Tract No. 6293 Railroad Crossing Improvements Update

BACKGROUND

- Planning Commission approved Tract6293 in December 2020
- Located at southeast corner of Siskiyou Avenue and California Avenue
- As a Condition of Approval, the Developer (Joseph Crown Construction & Development) must improve the railroad crossing at Siskiyou Avenue, south of California Avenue
- The California Avenue Pedestrian Trail runs along the south side of Tract 6293
- The Trail crosses Siskiyou just north of the railroad tracks due to lack of sidewalk on east side of Siskiyou; Intended to be temporary until sidewalk is constructed on east side



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CURRENT SITUATION

- A Field Diagnostic Meeting was held with City Staff, Developer's Representatives, Railroad Staff & Consultants, and California Public Utilities Commission Staff (jurisdiction over at-grade railroad crossings)
- Required first step in process of getting approvals/permits for improvements
- Discussion was had, and direction given, that the existing pedestrian crossing of Siskiyou Avenue, north of the railroad tracks, is too close and must be relocated further north
- Location for new crossing would have to be determined by a traffic (queuing) analysis



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PROPOSED SOLUTION

- In-lieu of relocating the pedestrian crossing, which was planned to be temporary, Staff have developed an alternative solution to provide a path of travel from the end of the trail to the intersection of Siskiyou and California Avenues
- Pedestrians will be routed along a temporary asphalt sidewalk along the east side of Siskiyou, adjacent to the two existing residential properties
- Temporary sidewalk will connect to the permanent sidewalk, to be constructed with Tract 6293, north of said residential properties, up to California Avenue
- From this point, pedestrians have safe routes to travel in the north, east, and west directions

