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Dear Property Owner:

**Re: Notice of Public Informational Meeting on Minimum Road Standards - Generally for 8th through 18th Avenues, 7th Avenue between Park Avenue and Spring Street, Loyola Avenue, Amherst Avenue, and Edison Way between 5th Avenue and 11th Avenue in Fair Oaks - Redwood City Area**

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 do include valley gutters to help channel water on individual streets.*

The options we have developed for the area that includes 8th through 18th Avenues, 7th Avenue between Park Avenue and Spring Street, Loyola Avenue, Amherst Avenue, and Edison Way between 5th Avenue and 11th Avenue are as follows:

**8th through 18th Avenues, 7th Avenue between Park Avenue and Spring Street**

- *Option 1* – Do nothing. Public Works will continue to patch the existing pavement on an as-needed basis.

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- **Option 2** – Resurface the existing traveled roadway surface after repairing “potholes” in the pavement. The existing width of the road remains the same.
- **Option 3** – Reconstruct the road to a width of 18 feet with 6 inch concrete bands on the outside of the reconstructed surface.
- **Option 4** – Reconstruct the road to a width of 18 feet with 2 foot valley gutters on each side.
- **Option 5** – Reconstruct the road to a width of 18 feet with 3 foot valley gutters on each side.
- **Option 6** – Reconstruct the road to a width of 18 feet with 6 inch concrete bands on the outside of the reconstructed surface and a 3 foot valley gutter in the center of the street.

In all cases, the maintenance of the shoulder areas outside of the existing traveled roadway surface will continue to be the responsibility of the property owner.

#### **Loyola Avenue and Amherst Avenue**

- **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 road remains the same.
- **Option 3** – Reconstruct the road to a width of 18 feet with 2 foot valley gutters on each side.
- **Option 4** – Reconstruct the road to a width of 18 feet with 3 foot valley gutters on each side.

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#### **Edison Way between 5th Avenue and 11th Avenue**

- **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 road remains the same.
- **Option 3** – Reconstruct the road to a width of 18-22 feet with a 6 inch concrete band on the residential side and a 3 foot valley gutter on the industrial side. The travel lane on the residential side would have a 9 foot width, and the industrial side of the street would have lane width of 9-13 feet.

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- **Option 4** – Reconstruct the road to a width of 18-22 feet with a 2 foot concrete valley gutter on the residential side and a 3 foot valley gutter on the industrial side. The travel lane on the residential side would have a 9 foot width, and the industrial side of the street would have a lane width of 9-13 feet.
- **Option 5** – Reconstruct the road to a width of 18-22 feet with a 3 foot concrete valley gutters on both residential and industrial sides. The travel lane on the residential side would have a 9 foot width, and the industrial side of the street would have lane width of 9-13 feet.

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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 25, 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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Director of Public Works