



## ABOUT TOWN - MARCH 1, 2019 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### MORAGA'S PAVEMENT CONDITION CONTINUES TO IMPROVE



On February 28, the Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee received a [presentation](#) on the status of the Town's pavement management program. The great news is that the condition of the Town's streets and roads has increased significantly since the passage of Measure K. The Town's PCI (pavement condition index) which was 49 (poor) in 2012 increased to 70 (good) in 2015 and was up to 74 in 2018. A presentation is coming to the Town Council on March 13. The committee also reported that they had completed their review of the revenue and expenditures of the Measure K Local Sales Tax. Based on the sampled \$2.4M (90%) of the \$2.65M in total Pavement Repair Project expenses (Fiscal Year 2017/18), the committee affirmed that Measure K funds were properly tracked, reported and monitored, and that expenditures were consistent with, and in support of, Measure K goals.



### THANK YOU MCN FOR HOSTING THE EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION LUNCHEON



On Wednesday, February 20, the Town employees were treated to a special thank you luncheon at the Hacienda de las Flores. The event was hosted by volunteers from many community groups, including the Moraga Citizens' Network Board and subscribers, the Chamber of Commerce, the Moraga Garden Club, the Lions Club and Friends of the Moraga Library. Staff members enjoyed the conversation, the poem *For a New Position* by John O'Donohue read by Ellen Beans, and a delicious lunch. Town staff sends their thanks to all the volunteers.



### CANYON ROAD BRIDGE PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY REMAINS CLOSED

On February 15, EBMUD reported that a portion of the hillside on EBMUD property above the Canyon Road Bridge began moving. The land movement dislocated an underground storm drain pipe that drains into the creek adjacent to the bridge and compromised the pedestrian asphalt pathway. The damaged pathway was removed and the dislocated pipe was reattached. The Town is working on a plan to reopen the pedestrian bridge walkway and asphalt pathway by mid-May. Town staff and geotechnical engineering consultants continue to evaluate and monitor the situation. Town engineering experts have determined that the temporary bridge is safe and the newly built retaining wall system for the temporary bridge protected the bridge by deflecting the landslide as designed.



## RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON FEBRUARY 27, 2019

### **HACIENDA FOUNDATION DONATION**



Town Council accepted a generous donation from the [Hacienda Foundation of Moraga](#) in the amount of \$120,000 for improvements to the Casita building at the Hacienda de las Flores. The donation will create a general use community room that will be available to the public and community groups for meetings, activities, and recreation programs. The Hacienda Foundation has made many capital investments in the Hacienda over the years and organized several community events to enhance, promote, and preserve the community amenity.

### **LIBRARY HVAC REPAIR UPDATE**

Town Council authorized the Town Manager to execute a construction contract to replace the HVAC boiler at the Moraga Library. The Library has been without heat since January 14, 2019 and Town staff worked with various contractors to identify the source of the problem. Total estimated project costs to replace the Library HVAC boiler are estimated to not exceed \$40,000. Funding exists in the Minor Capital Improvement Program to make this repair. The Town is exploring methods to fund its asset replacement and infrastructure needs to prevent similar situations in the future.

### **GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND REZONE**

The Town Council considered the estimated cost and timing to prepare a General Plan Amendment and Rezone of the Bollinger Canyon Special Study Area. The Council directed staff to return with additional funding options and information, and to explore the possibility of a formal proposal process to reach out to a variety of consulting firms for preparation of the required environmental documents.

### **CONSOLIDATION OF DESIGN REVIEW BOARD AND PLANNING COMMISSION**

Per one of its adopted 2019 goals of re-evaluating the Town's planning processes, the Town Council considered consolidating the Design Review Board with the Planning Commission. The Council directed staff to prepare the updates to the Moraga Municipal Code required for this consolidation, and to allow the remaining Design Review Board member to be considered for appointment to the Planning Commission. The application period for Planning Commission has been re-opened until Wednesday, March 6, at 5:00 pm. If interested, please visit the Moraga website article "Planning Commission Application Period Re-opened" to complete an [application](#) packet.

