



City Council

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Subject: Notice of Public Information Meeting and Request for Cooperation and Project Coordination

Dear Resident:

The City of Lafayette plans to reconstruct **Las Huertas Road** this summer. The City will present the planned street project at a public meeting on **Monday, March 16th, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.** at the City Offices located at 3675 Mount Diablo Boulevard, in Conference Room 240. This is an opportunity for residents to provide input to the design and learn how the construction project may impact existing frontage improvements as well as your street access and traffic flow during construction. In coordination with the road work, utility companies will also perform work on the street to update or relocate existing water, gas and sanitary sewer lines. In some areas, you may have noticed that this work has already begun. Representatives from the various utility agencies have been asked to be available at the public meeting to answer questions regarding the utility work.


In preparation for the road work, we request that each property owner evaluates the condition of the house sewer line (or lateral). Since these lines typically connect the house plumbing to the sewer main in the street, any needed repairs should be completed before the street reconstruction. If you have not replaced your sewer lateral within the last five years or your lateral requires regular maintenance, consider having the line inspected, and if necessary replaced, prior to June 1st, 2015. This work will also require an encroachment permit from the City. If the work is completed prior to June 1st, the City will waive the usual permit fee; however, a permit from the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD) will still be required. Please note that the inspection and replacement of sanitary sewer laterals are not mandatory, but also be aware that any excavation work within the road after the resurfacing is complete will require extensive (and more expensive) restoration measures to mitigate the impacts on the new pavement.

During construction, the City's contractor will trim shrubs, low hanging tree limbs, and all other forms of vegetation to one foot beyond the new edge of pavement and to 14 feet above the road. In some cases, such as juniper bushes or redwood trees, this may expose the bare interior of the plant or tree. Construction contractors are not trained gardeners, and if you are concerned about the methods to be used in trimming the vegetation along your property frontage, please do the work yourself in advance of the project. Clearing the overhanging vegetation is required to allow clearance for construction equipment and to protect trees and shrubs from more extensive damage during construction. Please be reminded that any vegetation that requires trimming or removal is likely on public property but is still the maintenance responsibility of each fronting property owner.

Finally, if you would like special attention paid to private improvements such as sewer cleanouts, lighting, drainage, irrigation, or other facilities within five feet of the existing edge of the road or curb and gutter, please notify me in writing as soon as possible so that they may be brought to the contractor's attention. Please be advised that without specific notification from you, we cannot be aware of improvements that are not readily visible in a casual inspection. We will make all reasonable attempts to protect private improvements located on public property, but please be aware that property owners have located these facilities on public property at their own risk.

I hope to have your attendance at the public meeting. Before then, if you have questions regarding this project, please contact me at 299-3247 or mluttropp@ci.lafayette.ca.us. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Luttropp", with a horizontal line drawn through the middle of the signature.

Matt Luttropp
Senior Engineer