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Dear Property Owner:

Re: Notice of Public Informational Meeting on Minimum Road Standards – Generally for 2nd through 7th Avenues in Fair Oaks - Redwood City Area [Project No. R4H01 – F 100 (4)]

Several property owners in the North Fair Oaks area have expressed an interest in having their roads improved or fixed. We have completed field reviews of the existing conditions on the streets in the area and attended meetings of the North Fair Oaks Council (Council), an advisory council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, and Council Subcommittee meetings to obtain input regarding possible improvements. We have developed several options in consultation with the Council that provide varying levels of improvements taking into consideration the topography of the area, the limited drainage facilities, and associated costs. For your convenience, these options can also be viewed on the World Wide Web at the County's internet site address: <http://www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/comint.htm>.

Options range from maintaining the existing roadway surface to resurfacing the roadway or reconstructing the road. The Board of Supervisors has adopted a policy of financing travel lane improvements, with additional improvements (i.e., parking areas, driveway work, retaining walls) if desired, to be financed by individual property owners. ***Construction of the minimum road improvements would not include installation of an underground storm drain system as the cost of such a system would have to be paid in part by the property owners and an acceptable storm drain outfall system is still being discussed with the City of Redwood City and State and Federal Agencies. However, some options include replacing curb and gutter to help channel water on individual streets.***

The options we have developed for the area that includes 2nd Avenue through 4th Avenue and 6th Avenue between Middlefield Road and Edison Way, 7th Avenue between Middlefield Road and Park Avenue, Park Avenue between 5th Avenue and 7th Avenue and Edison Way between 1st Avenue and 5th Avenue are as follows:

- ***Option 1*** – Do nothing. Public Works will continue to patch the existing pavement on an as-needed basis.
- ***Option 2*** – Resurface the existing traveled roadway surface after repairing “potholes” in the pavement. The existing width of the road remains the same.

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- **Option 3** – Reconstruct the road to a width of 22 feet with 6 inch concrete bands on the outside of the asphalt *and* replacing existing standard curb, gutter & sidewalk where it exists.
- **Option 4** – Reconstruct curb & gutter and the road to provide 36 feet of width between the curbs, with no sidewalk. This option would not include any driveway work. Construction of driveways would be the property owners' responsibility.
- **Option 5** - Reconstruct the curb & gutter and the road to provide 40 feet of width between the curbs, with no sidewalk and reconstruct the road between the gutters This option would not include any driveway work. Construction of driveways would be the property owners' responsibility.

In all cases, the maintenance of areas not reconstructed or resurfaced or not part of the traveled roadway surface will continue to be the responsibility of the property owner.

We will be mailing a survey to you and to the other property owners in the area asking for your opinions of the various standards and which ones you would prefer for your streets, as we realize that not everyone in the area may want the same standard. However, we believe that a meeting to discuss the above options prior to mailing you the survey will help you in understanding the proposed options and provide us with your input. Therefore, we have scheduled a public informational meeting for your area to be held on:

Date: Tuesday, September 18, 2001
At: 7:00 P.M.
Location: Garfield Charter School
3600 Middlefield Road
Menlo Park, CA 94025

and invite and encourage you to attend this meeting to discuss the road standard options.

The options stated previously may or may not change as a result of the meeting. The survey results will be presented to the Council for their review prior to adoption by the Board of Supervisors, and we will send you a summary of the results and notify you when we will be presenting our findings to the Board of Supervisors.

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Mark Chow, Ann Stillman or Bruce Kirk of my staff can be reached at (650) 363-4100 and can answer any questions that you may have regarding these standards. They can also be reached by e-mail at:

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We look forward to seeing and hearing from you at the meeting.

Very truly yours,

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