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### Council Question Response

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

On behalf of City Manager Ed Shikada, please find below the staff responses to inquiries made by Vice Mayor DuBois and Council Member Cormack in regard to the November 9, 2020 Council Meeting agenda.

- **Item 4: Gas Main replacement project 23**
- **Item 5: Traffic Calming Pilot Project in the Crescent Park Neighborhood**

**Item 4: Gas Main replacement project 23**  
***(Requested by Council Member Cormack)***

- 1. For location 2020-1, has this work been coordinated with the garage construction and has the California Avenue merchants group been informed?**  
Staff has coordinated the Gas Main Replacement Project 23 with Public Works and the garage construction project. Public Works is currently waiting for the new gas main replacement project to be completed prior to their final paving of Ash St. This is also why this project is assigned to be completed first.

The California Avenue Merchants group has not been informed yet, as we want to be sure we will receive approval to move forward with the project. We will contact them and discuss the replacement of pipe within the Cal Ave Downtown Business District limits of Ash St from California to south of Sherman and on Park from California to south of Sherman.

- 2. For location 2020-2, has Palo Alto High School been informed of this work since school will be restarting in January and are Town and Country and PAMF also aware?**

Staff has coordinated the impacts of the project with Town and Country, as some existing gas meters need relocation and typically these take an extended amount of time to complete prior to the contractor starting work.

We have not coordinated with Palo Alto High School or PAMF yet, as we want to be sure we will receive approval to move forward with the project. In regard to the impact of schools, we have in our contract specifications the contractor may not work on school routes for the first week of school and when working on a school route throughout the year, the contractor has limited work hours of 9:00am to 4:00pm to avoid impacts to students and parents. We will contact both Pal Alto High School and PAMF prior to starting work on this project.

**Item 5 Traffic Calming Pilot Project in the Crescent Park Neighborhood**  
***(Requested by Vice Mayor DuBois)***

1. **Says PTC had a 5-0 vote. Which Commissioners were missing from the meeting?**

Vice Chair Roothparvar and Commissioner Riggs were absent.

**Item 5 Traffic Calming Pilot Project in the Crescent Park Neighborhood**  
***(Requested by Council Member Cormack)***

1. **Is staff confident that the oval traffic circle proposed on Hamilton is correctly sized with sufficient visibility?**

Staff will ensure that the traffic circle is correctly sized and sufficient visibility. The proposed traffic circle is a general concept level plan at this time and will be further refined. This traffic circle at this intersection will act more like street furniture and not as a traffic control device. The intersection will continue to be controlled by stop signs in all directions similar to existing conditions.

Staff will work to refine the layout and ensure adequate visibility, as more detailed information is gathered during the development of the design for such improvements. This will include sightlines review, signing, and striping needs, etc. Appropriate dimensions for the traffic circle will be developed after evaluating the truck turning movements to accommodate larger vehicles such as fire truck and green waste collection vehicles. The intersection geometry is not typical standard, therefore pilot installation will provide the city with some flexibility to go through modifications to the traffic circle layout to address operation concerns that come up during such time. At the same time, it will provide the community with the opportunity to review traffic circle operations and provide feedback for the design of permanent infrastructure.

Thank you.



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