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Out in the Field is issued by the Transportation and Public Works Department. Each month we provide you with a front-row view of our operations. We hope you enjoy this month's issue.

Any Requests?

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if there is a topic you'd like to learn more about and we'll do our best to include it in a future issue.

Serving with Pride and Dedication

We are proud of the dedicated men and women on our Transportation and Public Works teams. As stewards of our public infrastructure, crews ensure our streets are lighted at night, our storm drains and creeks are cleared of debris, road signs are maintained, roads are paved, curb ramps are upgraded to ADA standards, our bridges maintained, traffic signals operational, roads clear of debris, and for the overall care for our city. However, In the early hours of October 9, the depth of our team's commitment was put to the test and the result was inspiring.

Some Facts

As you know, it was pitch black when the fires hit our City and in this darkness more than 50 traffic signals became inoperable. Public Works crews were quickly dispatched, placing hundreds of barricades and over a hundred portable stop signs throughout the city to make travel safer for first responders and residents. Throughout the emergency, our crews removed 536 yards of debris, fallen trees, branches and burned materials. All told, team members responded to 324 calls from residents and first responders. Our bus drivers drove buses to hospitals and assisted living centers to help evacuate 370 residents. Our staff also helped answer calls in the emergency call center and served around the clock on the public information desk.



We are proud to be a Bike Friendly City

Business Hours and Office Locations

Transportation and Public Works Offices are open:

8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Monday-Friday

Address:

Municipal Services Center
69 Stony Circle
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

TEL: 707-543-3800

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Transit and CityBus Offices are open:

8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Monday-Friday

Address:

Transit Operations Building
45 Stony Point Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

TEL: 707-543-3333

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Below are some construction



All Hands On Deck...Doing Whatever It Takes

From the onset, our staff was ready to assist in any way we could. Many of us performed duties outside of our normal scope of work. Even team members who lost their homes or were evacuated reported to work, ready to help; here are some of their stories:

A skilled maintenance worker, who was out in the field as the fire broke out, learned that his home had caught on fire; knowing that his family evacuated safely, he continued working with the city response efforts for the next sixteen hours.

A deputy director reported to the city emergency operations center only to learn the fire had jumped highway 101 and his home was in the path of the fire. He rushed home to help his wife and two small children evacuate safely. Within hours, he returned to support the city response efforts, all the while knowing his home had been overcome by flames.

As one of our equipment mechanic's home burned, he hitched up his travel trailer and drove to the city garage. He knew there were fire trucks in the garage for maintenance so he worked quickly to make the needed repairs to get the fire trucks dispatched to help with the fires. He worked ten days straight, repairing first responder vehicles coming in from the field even before taking time to make other living arrangements for himself.



One of our supervising engineers lost his home to the fires. With his family safely evacuated to Windsor to stay with relatives, he reported to work and was put on duty placing barricades on the roads, writing work tags, and helping wherever he was needed.

Two staff members were in the field gathering damage assessments in the

projects that may cause traffic delays. For a complete list of construction activity in Santa Rosa please see the [Construction Activity Bulletin](#).

Farmers Lane Well Rehabilitation Project/Farmers Lane Well Facility Pump Replacement Project

The well houses and pumps at the Farmers Lane well facility will be replaced to restore the wells production capacity. The work to be completed for rehabilitating the wells includes replacing the existing pumps with a submersible pump at W4-1 and a vertical in-line pump at W4-2; installing new electrical service; and replacing/expanding the buildings to house the new electrical components on-site.

[Project Updates](#)

Fulton Road Sidewalk Improvements - College Avenue to Santa Rosa Creek Trail

Provide sidewalk along the west side of Fulton Road from College Avenue to the existing driveway for the Santa Rosa Creek Trail.

[Project Updates](#)

Santa Rosa Complete Streets Road Diet on Transit Corridor

Repave W. Third Street from 1,100 feet west of Dutton Avenue to Roberts Avenue and Mendocino Avenue from Steele Lane to Administration Drive.

Curb ramps constructed to meet current standards in both locations. W. Third Street restriped to include a single travel lane in each direction, a two-way center turn lane, Class-2 bicycle lanes and street parking. Expect intermittent traffic control with lane closures as necessary from

Fountaingrove area when they noticed landscape material smoldering near one of the residences. They quickly looked through the equipment in their truck and used what they had on hand, including their water cooler, to hold back the flames until the fire personnel arrived.

