

Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program (BPMP) Update September 2016

The project is in the process of preliminary design and studies for NEPA (federal) and CEQA (state) environmental regulations. The scope of environmental studies increased when Caltrans mandated that a Natural Environment Study, a comprehensive biological resources documentation, be conducted for each of the three bridge sites separately instead of combined. Various other environmental and cultural resources studies are currently moving forward apace.

The right-of-way and private property line research indicates that the bridges are entirely in the Town's right-of-way or have previously granted easement. Since the bridges will not be increasing in size or footprint, no permanent easements or property acquisition would be necessary. However, construction easement, for workers' foot access to the underside of the bridge, from the property adjacent to #7 Manor Road, will likely be needed.

Following the conclusion of the environmental studies, the draft environmental documents for the bridges would be completed in mid- to late 2017 and made available for a month-long public review and comment. Upon addressing the comments and finalizing the reports for adoption by Caltrans (NEPA) and the Town of Fairfax (CEQA), the final design and environmental permit processes will begin. The Town will have another public presentation for the project sometime in 2017, before the design is 100% complete. In this workshop, the Town's consultant will explain the construction procedures and its ramifications for each immediate bridge vicinity.

We anticipate having the project ready for bid by the end of 2017 and having a contractor on board to begin construction in spring of 2018. This will be a one-season project, expected to last up to six months. Marin Road Bridge would remain open to traffic during construction. Spruce Road Bridge will be closed off to traffic for a couple of days for the work needed on its deck and the traffic will be using a short detour. Canyon Road Bridge would need to be closed off one time for a few hours, during which time emergency services and emergency access would remain available since the bridge the only ingress/egress facility for a number of homes across the creek. Signs will be posted on the bridges, and this web site will be updated, notifying residents of any pending closures.