### **FIREARM SALES ORDINANCE ADOPTED**

The Town Council voted 4-1 to adopt an Ordinance amending several sections of the Moraga Municipal Code to regulate the sale of firearms throughout the Town. The amendments establish new regulations for the permitting of firearms dealers that include a revocable licensing process to be administered through the Police Department, and also regulate where such dealers can locate by allowing them in the Limited Commercial zoning district subject to approval of a conditional use permit by the Planning Commission.

### **TOWN COUNCIL ADOPTED 2019 GOALS**

After fully vetting and discussing many proposed goals over the course of two meetings, the Town Council adopted their final Town Council and Community Goals for 2019 "Strengthening Trust and Transparency" by a unanimous vote. See the final accepted [goals](#).



## LAMORINDA JOINT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

The Moraga Town Council, Lafayette City Council and Orinda City Council will hold their annual joint Lamorinda meeting on Wednesday, March 6, music program at 6:15 pm and meeting at 7:00 pm, at the Lafayette Library, Don Tatzin Community Hall, 3491 Mount Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette. The Councils will discuss: the CASA Compact – The Committee to House the Bay Area; the Lamorinda Trails Challenge; and Development Updates. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.



## CROSSWALKS AND SCHOOL BUSES



Moraga Police have received complaints of drivers not yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks and not stopping for school buses with flashing lights. Pedestrians have the right-of-way in crosswalks and drivers must stop their vehicles and yield to them. School buses only activate their red flashing lights when loading or unloading students. Drivers IN BOTH DIRECTIONS are required to stop and not pass the bus. When the flashing lights are turned off, drivers may proceed. Please abide by these laws and help keep Moraga's roads safe.



## MORAGA WAY AND CANYON ROAD/CAMINO PABLO IMPROVEMENTS - TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE - MARCH 13

Numerous public meetings with various stakeholders have been held to discuss the intersection improvement projects and receive public input. On March 13, the Town Council will be presented with a project update and the public's feedback. The Town is using a Federal OBAG-2 Safety grant, a CalRecycle grant and Measure K funds to improve Moraga Way (resurface, close sidewalk gaps and improve bicycle lanes) from Moraga Road to Ivy Drive and to improve pedestrian safety at the intersection of Canyon Road and Camino Pablo. Construction is planned for summer 2019. Visit [Moraga Way Safety](#) for more information.



## APWA PROJECT OF THE YEAR FOR CANYON ROAD TEMPORARY BRIDGE



The Town of Moraga was recognized for its outstanding emergency response to the Canyon Road Bridge closure. The Northern California Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) selected the Town to receive its distinguished "Project of the Year" Award. The Town assembled an expert, experienced, and dedicated team of geotechnical engineers, geologists, environmentalists, bridge designers, construction managers and staff. The project constructed a temporary bridge over an active landslide area and environmentally sensitive creek in a short period of seven months with funding from the FHWA Emergency Relief program.



## PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICATION PERIOD RE-OPENED

Based on Council direction, the application period for Planning Commission has been re-opened until Wednesday, March 6, at 5:00 pm. If interested, please visit the Moraga website article "Planning Commission Application Period Re-opened" to complete an [application](#) packet to submit to the Town Clerk's office, 329 Rheem Boulevard, or email to [Marty McInturf](#), Town Clerk.



## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, March 4 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Tuesday, March 5, 6:00 pm – [Town Council – Special Interviews](#), Council Chambers

Wednesday, March 6, 6:15 pm – [Lamorinda Joint Council Meeting](#), Lafayette Library

Wednesday, March 13, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers

The Town Council Chambers are located at [335 Rheem Boulevard, Moraga, CA 94556](#).

The Hacienda de las Flores is located at [2100 Donald Drive, Moraga, CA 94556](#).

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