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Campolindo Trees Removed for School's Landscape Facelift

By Cathy Dausman



Trees are removed at Campolindo High School.

Photo Cathy Dausman

Tree huggers have fewer trees to hug on the Campolindo High School campus after the Acalanes Union High School District removed 155 trees during the recent spring break, but the problem will be short-lived.

"Those pines were unhealthy," said Principal John Walker, adding that everyone will be pleased with the end result as healthy trees and shrubs will be added.

Taking down the trees was only "step one" of a \$500,000 campus-wide landscaping project funded by Measure E in 2008. Dave Humphrey, director of facilities, maintenance and grounds for AUHSD, explained that the trees were tall but frail and drought-affected. He said some branches were in-

termingled so tightly that the trees couldn't breathe, some branches were dying on the tree and other branches had already fallen to the ground.

While arborists did not formally test for bark beetles, they did visually inspect the downed trees and found some evidence. Because of the noise disruption, the district elected to cut and chip the trees when school was not in session. The trees will be replaced with 130 six- to eight-foot tall saplings plus a variety of shrubs and ground cover. Empire Landscaping of Davis is the contractor.

Humphrey says the project is off to a good start and the work bids were reasonable because it is still early in the landscape season. ... continued on page A13

Moraga Road to be Three Lanes Between Draegger and Corliss

By Sophie Braccini

The decision is in. Moraga Road between Draegger and Corliss will be transformed into a three-lane thoroughfare with the addition of a left turn lane, and bicycle and pedestrian pathways.

It took an additional year, several focus groups, and a townwide survey for the Moraga Town Council to circle back and bring closure to the extensive process that started in 2013.

The decision was a three to two vote. Vice mayor Dave Trotter and Council member Phil Arth opposed the decision based on the fact that the townwide survey indicates that a majority of Moraga residents prefer to keep a four-lane con-

figuration. Mayor Mike Metcalf, as well as council members Teresa Onoda and Roger Wykle, sided with the three-lane option because of safety reasons, and because it had been the choice of all the task forces, committees and public workshops since 2013.

Charles Hester, director of business development for Godbe Research, presented the result of the survey to the council on April 13. The consultant said that 26 questions had been sent to 5,700 households and that 1,108 had been returned, an exceptional response rate, said the Godbe executive.

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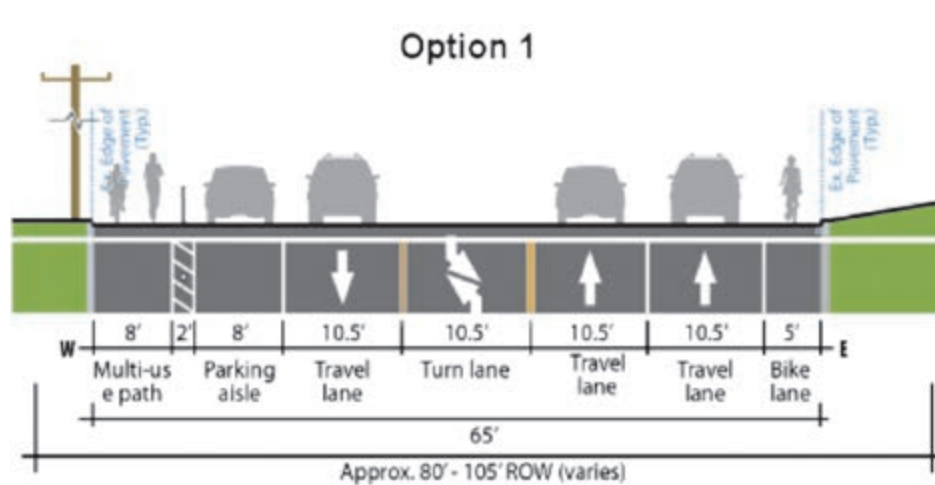


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1st Quarter Update

The Real Estate Market is off to a good start! The first quarter of 2016 started slow, but sales in March surged nationwide, with the largest monthly volume increase reported since December 2010. Fannie Mae's Economic and Housing Outlook revealed that economic activity was also suppressed last quarter, due to port disruptions and difficult weather conditions, but this bodes well for mortgage interest rates, which remain very attractive. In fact, we are expecting a slight relaxation of guidelines, too, so getting a loan is getting even better.

In the East Bay, sales are down by about 10% in volume, compared to last year, and up about 9% in sales price. With unemployment ranging from 3 to 6% and job growth projected to increase in the Bay Area, this is a great time to buy and sell!

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