



CITY OF LARKSPUR
Staff Report

November 16, 2022, City Council Meeting

DATE: November 7, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor Hillmer and the Larkspur City Council

FROM: Alvin Tan, Assistant Engineer
Julian Skinner, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: REMOVAL OF THE CROSSWALK ON THE NORTHSIDE OF THE MAGNOLIA AVENUE AND CREEKSIDE DRIVE INTERSECTION

ACTION REQUESTED

Council take public comment on the proposed removal of the Magnolia Avenue crosswalk at Creekside Drive.

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND

Pavement rehabilitation and striping improvements on Magnolia Avenue was completed in October 2022 and will be taken to City Council for acceptance in December 2022. The east-west crosswalk on the north side of the Magnolia Avenue and Creekside Drive intersection was removed with the repaving and has not been restriped. There is an existing barricade stating the sidewalk along the west side of Magnolia Avenue is closed. The multiuse path on the east side of Magnolia Avenue has been designated the ADA accessible path of travel which makes this crosswalk unneeded.

DISCUSSION

As part of a settlement agreement between the City of Larkspur (City) and Richard Skaff, the City was required to construct ADA improvements along the Magnolia corridor consistent with the January 14, 2012, "Survey, Report & Recommendations" drafted by Margen + Associates (Margen Report). The settlement identified milestones for the completion of improvements identified within the Margen Report, which would address ADA accessibility issues along the Magnolia corridor. Subitem A2 of Section II (Release and Agreement) of the settlement stipulated that certain proposed improvements on the west side of Magnolia would not need to be constructed if a barricade (stating the following "Sidewalk Closed to All Pedestrians. All pedestrians are directed to use the Magnolia sidewalk on the opposite side of Magnolia Street") was installed north of the intersection at Creekside. Due to this sidewalk closure, the northern crosswalk at the intersection of Creekside and Magnolia is no longer necessary. The ADA designated path of travel along Magnolia Avenue is along the multi-use path on the east side of Magnolia. The other two existing crosswalks at this intersection are to remain (see exhibit.)

AGENDA ITEM 7.2

Pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 21950.5, public notice is required prior to the removal of an existing sidewalk. Notice was displayed on both sides of Magnolia at the crosswalk location on November 3, 2022. Council action is required to remove an existing crosswalk.

FISCAL IMPACT

There would be minor project cost savings to the Magnolia Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation Project associated with not restriping this crosswalk.

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS

Striping is included with the Magnolia Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation Project which has been determined to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines in Section 15301 (c), Existing Facilities, of the California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Council approve the proposed removal of the east-west crosswalk on the north side of the Magnolia Avenue/Creekside Drive intersection.

Respectfully submitted,
Julian Skinner, Public Works Director.

Attachments

1. Resolution
2. Public Notice of Crosswalk Closure
3. Location Exhibit

CITY OF LARKSPUR
RESOLUTION 84/22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LARKSPUR
TO REMOVE THE CROSSWALK ON THE NORTHSIDE OF THE
MAGNOLIA AVENUE AND CREEKSIDE DRIVE INTERSECTION

WHEREAS, Pavement rehabilitation and striping improvements on Magnolia Avenue was completed in October of 2022;

WHEREAS, The City is proposing to not restripe the east-west crosswalk on the northside of the Magnolia Ave. and Creekside Dr. intersection since there is an existing sign stating the closure of the sidewalk on the west side of Magnolia and the multiuse path on the east side of Magnolia has been designated as the ADA compliant path of travel;

WHEREAS, On November 3, 2022, public notice was displayed at the location of the crosswalk proposed for removal pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 21950.5;

WHEREAS, Council action is required to remove the existing crosswalk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Larkspur hereby resolve, declare, determine and order as follows:

- 1 The recitals above are found to be true and correct and constitute the findings of the City Council made in support of the resolution.
- 2 Council approve the proposed removal of the east-west crosswalk on the north side of the Magnolia Avenue and Creekside Drive intersection.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the City Council of the City of Larkspur duly introduced and regularly adopted the foregoing resolution at a regular meeting held on November 16, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBER:
NOES: COUNCILMEMBER:
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER:
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBER:

Dan Hillmer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alison Foulis, City Clerk

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CROSSWALK REMOVAL

Pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 21950.5 notice is hereby given that the existing crosswalk located on the northside of Magnolia Avenue at the intersection of Creekside Drive has been proposed for removal and as such, will not be reinstalled on the newly paved street. All interested parties are invited to provide input on the crosswalk removal.

The City has designated the multi-use path along the east side of Magnolia as the ADA path of travel.

Public comments regarding the proposed project and crosswalk removal are welcome and must be submitted to the Larkspur Public Works Department, Engineering Division by 5PM November 14, 2022. Please submit comments to Alvin Tan, Assistant Engineer by electronic mail at atan@cityoflarkspur.org, or by postal service at 400 Magnolia Avenue, Larkspur CA 94939. Opportunity for public comment will also be available at the November 16, 2022 City Council meeting.

ACCESS TO MEETINGS: Meeting facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. If you require special assistance, please contact any staff member prior to the meeting. An interpreter for the deaf will also be made available upon request to staff at least five business days prior to the meeting.

CITY OF LARKSPUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

November 3, 2022

LOCATION EXHIBIT

