

MCC Update

El Granada Medians

Not much new to report about the fuel reduction work being done in the medians of El Granada. Work is tentatively scheduled to begin in August or September, depending on bird nesting.

Medio Creek Bridge

The Department of Public Works is planning to go out to bid later this year, with the expectation of construction beginning in Summer of 2022. The reason for the delay is detailed in a project update that I will include a link to in the chat. In summary, the conditional Coastal Development Permit approval necessitates some project redesigns, this and the strains of material and labor cost increases are the cause for delay.

Project Update:

“Thanks to the support of members of the San Mateo County coastside community, as well as pedestrian and bicyclist advocates throughout the area, the County of San Mateo Public Works Department (Department) successfully obtained a Coastal Development Permit from the California Coastal Commission on May 14, 2021 for the Mirada Road Bridge Replacement and Bluff Stabilization Project (Project). In the approval, the Coastal Commission included that the project adheres to specific conditions prior to authorizing the work to commence. These conditions have necessitated design modifications including the addition of a staircase connecting Mirada Road to the beach, removal of portions of the rock slope protection, and the addition of other appurtenances.

The Department believes that these are beneficial additions to the Project as they improve access and create more area to enjoy the beach and coast. However, the Department must complete a partial redesign of the project and secure revisions to permits from both Federal and State regulatory agencies. Due to the uncertainty of the regulatory permits and the time required to incorporate the design changes, the Department will not be able to start construction until 2022.

Additionally, the shortage of material and labor due to the COVID-19 pandemic have significantly increased construction costs. As the Federal Reserve expects that inflation will moderate in the coming months, the Department believes that by bidding the project this fall, with the expectation for construction to commence in July 2022, will result in a more favorable bidding climate.

We recognize the challenge of the current bridge closure and appreciate the public’s patience and support as we work to complete this Project. Our schedule is to begin construction by next summer (2022) and have the bridge opened by fall of 2022. Please check back for updates.”

Multimodal Trail

The County has signed the Maintenance Agreement and is awaiting Caltrans signature. Supervisor Horsley is preparing to discuss this project with District 4 Caltrans Director Dina El-Tawansy if needed.

El Granada/Quarry Park Scoping Project

The first meeting of the El Granada/Quarry Park Fire Resiliency Scoping Project took place this week. In attendance was Sheena Sidhu (Resource Conservation District), Supervisor Horsley, Lena Silberman (District 3 SMC), Michelle Weil (Midcoast Community Council), Nicholas Calderon (SMC Parks), and Austin Seely (County Fire / Cal Fire).

The RCD will begin preparing a Request for Proposal (RFP) which will articulate the abstract project scope. This RFP ideally will be ready to go public following the Board of Supervisor's approval of funds on August 3rd. 6 to 8 weeks following the opening of the RFP, a contractor should be selected.

The goal is to have this project completed by late Spring of 2022. I will share the Board documentation with the MCC when it is made available to the public.

County Coordinator Grant

The County is contracting with [DUDEK](#) to create an application for this grant. Department of Emergency Management (formally known as Office of Emergency Services), Office of Sustainability, County Manager's Office, County Parks, Cal Fire / County Fire, SMC Fire Safe, SMC District 1, and SMC District 3 are meeting on a weekly basis to design the grant application and plan its implementation if successful in acquiring the grant.

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

The countywide LHMP assesses communities' vulnerabilities to potential disasters and identifies the strategies that local jurisdictions will pursue to limit the risk of property damage and injury. The County's Department of Emergency Management is currently leading an update to the 2016 plan which will keep the County, cities and partners eligible for pre- and post- disaster assistance. If you are interested in learning more or sharing your thoughts, I will include links in the chat. There is a public workshop on August 12th from 4:00pm – 5:30pm, I will include registration information in the chat.

Covid-19 rates

Face Coverings

- As of July 26, 2021, face coverings are required for all employees and visitors (except those with a health condition or are otherwise exempt from masking guidelines) inside County of San Mateo facilities regardless of vaccination status.

- The requirement follows the July 16, 2021, recommendation by a coalition of Bay Area health officers to wear a face covering indoors due to the Delta variants, now responsible for more than 80 percent of new infections nationwide.
- Businesses are urged, but not required, to adopt universal masking requirements for customers.

Covid-19 Vaccinations

- Approximately 11% of San Mateo County residents aged 12 and up remain unvaccinated. Compared to 36% of residents aged 18+ statewide and 42% of residents aged 18+ Nationwide.
- Vaccination is available everywhere in San Mateo County. See the calendar of County sponsored and -supported clinics or go to MyTurn or walk or drive to one of the 60 pharmacies offering shots. Vaccination remains the best tool for every individual and the community at large to stay protected.

El Granada Medians Project Information: <https://publicworks.smcgov.org/projects/el-granada-eucalyptus-tree-removal-project-0>

Mirada Road Pedestrian Bridge Replacement (Miramar Area) Project Information: <https://publicworks.smcgov.org/projects/mirada-road-pedestrian-bridge-replacement>

Mirada Road Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project Update: https://publicworks.smcgov.org/sites/publicworks.smcgov.org/files/Mirada_Rd-Project_Update_2021-07-26_Final.pdf

MultiModal Trail Project Information (no updated information): <https://publicworks.smcgov.org/projects/midcoast-multi-modal-trail-improvements-project>

Fire Coordinator Grant: <https://cafiresafecouncil.org/grants-and-funding/2021-county-coordinators-grant-opportunity/>

Comment on the LHMP (August 5th): <https://cmo.smcgov.org/press-release/march-15-2021-county-launches-multijurisdictional-local-hazard-mitigation-plan-update>

LHMP Workshop 2 – August 12th: <https://cmo.smcgov.org/events/august-12-2021-local-hazard-mitigation-plan-public-workshop-2>

SMC Health website: <https://www.smchealth.org/covidvaccine>

SMC Health dashboards: <https://www.smchealth.org/coronavirus-health-data>.

Press Release recommending Masking indoors: <https://www.smcgov.org/press-release/county-san-mateo-joins-bay-area-counties-recommending-masking-indoors-precaution>

California Department of Public Health website about Variants:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID-Variants.aspx>