



EL CAMINO REAL (ECR) TASK FORCE

Thursday, November 16, 2017

MEETING SUMMARY

The meeting began with a reminder to community members of the ECR Task Force of the two objectives of the project:

- Retain the character and health of trees along El Camino Real, and
- Improve the safety and roadway infrastructure and sidewalks.

Bob Disco, City Arborist, made a Root Management, Stability & Construction Impacts presentation. The following was presented:

- Determining root health
- Strategies to reduce infrastructure damage
 - Tree based – tree selection
 - Infrastructure based – creating space
 - Root zone based – installing root barriers
- Root pruning vs stability vs whole tree removal
- Impacts from construction

Caltrans provided an update that they are still in the process of surveying the trees. The following was also discussed.

- The components for the decision process for improving ECR:
 - Trees
 - Sidewalk
 - Roadway
 - Drainage
 - Safety issue
 - Risk management
- Westside – Safety of the sidewalks in the Pilot Area. Create a roadway/trees/sidewalk template, new retaining wall. Take out all existing trees for the most part. Restore and rehabilitate grove – canopy of trees with rhythmic spacing or organic space.

- Eastside – concern for driver safety and a preference for no retaining wall. Look at options for a wall, curb, or rolled berm, etc. Caltrans needs to report back if a retaining wall is an acceptable standard.

There will not be an ECR Task Force meeting in December and the next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2018. The task force will discuss the Tree Survey and determine recommendations to Council at the February 15th meeting.