TO: HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS
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SUBJECT: CHARLESTON/ARASTRADERO CORRIDOR TRIAL

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

This is an informational report and no Council action is required.

DISCUSSION
The Charleston/Arastradero Corridor Trial project (Trial) is under construction this summer and on schedule for completion by the opening of Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) schools in mid-August. This has been a fast-track project achieving design and construction in less than eight months since City Council approval of the Trial implementation last December. The Trial consists of adding a right turn lane and traffic signal modifications on Arastradero Road at the entrance of Gunn High School and resurfacing (cape sealing) and restriping on Charleston Road from Fabian Way to El Camino Real. The restriping of Charleston will allow for added pedestrian and bicycle access along this stretch of the Corridor along with some automobile lane reductions to accommodate this.

Due to the accelerated schedule for this project there will be some additional underground utility work that will take place after the resurfacing and restriping of Charleston between Alma Street and El Camino Real. This is due to the Arbor Real private development project (former Rickey’s Hyatt site) and some long-planned City utility replacements that could not be fast tracked to meet the Trial schedule. Staff is working closely with the Arbor Real developer to try to get the utility services to this project in place before the resurfacing takes place on Charleston, but there is no guarantee that this will occur. Staff has prepared a map indicating what, where and when the various City utility projects will take place (Attachment A). Following are the planned utility projects (with their anticipated construction schedules) in the subject area as shown on the map:

- 8” wastewater main installation to serve Arbor Real to be constructed starting in August
- 6” gas main replacement across the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board/Caltrain tracks to be constructed starting in August
- 6” water main replacement on Park Boulevard connecting at Charleston scheduled for January through March 2007
Specific schedules for each of the utility projects will be communicated to the schools and the public before they proceed and each project will repair/resurface the pavement affected by their project, clean up their project areas, and replace the Trial striping as needed so as to leave the Trial in like new condition at the end.

**ATTACHMENTS**
Attachment A: Charleston/Arastradero Corridor Trial Project Coordination Map of Utilities CIP and Arbor Real Projects

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