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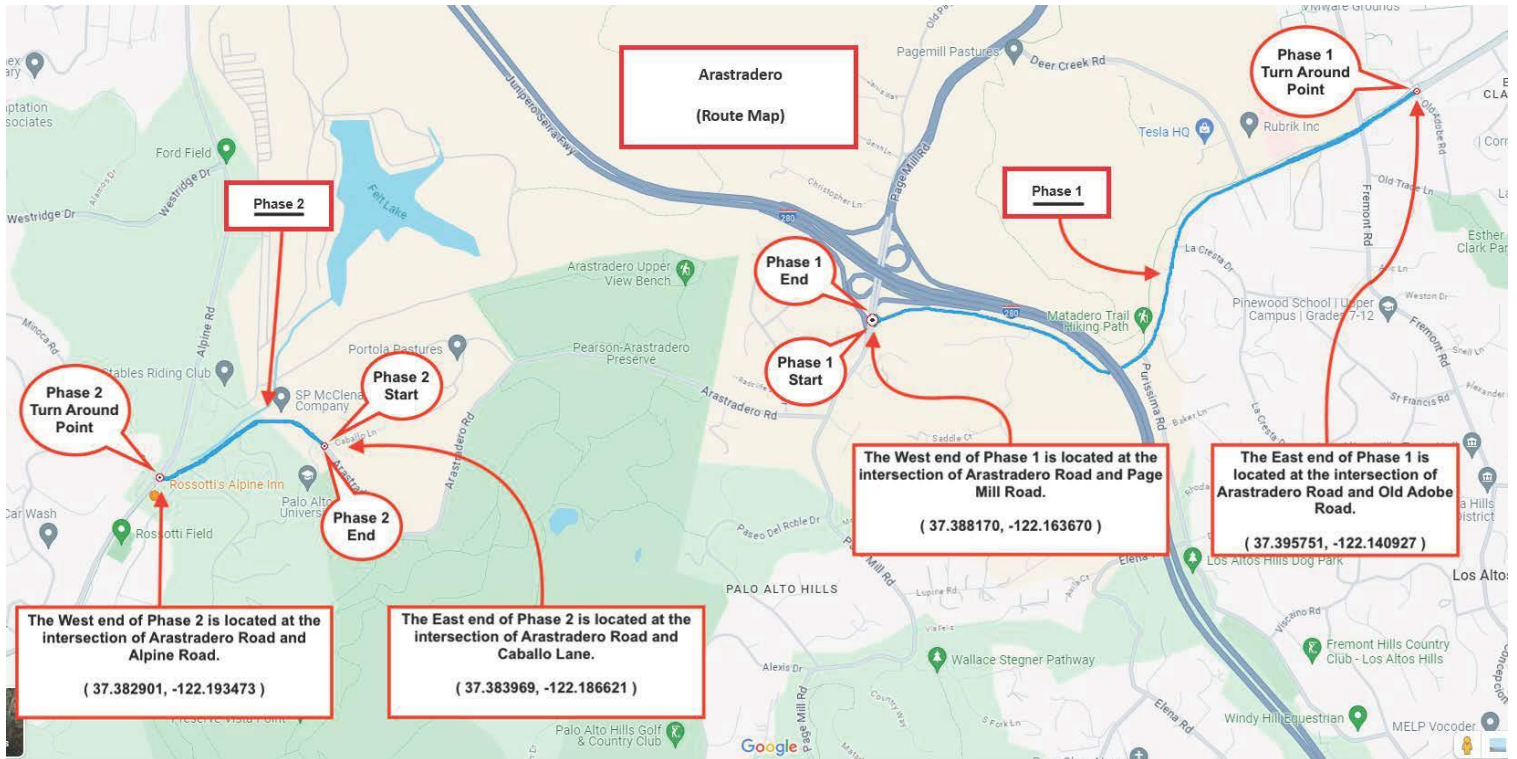
Arastradero Road Evacuation Route Maintenance Project: Roadside vegetation management work begins October 21, 2024



Santa Clara County FireSafe Council and Los Altos Hills County Fire District, in collaboration with Santa Clara County Fire Department, Santa Clara County Roads & Airports, the Town of Los Altos Hills, and other partners, are providing notice about the Arastradero Road Evacuation Route Maintenance Project.

The goals of this project are to trim woody vegetation, prune trees, clear dead material and remove roadside trash to reduce wildfire risks and impacts of weather events. This project will provide evacuation routes during a wildfire or disaster, improve visibility and travel safety, and reduce the spread of roadside fire ignition from vehicles or other sources. The hazardous vegetation removal along the roadway evacuation routes provides safer ingress and egress for first responders and the public in the event of wildfire or other disasters.

The Arastradero Road Evacuation Route Maintenance Project will treat two noncontiguous portions of one road along the evacuation route. The center portion, between Phases 1 and 2, is under the jurisdiction of Palo Alto and was treated in August 2024.



This evacuation route maintenance project intends to treat Arastradero Road within the Los Altos Hills County Fire District (LAHCFD), including Los Altos Hills, and Portola Valley.

Phase 1: Arastradero Road in Los Altos Hills, starting at the intersection of Page Mill Road at Interstate 280 extends southeast to the LAHCFD boundary near the intersection of Arastradero Road and Old Adobe Road, approximately 37°23'43.5"N 122°08'29.3"W. For a linear distance of 1.62 miles.

Phase 2: Arastradero Road in Portola Valley extends south from Alpine Road to the LAHCFD boundary at approximately 37°23'05.7"N 122°11'16.8"W. For an approximate linear distance of 0.34 miles.

Phase 1&2: The total length of roadway in the LAHCFD project area is approximately 1.96 linear miles.

Traffic Information

Traffic control will be in place for the duration of the Arastradero Road Evacuation Route Maintenance Project. One lane will be operational, and one lane will close for vegetation management work as crews proceed through the project area. The project is scheduled for October 21, 2024, to October 31, 2024. Work will occur Mondays through Fridays, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, and is dependent on weather conditions and holidays.

Motorists should expect delays and allow extra time for travel in these neighborhoods.

Please exercise caution when passing through the work zone. It is crucial that residents stay outside the designated "cone zone" at all times to ensure the safety of everyone—residents, crews, and property.

Community Meeting for Project information

To provide information, a Community Meeting, via zoom, will be held on October 1, 2024 at 7pm. Details are on the Los Altos Hills County Fire District (lahcfd.org) website, or contact Eugenia Woods, LAHCFD Programs, Planning and Grants Manager, at eugenia@lahcfd.org for additional information.

Resident Participation

Residents are encouraged to participate in the ROE (Right of Entry) opportunity to have additional brush and vegetation removed from their property that abuts the roadway during the project. Residents should look for the information packet that will be mailed to their residence or check www.lahcfd.org for additional information.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) from residents about evacuation routes are answered by the District Project Team in one minute video clips www.lahcfd.org/faqs/

The Los Altos Hills County Fire District appreciates your patience during the project implementation and your support of evacuation routes for life and property safety.

Additional Project details and electronic ROE participation forms can be found at:

<https://www.lahcfd.org/community-projects/upcoming-projects/arastradero-road-evacuation-route-maintenance-project/>

The Evacuation Route Program is linked to the I-280 Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project now in the planning phase. For more information, please go to: www.lahcfd.org/i-280-project/

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