Throughout the night of the fires, a construction engineer and maintenance worker drove a truck and trailer for the city, distributing water while offering relief to the individuals who manned the barricades in the smoke filled air.

Members of our Materials Engineering Lab stepped up and prepared hundreds of sack lunches to ensure staff working out in the field were adequately nourished.

Our Transit team worked on a 24-hour schedule with bus operators sleeping on-site at work in order to be able to respond at a moment's notice to help transport individuals in need. And, in the midst of the disaster we were able to restore regular bus service within one day thanks to our dedicated staff.

After residents of affected areas were allowed to return to their neighborhoods, the re-entry pass operation was re-located to the Transportation and Public Works office. On Monday morning, October 23, our administrative team took over the process as the central hub for the re-entry pass operation issuing passes and protective gear to residents. Staff readily and professionally took on the responsibility of serving our City residents during this very difficult time and provided thousands of residents the attention and information they needed. Staff members from around the department helped assemble the safety kits residents took with them as they visited their property. The issuing of neighborhood re-entry passes lasted several days. In the field, our team members were dispatched to the affected areas to provide residents with information, bottles of water, and when requested, even a much needed hug.



Commitment to Recovery

We have all come a long way since that tragic night in October. Clean-up efforts are well underway and team members are busy collecting damage assessments and survey information. Plans are in process to create and install street signs, to replace numerous street lights that were compromised or destroyed by fire, and to assess broken pipes and damaged roadway. Residents and business owners are navigating through the rebuilding process and the City is helping provide assistance and information through this critical phase.

We are proud of our Transportation and Public Works team and their deep commitment

8:00am to 4:30pm.

[Project Updates](#)

Mohawk Lift Station and Force Main Realignment - Phase II

Project placed in Winter suspension.

[Project Updates](#)

Neighborhood Streets Initiative and Roseland Street Overlay

Project placed in Winter suspension.

[Project Updates](#)

Post Court and Simpson Place Sewer Replacements

Replace two sections of sewer main and service laterals on Post Court and Simpson Place. This will eliminate the frequent maintenance that is required due to existing sags in the sewer mains.

[Project Updates](#)

Spring Lake Lift Station Improvements

A geotechnical investigation has provided a design scope to repair ground settlement at the Spring Lake Lift Station. This project will remove several feet of soil and replace it with a suitable compacted granular fill. Upgrades to the lift station will include new controls, backup generator, lighting, fencing, and a new concrete pad for the station with asphalt concrete pavement on the remainder of the site.

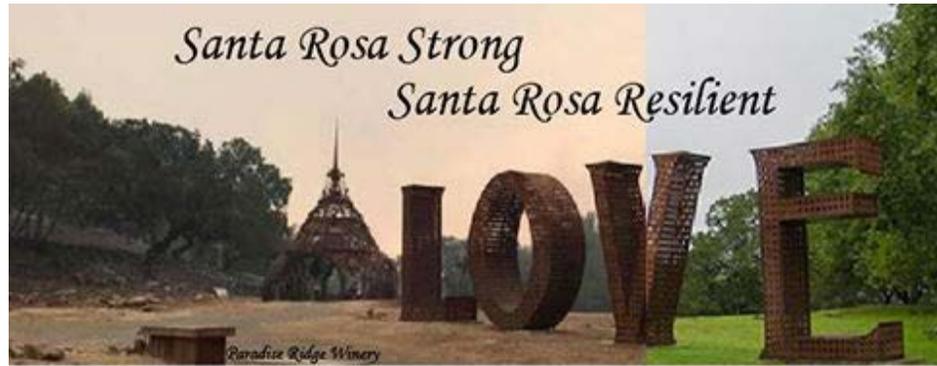
[Project Updates](#)

Stony Point Road Widening and Reconstruction Phase 2 - Sebastopol Road to Hearn Avenue

Now, through Winter of 2017, the final construction phase of the

to our community. We are equally proud of our community in the outpouring of support for each other.

We Are Resilient and Strong



The ParkSMART Shuttle Service Launched this Week!

