



City Council

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Subject: Walkway Improvements at Happy Valley School

Dear Area Residents and Happy Valley School Parents:

The City of Lafayette is planning to construct walkway improvements serving Happy Valley Elementary School. This project will extend the existing walkway along the north side of Happy Valley Road from Panorama Drive to Redwood Lane. Work is anticipated to begin in September and be completed by mid-November. City staff will present the project at a public meeting on Monday, May 4, at 6 p.m. in Conference Room 240 of the city offices located at 3675 Mt. Diablo Boulevard. This is an opportunity for everyone to provide input to the design, and learn how the construction project may impact existing frontage improvements as well as street access and traffic flow during construction.

The work will require lane closures with traffic flagmen routing two-way traffic through one open lane of travel. Traffic control will generally be in effect between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and, to extent practicable, will be designed to be sensitive to the on-going congestion in the area during hours of school drop-off and pick-up. Still, please allow at least 20 extra minutes when travelling through the construction zone during times of peak school traffic. If you drive your student(s) to/from Happy Valley School, please consider alternatives to drop off or pick up your student(s) at a satellite location outside the construction zone, and let your student(s) use the existing pathway to walk to school. For example, Franklin Lane east of the school is about 0.3 mile and a 7-minute walk away. Upper Happy Valley Road west of the school is about 0.5 mile away. The school provides crossing guard service at the school entrance for the safety of students. If you must drive through the construction zone, please be mindful of and obey traffic signs and laws, which will be strictly enforced for the safety of everyone.

The street work will also require pruning all vegetation that encroaches into the planned walkway. Residents of properties fronting the work are encouraged to prune their own vegetation in advance of the project. The contractor will prune any vegetation left in conflict with their equipment at the time of construction. Additionally, property owners may have improvements along their frontages that they wish to be preserved. The City has taken measures to preserve as many improvements as possible. However, if you feel you have something along the edge of the road that may be unseen or otherwise inadvertently damaged, please contact me at [mluttropp@ci.lafayette.ca.us](mailto:mluttropp@ci.lafayette.ca.us).

After a construction contract has been awarded, and prior to the start of field work, you will receive another notice updating the status and timing of this project, with more relevant and specific information.

Sincerely,  
  
Matt Luttropp  
Senior Engineer