

Community Meeting with Caltrans: FAQ

Can you give assurances that the pavement rehabilitation project will be better coordinated with utility repairs than in the past? Is Caltrans coordinating with all services that have pipes and cables under El Camino Real to be sure that they do not rip up the roadway right after resurfacing?

The draft plans are sent to the local agencies along the project limit during the design phase. Caltrans paving project plan's local review transpired the 3 cities, Mountain View, Los Altos, Palo Alto and the county to initiate the sewer rehabilitation and other improvement projects prior to new paving by Caltrans. The utility companies within the project limits are notified during design for upcoming construction. Any facilities that are in conflict are relocated prior to and/or are adjusted during construction depending on the type of facilities.

How should we file for compensation?

Please use the website below to submit a damage claim. <https://dot.ca.gov/online-services/submit-damage-claim>

Where is the schedule for the resurfacing project and ongoing repairs? Who determines it?

The schedule is created by the contractor based on parameters set forth under the contract. Temporary repairs occurred on the nights of November 27th and November 29th. No further repairs are planned currently. The permanent repairs to the pavement are scheduled to begin in early June 2024. This date is subject to change.

Should citizens be allowed to provide input into Caltrans designs? If no, why? If yes, why wasn't there a community session for input?

The local agencies that represent the community provide comments as part of a project development team. Caltrans engages with the locals through review of project plans and incorporates the comments from locals to make sure the design reflects the existing conditions. Caltrans will continue the collaborative effort with public and local agencies

To explain other ongoing problems in detail and provide recommendations on how to fix the problem, how and to whom do we provide that information?

Please submit the service requests in detail at customer service request on the website: <https://csr.dot.ca.gov> or contact Assemblymember Berman's District Office at <https://a23.asmdc.org/contact>

Are there plans to add bike lanes to El Camino? What will be the process and considerations that Caltrans will use to decide whether to put bicycle lanes on El Camino in Palo Alto?

Caltrans will add new bike lanes in the cities of Mountain View and Los Altos and proposed new bike lanes in the city of Palo Alto. Caltrans relies on partnership and collaboration with the local agencies along El Camino Real.

What are your plans for the removal of street parking and the creation of safe bike lanes and intersections for both cyclists and pedestrians from Daly City to San Jose on El Camino?

Street parking permit was delegated to the local cities and the process of removing those parking will be through a city resolution, similar to what was done by the city of Mountain View and Los Altos. Caltrans will continue our collaboration and coordination throughout the corridor.

What is the schedule for surface repairs to El Camino Real in Palo Alto/Mountain View?

The permanent repairs to the pavement are scheduled to begin in early June 2024. This date is subject to change. Work in areas in conflict with the City of Palo Alto sewer project need to wait until the sewer project is completed before repaving can occur.

Why has El Camino Real been allowed to deteriorate so badly? What can be done during the resurfacing project to ensure that ongoing maintenance is not as needed?

Resurfacing work will be done in compliance with standards. Ongoing maintenance for pavement should be minimal once the project is complete.

Where are plans for the project available for review?

The plans can be downloaded at <https://ppmoe.dot.ca.gov/DES/oe/projectbucket.php> In the contract number space, enter 04-4J89U then click the “find records” button in the bottom. After clicking the “download files” button, check the box next to project plans. You will be asked to register to download.