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Project Update

Mirada Road Bridge Replacement and Bluff Stabilization Project

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.

