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Los Altos Mayor Meadows / Distinguished Council Members, 06/13/2023 Meeting

University / Milverton Pedestrian Gap Fill Safe Route to School, 7-year-old CIP TS-01051

Please return \$407K to General Fund and move CIP TS-01051 to FY 23/24. Remaining \$93K is more than enough for Los Altos Shoulder Improvement Policy SU-20 design and construction. Residents only want a low cost, safe place to walk that maintains rural look, saves trees, and solves existing stormwater drainage problem.

PROBLEM



University looking east from end of existing sidewalk 232 feet to Milverton

SOLUTION



761 UNIVERSITY / EDGEWOOD SWALE

Community minded neighbor at 761 University just spent \$66,000 [\$264 / linear feet] to design and install Los Altos Shoulder Improvement Design SU-20 Swale to solve pedestrian safety and stormwater drainage problems. Every University pedestrian I have talked to “loves it” and thankful to have a safe place to walk. SU-20 Swale is a perfect fit for University Milverton Gap Fill CIP TS-01051. Cost should be lower than 761 University because swale lateral length is lower. Project was done quickly since 80% of engineering was already done in SU-20.

SU-20 Swale has many good features for pedestrian safety and environmental protection. Also, a great fit for University / Milverton.

- SU -20 is required for all new residential design on streets that do not have curb / gutter.
- It provides pedestrians with a safe place to walk similar to sidewalks.
- Protects Street pavement from lateral tree root damage
- Stormwater drainage is provided with up to 50% capture by use of permeable materials.
- EPA Stormwater Runoff Regulations compliance for Los Altos ephemeral creeks due to US Supreme Court decision on case number 21-454 Sackett vs EPA.
- No change to existing trees / hardscape. Solves existing stormwater drainage problem and allows drainage to existing University Los Altos stormwater drain inlet.
- Project has a High Priority 85% CSMP rubric score.

I want to thank Council and Staff for making pedestrian safety a priority and funding University / Milverton project since 2017. Over the past 19 years, over 100 residents, who daily go to Redwood Grove Trails and Shoup Park, have been requesting Council, BPAC, Complete Streets and Staff to address this safe route to school pedestrian safety problem.

1. Council approved CIP 2016 and funded \$55K June 2017 for FY 2018 / 2019 completion.
2. Staff scheduled for FY 2020 / 2021 completion.
3. At BPAC request Staff scheduled for FY 2019 / 2020 completion.
4. Project was defunded for FY 2020 / 2021.
5. Staff denied placing project in Complete Streets Master Plan
6. Project funded \$20K FY 2022/2023, \$700K FY 2023 /2024
7. Staff now estimates \$500K for FY 2025/2026 completion.

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PS, “Likes” from City Manager, neighbors, and pedestrians going to Shoup Park and Redwood Grove trails.