# **SOUND MITIGATION WALL - WOODLAND BRANCH**

#### **PROJECT FINDINGS**

Infrastructure Subcommittee
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#### POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITY & PROJECT APPROACH

- The Los Altos Woodland Branch Library consists of one open space area that are conceptually "divided" into two sections, the Adult area and the Children's area
  - There are no internal walls to physically separate the adult section from the children's section.
  - There is no separate quiet area for adults to work/read.
  - School children either studying alone or in groups and school children being tutored make up a large portion of the library patrons during weekday afternoons and all day on the weekends.
- The Infrastructure Subcommittee has been investigating various means for creating a quiet adult area.
- Our approach entailed:
  - Meeting with an architect who suggested constructing one or two walls of soundproof glass with door(s) in order to separate the library into two sections thereby providing a quiet adult area.
  - Investigating glass-walled soundproof rooms at other library locations
    - Morgan Hill
    - Cupertino Library
  - Obtaining initial cost estimates and preliminary drawings

#### **KEY FINDINGS:**

- Only one glass wall with one or two doors would be required to create a quiet adult space.
- Rough cost estimates are \$700 per running linear foot = approx. \$40,000 to provide one glass wall from the front door to the back wall. This estimate includes materials and installation
- The panels could be held together either by mullions which would go between each panel or by caulking. (See examples in next slide)
- A mechanical engineer would need to be consulted to determine if any adjustments to the HVAC would be necessary.
- Bryant Bao suggested that this project, if implemented, would best be carried out in conjunction with a reassessment to determine the optimal internal layout of the Woodland Branch.

## **EXAMPLES OF GLASS WALLED QUIET AREAS IN LOCAL LIBRARIES**

Morgan Hill

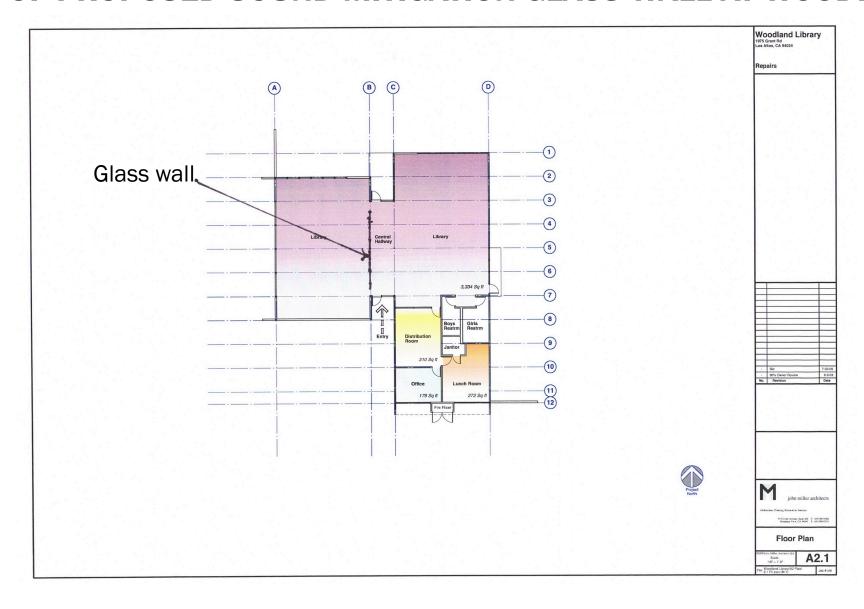
Cupertino





Glass panels connected with caulking

## LOCATION OF PROPOSED SOUND MITIGATION GLASS WALL AT WOODLAND



### PHOTOS SHOWING LOCATION FOR PROPOSED GLASS WALL AT WOODLAND

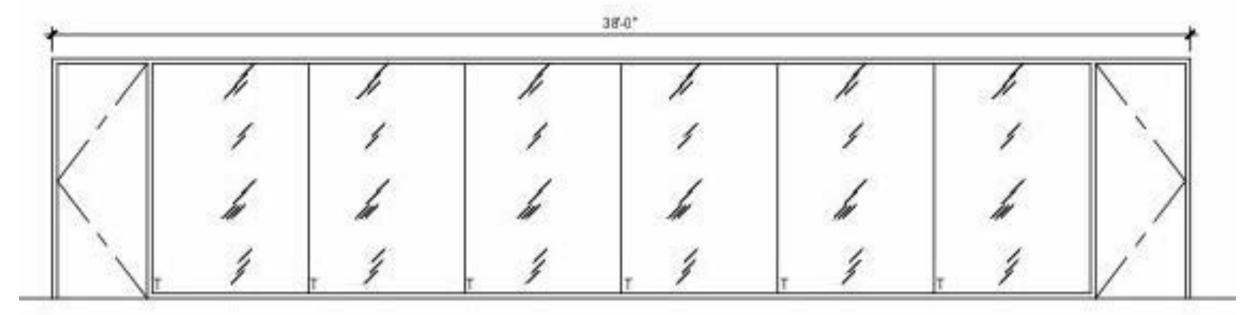
8 foot high ceiling section – left side

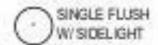


8 foot high ceiling section – right side



## SIDE VIEW OF PROPOSED GLASS WALL WITH TWO DOORS





### **NEXT STEPS:**

- 1. Review of project proposal by Commission
- 2. If approved by Commission, submit to SCCLD.
- 3. Review by SCCLD.