). Draft CEQA submitted to Fairfax for review, to be followed by 30-day public review, leading to Town CEQA adoption	2026	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finalizing most recent site cultural resources investigations & study to complete NEPA/CEQA requirements 2. Launch into ROW and utility phase after NEPA & CEQA certifications 3. ROW negotiations between Town & two Homeowners 4. Submit updated request for design dollars. 	September 18, 2019	23/24
Three Bridges (one project) on: - Marin Road - Canyon Road - Spruce Road	Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program (BPMP)	88.53%	88.53%	NEPA certification is Imminent (in the next 2 months). Draft CEQA submitted to Fairfax for review, to be followed by 30-day public review, leading to Town CEQA adoption	2025	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finalizing most recent site cultural resources investigations & study to complete NEPA/CEQA requirements. 2. Launch into ROW and utility phase after NEPA & CEQA certifications 3. Submit updated request for design dollars. 	June 21, 2021	24/25