Santa Rosa's new ParkSMART shuttle connects the Downtown SMART station and Railroad Square to Downtown's parking garages, shops, restaurants and Old Courthouse Square, and best of all it's FREE! The shuttle is wheelchair accessible, available for everyone to use, and will travel round trip connecting the SMART Station to various points Downtown. Shuttle service operates during peak commute hours, Monday through Friday, on a schedule coordinated with SMART train arrivals and departures. Visit srcity.org/ParkSMART to see the schedule and route map.



Stony Point Road widening and reconstruction project is underway. In this final phase, Stony Point Road will be widened into four lanes from Sebastopol Road to Hearn Avenue and then taper into two lanes with a middle turn lane from Hearn Avenue to Barndance Lane. Project will proceed as weather permits.

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Twitter: [@SR_PublicWorks](https://twitter.com/SR_PublicWorks)
Facebook: [Stony Point Road](https://www.facebook.com/StonyPointRoad)
Hotline: 707-535-0799



W 6th St at Madison St Sewer and Water Improvements

Work suspended until further notice.

[Project Updates](#)



As we complete a project in your neighborhood, please let us know how we did. Simply click on the button above to complete our short feedback survey.



View upcoming Construction Activity [Capital Improvement Projects List](#).

Contact Us

During regular business hours

Roseland Area Sign and Marking Assessment

Now that the Roseland area annexation is complete, city crews are assessing the infrastructure conditions to determine project prioritization. Transportation and Public Works Traffic Engineering staff are working with Sonoma County staff to review their latest inventory of signs on primary streets in the area.

Over the next several weeks, our Traffic Engineering team will verify and evaluate existing signs noting condition, deficiencies, and whether the signs meet current City standards. Sign placement/location, reflectivity, and adequacy will also be some of the items to be reviewed. In addition to signage, the team will also review pavement conditions and markings, school zones, crosswalks, and street lights.

City residents are welcome to reach out to our Traffic Engineering team with questions at 707-543-3808.

[More on the City of Santa Rosa Traffic Engineering Division](#)



We Want Your Input...

Did you know the City of Santa Rosa has approximately 65 miles of bike lanes?

Did you also know that the City of Santa Rosa is designated a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists? Making bicycling comfortable and convenient is key to improving public health, reducing traffic congestion, improving air quality and improving quality of life.

This is why we would like your input. In 2018, City staff and the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board will be updating the [City of Santa Rosa Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan \(BPMP\)](#). The Plan is a tool to create a more bicycle and pedestrian friendly community. The process in developing the Plan examines existing conditions including demand and usage, existing connections, level of traffic stress analysis, and safe routes to schools. The process also looks at design guidelines, goals/policies, bicycle and pedestrian route priorities, recommendations and implementation strategies.

We want to hear your thoughts and ideas related to bicycle and pedestrian route priorities. So, we have included opportunities for you to participate in the process through an online survey, informational tables at community events and inviting you to attend the [Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board meetings](#).

Watch for more information on the BPMP process on social media, [city website](#) and our

707-543-3800

On weekends and after hours

707-543-3805

Street lighting related inquiries

707-543-4305

Traffic signals

707-543-3880

Street flooding

707-543-3881

Injured animal

707-565-7100

Report a dead animal on private property

707-565-7100

Report a dead animal on public right-of-way

707-543-3881

Santa Rosa CityBus

707-543-3333

Santa Rosa Paratransit

707-546-1999

Learn to Ride CityBus

707-543-3336

Free Ride Trip Reduction Incentive Program

santarosafreeride.org

Out In the Field Newsletter.



Courthouse Square Awarded BEST Public Project!

On Tuesday, December 12, the Reunification of Old Courthouse Square was honored for excellence by the North Bay Business Journal as the **BEST Public Project in the North Bay for 2017!**

The reunified Courthouse Square opened to the public on April 29, 2017 with a city-wide dedication and celebration! Since the re-opening the square has hosted a number of events including the Wednesday Night Downtown Market, Luther Burbank Rose Parade & Festival, two IRONMAN triathlons, and Winter Lights, just to name a few.

The reunification of the Square has created an engaging outdoor plaza for events, residents, visitors and businesses in the heart of Santa Rosa.

[Watch videos of the Reunification of Old Courthouse Square project and dedication.](#)



A Fun Event for the Entire City!

Join Us for the Welcome Roseland Community Celebration!



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