



Staff Report

May 10, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Town Council
FROM: Merrill Buck, Town Engineer
DATE: May 3, 2022
RE: Engineering Status Update (Information only, no action required)

Update on noteworthy items in the Engineering Division.

PROJECTS ON HOLD:

- ***Laird Road Rubberized Chip Seal*** – Waiting for warmer weather. Anticipated June 2022.
- ***Rule 20A Undergrounding on Sierra College Blvd.*** – Waiting for Costco right of way dedication.
- ***Sierra College Boulevard Widening*** – Waiting, as the project is tied to Costco breaking ground.

PROJECTS IN CONSTRUCTION:

Tree Pruning Project

Work was completed on April 20, 2022, with the allocated budget of \$100,000 exhausted. This amount was considered a reasonable amount that would allow the Town to take care of the worst locations. There remains more work to do, so a funding recommendation will be proposed as part of the FY 2022-23 Capital Improvements Program Budget.

Town Hall Building Repairs

All interior repairs have been completed. The only remaining items are to install a new metal-framed, fabric awning over the existing windows and doors in the back parking lot area and to paint discolored sections of exterior wall in the front of the building where there used to be a trellis. Work should wrap up by the end of May.

PROJECTS IN DESIGN:

2022 Street Resurfacing Project

This project has been pushed back due to other competing workload items but is becoming a high priority given the approaching warmer summer months when resurfacing is typically done. A project should be scoped and advertised by early June for a July Council award and August construction.

Concrete Repair Project

Design work is about half-way completed and should wrap up by the end of May. Work will include repairing the concrete curb and gutter on the northeast corner of Horseshoe Bar Road and Taylor Road and completing a missing section of sidewalk at the corner of Webb Street between Taylor Road and the Town's parking lot.

Library Parking Lot ADA Improvements Project

This project will rebuild the accessible parking stalls in front of the library to meet ADA slope requirements of no more than 2% in all directions. The concrete pathway leading from the library entrance to the parking lot will also be rebuilt as the cross slope is out of compliance. The survey work for this project is done, but the design remains to be completed. This is somewhat of a back burner project, but for efficiency reasons, it would be nice to include with the concrete repair project mentioned above, as both projects will require a grinder to remove asphalt and both projects have concrete and pavement restoration work.

DEVELOPMENT:

The Grove (Humphrey Road)

Construction Phase – All of the site work has been completed with the exception of a final lift of asphalt and new striping along Humphrey Road once PG&E relocates their power poles. A date for this remains uncertain, however. The Final Subdivision Map is scheduled for approval at the May Council meeting. Following recordation at the County, the developer will be able to pull building permits for the individual lots.

UTILITY PERMITS:

PG&E Taylor Road Gas Line Repairs

Street patching at some locations remains to be completed. The locations that have been done, perform great. PG&E really took to heart our requirement to minimize the distortions from utility patches due to Taylor Road being recently resurfaced.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

Capital Improvements Program

A 5-year Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Budget is under development for presentation at the June Council Meeting.

Traffic Calming Requests

Sadly, these types of requests are difficult to implement as the process often requires a considerable amount of time to engage with the public, due to the disruptive nature of the desired improvement. Competing, higher-priority workload continues to push out the resolution of the following: (1) a petition to install speed bumps on Bankhead Road south of Sierra College Boulevard, (2) a request from the HOA Board in the Sierra de Montserrat subdivision to implement speed bumps along Rutherford Canyon Road, (3) a request to do something about speeding on S. Holly Street from cut-through traffic during peak Taylor Road traffic periods.

SB 1383 (State Mandated Organic Waste Reduction Act)

Items that are nearing implementation include:

- Finalizing a MOU with Placer County so that they can help the Town administer the food recovery program. (June Council Meeting)
- Completing a low population waiver which offers small Towns like Loomis relief from some of the organic waste collection and recordkeeping requirements. (June Council Meeting)
- Purchasing Ordinance - The Town is required to update its Environmentally Preferred Purchasing Policy (EPPP) to include the requirement to buy only 30% recycled paper content and to take delivery of recycled organic waste products such as compost. Staff is coordinating with the Attorney's Office on the development of an ordinance. (June Council Meeting)
- Initial Compost Procurement - The Town will be taking delivery of 60 tons of compost and holding a Community Give-Away Event on Sunday May 29th in celebration of *National Learn About Composting Day*. Free compost will be made available at the Town's Corporation Yard. Notice will also be posted that people can get larger quantities of compost for free if they want to pick it up directly from the production facility in Roseville.

Adopt an Oak Tree Program

A program is being developed that will allow Loomis residents to "adopt" an oak tree. The idea is to try and promote the replanting of oak trees, since the Tree Fund was created as mitigation for oak tree loss. An initial funding level will be proposed under the FY 2022-23 Capital Improvements Program, with a kick-off of the program anticipated this fall.