



HIGH SPEED RAIL

In November 2010, the Central Valley section was identified as the first portion of the California High-Speed Rail (CHSR) Project to receive \$4.3 billion of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) federal grant funding that has already been designated for the CHSR project and begin construction. This decision reprioritized the environmental review process for all the high-speed rail sections of the 800-mile long CHSR system currently under study.

On February 3, 2011, the CHSR Authority announced that the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/DEIS) for the San Francisco-to-San Jose section (slated for release in December 2010) will not be available until at least 2012.

The delay means Mountain View and other Peninsula cities along the Caltrain corridor will not know for at least a year how the high-speed train tracks will run through our communities — below ground, on a raised platform or at street level. Also delayed will be the selection of a possible mid-Peninsula station, which the Authority officials are considering for Redwood City, Palo Alto or Mountain View, in addition to the confirmed stations in San Francisco, Millbrae and San Jose.

During this delay, the City will continue to monitor developments regarding the CHSR project and provide input to the CHSR Authority on the DEIR/DEIS as they relate Mountain View.

For additional information about the high-speed project, please visit www.mountainview.gov or call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6523. The CHSRA Authority website is www.chighspeedrail.ca.gov.



YOUTH ACTION PLAN

The City Council adopted the Youth Action Plan (YAP) recently, which defines a common philosophy and vision for youth programs and services citywide. The YAP development process included input from the City Council, City staff, and local youth organizations. The Plan was developed in conjunction with the current update to the General Plan and alignment to the City's Recreational Plan, the long-range document that is used to guide future youth development.

The Plan sets eight areas that youth services provided by the City will foster including:

- strong families
- civic engagement
- internal collaboration
- community collaboration
- youth programs
- staff as role models
- healthy living
- personal safety

To download the Youth Action Plan, visit the City's website or E-mail Kimberly Castro, Youth Resources Manager, at kim.castro@mountainview.gov.

PERMANENTE CREEK TRAIL

The City held a groundbreaking in December to begin construction on a project to extend the Permanente Creek Trail from its current terminus on the north (Bay) side of Highway 101 to the south side of Old Middlefield Way. The project includes constructing a pedestrian/bicycle crossing over Highway 101 and a tunnel under Old Middlefield Way. The project is expected to be complete in early 2012.



The trail extension will provide a safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle connection across a busy roadway and major highway. The extension will connect the neighborhoods south of Highway 101 with the commercial and recreational facilities in the North Bayshore area.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

ENERGY UPGRADE MOUNTAIN VIEW

No-Cost Home Energy Assessments

In Spring 2011, the City will launch a home energy assessment and upgrade program for Mountain View residents, including single-family homeowners, multi-family property owners, single-family renters and multi-family renters. On a first-come, first-served basis the program will enable residents to receive a no-cost assessment of their home energy use, including energy saving devices and information about additional ways to save energy and money in the home.



The Energy Upgrade Mountain View program is being paid for by Federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funding, and is one of several City efforts currently underway to meet the City's goal of reducing community-wide greenhouse gas emissions below 2005 levels.

For more information about Energy Upgrade Mountain View, please visit www.energyupgrademv.org or call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

The City of Mountain View is currently reviewing and updating its Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). The purpose of a UWMP is to ensure that adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future water demands. As part of a UWMP, water suppliers are required to assess water demands and supplies over a 20-year planning horizon and report on various water conservation efforts. The UWMP also incorporates water shortage contingency planning and drought response actions.

The California Water Code requires that urban water suppliers with 3,000 or more service connections or supplying 3,000 or more acre-feet of water per year update their UWMP every five years. Mountain View's UWMP was last updated in 2005. Any proposed revisions to the City's UWMP will be made available for public review and adopted following a public hearing in mid-2011. All customers are welcome to participate in this process. For additional details regarding the UWMP update, contact Elizabeth Flegel, Water Conservation Coordinator, at (650) 903-6774 or elizabeth.flegel@mountainview.gov.

See www.conservewater.mountainview.gov for helpful water conservation information

PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

The City is currently moving forward with proposals for several new private developments in Mountain View. For more information on these proposals, as well as other development projects in the City, contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6379.

455 WEST EVELYN AVENUE

Construction is scheduled to begin late this Spring on a project by the Prometheus Real Estate Group to build 203 apartment units with underground parking on 3.5 acres bounded by West Evelyn Avenue, Bush Street, Villa Street, and a new public street. The project was approved by the City Council in May 2010.

455 SAN ANTONIO CENTER PROPOSAL

The City is examining a proposal from developer Merlone Geier to build a mixed-use retail and residential project on 16.3 acres of the 56-acre San Antonio Shopping Center site. The project consists of 311,000 square feet of new retail space and 325 to 350 residential units. The Environmental Planning Commission and the City Council will also review the Environmental Impact Report as part of the proposal. City Council hearings on the project are anticipated in late Spring 2011.



100 MAYFIELD AVENUE

Summit Land Partners and Lyon Homes continue to develop an Alternate Master Plan for an area along Mayfield Avenue that calls for approximately 255 residential units, two public parks, and a pedestrian and bicycle tunnel under Central Expressway to the Caltrain station. The City Council reviewed preliminary plans and discussed the developer's proposal for a lower density product last November. Public hearings for the Alternate Master Plan are expected this Spring.

NEW PARAMEDIC EQUIPMENT

The Fire Department received a \$180,000 Assistance to Firefighting Grant to fund nine Lifepak-15 monitor/defibrillators. The defibrillators are medical diagnostic equipment used by Fire Department Paramedics in treating patients. The new equipment replaces older equipment and has been placed into service on all of the City's fire engines.

FREE WATER-WISE LANDSCAPE CLASSES

In partnership with Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency, the City of Mountain View is hosting four landscape education classes this Spring to help consumers use water more efficiently.



- **Make the Switch, Convert to Drip!** – Saturday, April 9th, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Step-by-step process of converting your spray irrigation system to drip irrigation.
- **So Long, Thirsty Lawn** – Thursday, April 28th, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Water-efficient lawn management, turf alternatives, and lawn replacement techniques.
- **Kid-Friendly Water-Wise Gardens** – Saturday, May 14, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Outdoor learning and play with butterfly gardens, parent-child garden activities, and child-safe plants and materials.
- **The Water-Wise Plant Palette** – Thursday, May 26, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Attractive plant combinations and seasonal interest plants.

For more details and to register for a class, call (650) 349-3000 or E-mail landscape@bawsca.org. Space is limited and reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis.