

CITY COUNCIL CONNECT



Welcome to this week's update! As we continue to navigate through our ongoing projects and initiatives, let's take a moment to highlight some key developments this week.

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Traffic Hot Spots Report

Weekly updates on the City's efforts to address frequently reported road segments within South Pasadena.

LOCATION: Orange Grove Avenue between Columbia Street (City of Pasadena) and 110 Freeway

ISSUE: Unsafe street conditions including road alignment (horizontal curve) and turning movement from/into side street (Oliver Street).

UPDATE: Staff met with community members on July 20 and shared the traffic study's findings. Staff will present the findings to the Public Works Infrastructure Commission (PWIC) at their meeting on August 12.

LOCATION: Arroyo Drive Corridor between Mission Street and Columbia Street

ISSUE: Unsafe street conditions due to speeding motorists on high pedestrian-volume street

UPDATE: Staff contacted community members to set a meeting in mid-August to advise them on the Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant that the City is applying for. Staff is waiting for community members to confirm a meeting date.

LOCATION: Indiana Street at Monterey Road

ISSUE: Collisions at subject intersection, and unsafe street crossing for pedestrians.

UPDATE: All short-term improvements have been completed.

Upcoming Events

August 2 - 8, 2026

Event/Location

Date/Time

Concert in the Park

Garfield Park,
1000 Park Ave.

August 2 at 5:00 p.m.

South Pasadena Tournament of Roses Committee Meeting

Council Chambers,
1424 Mission St.

August 4 at 7:00 p.m.

City Council Meeting

Council Chambers,
1424 Mission St.

August 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Movie in the Park

Garfield Park,
1000 Park Avenue

August 7 at sunset

Library to Open as a Cooling Center this Weekend

With high temperatures approaching, the South Pasadena Public Library, located at 1100 Oxley St., will be open this weekend as a cooling center:

- Saturday, August 1 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Sunday, August 2 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (with limited services before 1 p.m.)

For more information, please contact the Library at (626) 403-7330.



Fall Recreation Classes

Registration for the City's Fall Recreation Classes opens on Saturday, August 1. The fall session runs from September 1 through November 30 and offers a variety of recreational opportunities for participants of all ages and interests.

This season's lineup includes youth programs such as dance, sports, art, and enrichment classes, along with adult offerings including fitness, yoga, pickleball, and other wellness activities. Residents can also explore a selection of specialty classes designed to encourage lifelong learning and community engagement.

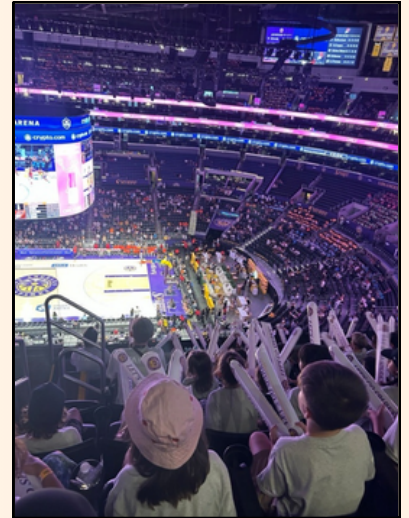
View the class schedule and register at www.southpasadenaca.gov/classes.



Summer Camp Med Week 7 Recap

Week 7 of Summer Camp Med was filled with fun, adventure, and plenty of summer memories. Campers enjoyed a variety of themed activities, crafts, games, and outdoor recreation, along with another exciting field trip and our weekly pool day.

Throughout the week, campers continued to build friendships, develop new skills, and create lasting memories in a safe and engaging environment. As we head into the final weeks of camp, we look forward to finishing the summer with even more exciting activities and experiences.



Summer Concerts in the Park

The Community Services Department welcomed approximately 475 attendees to Garfield Park for last Sunday's Summer Concerts in the Park featuring Y2K2K. The band delivered a high-energy performance filled with nostalgic hits from the late 1990s and early 2000s, creating a fun and lively atmosphere for residents and visitors of all ages. The strong attendance and enthusiastic crowd continue to highlight the success of this year's concert series.

The series continues this Sunday, August 2, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Garfield Park with Sangria, an energetic Latin band performing a mix of salsa, cumbia, merengue, Latin rock, and popular dance favorites. Residents are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and a picnic to enjoy another evening of free live music and community fun.



EOC Staff Training

This week, Fire Division Chief Dan Dunn led an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) training, introducing City Staff to the functions of an EOC and assigned roles, followed by an exercise in which staff planned their immediate response to a natural disaster affecting the city.

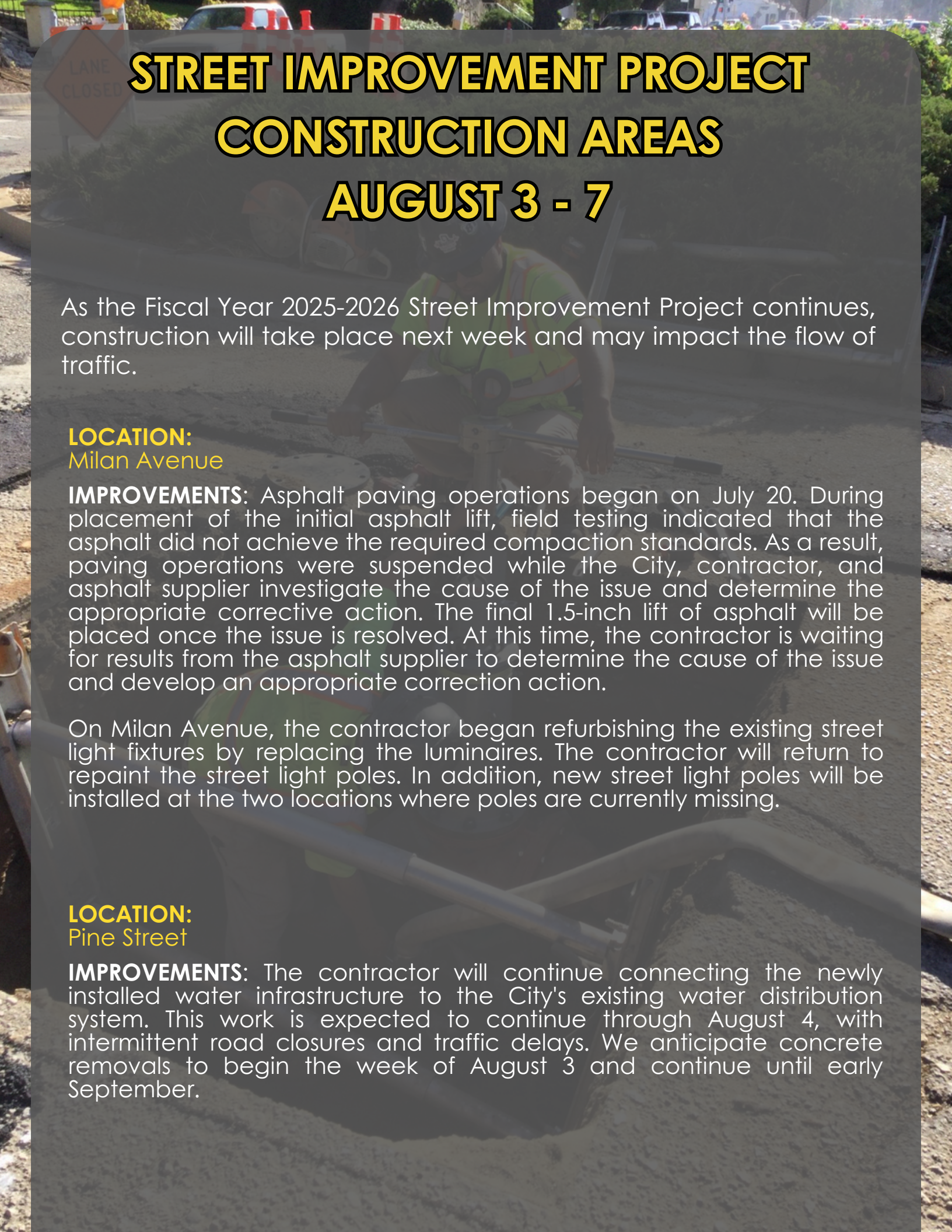
The Fire Department will continue hosting these trainings on a regular basis to ensure that staff are prepared and maintaining their disaster response skills.



Residential Fire on Glendon Way

On Saturday July 25, South Pasadena Fire responded to the 1100 block of Glendon Way for a reported structure fire. Crews arrived on scene to find heavy smoke and fire coming from the rear of the residence. The fire involved a detached building used as an art studio. The fire almost completely consumed the building as well as damaging adjacent structures. Other structures in the nearby area were threatened but the work of the firefighters prevented the damage from extending beyond the immediate area. Fire was assisted by the cities of Alhambra, San Marino, and Pasadena. In addition, the fire knocked out power for approximately 10 residences as well as internet communications for several thousand residents. These utilities were restored within 24 hours.





STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

CONSTRUCTION AREAS

AUGUST 3 - 7

As the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Street Improvement Project continues, construction will take place next week and may impact the flow of traffic.

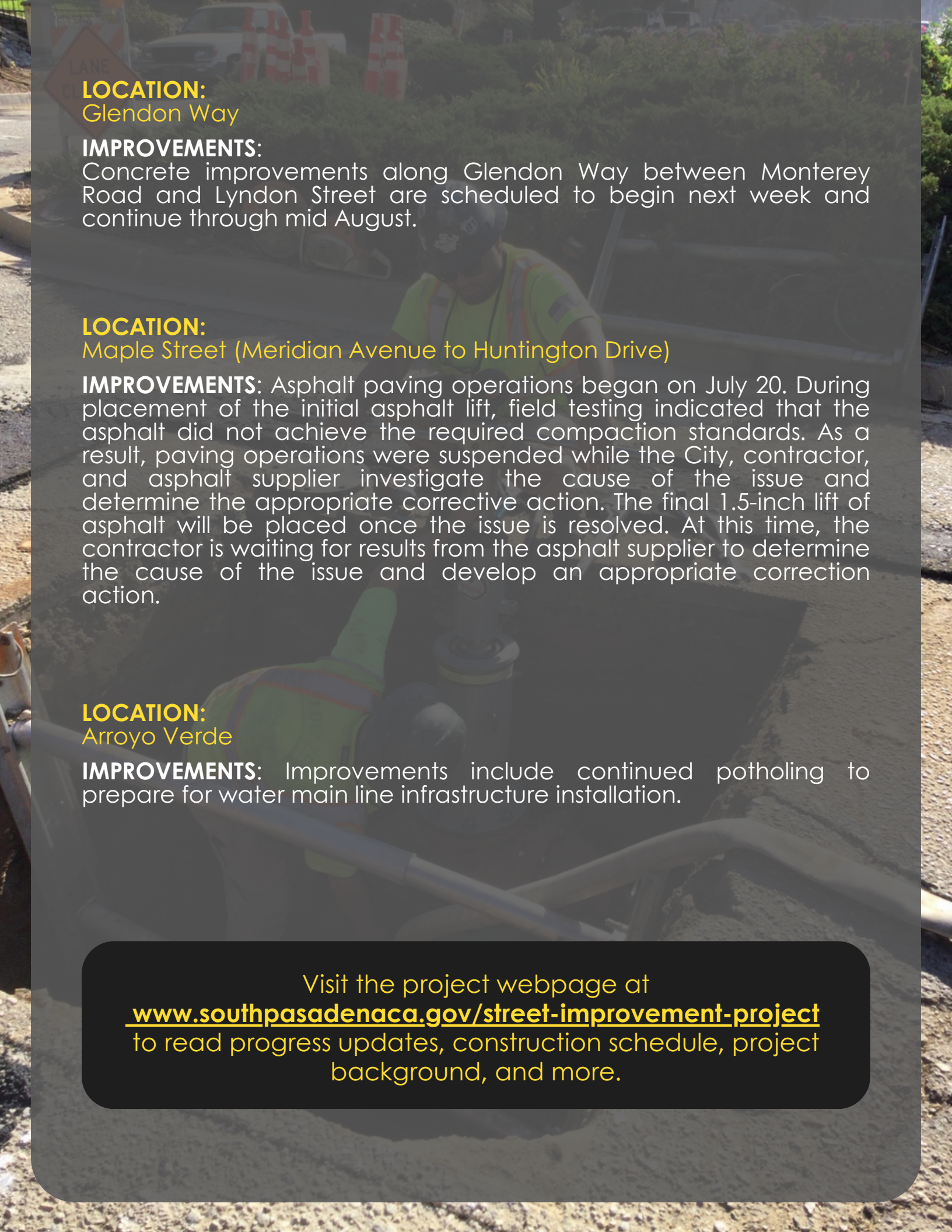
LOCATION: Milan Avenue

IMPROVEMENTS: Asphalt paving operations began on July 20. During placement of the initial asphalt lift, field testing indicated that the asphalt did not achieve the required compaction standards. As a result, paving operations were suspended while the City, contractor, and asphalt supplier investigate the cause of the issue and determine the appropriate corrective action. The final 1.5-inch lift of asphalt will be placed once the issue is resolved. At this time, the contractor is waiting for results from the asphalt supplier to determine the cause of the issue and develop an appropriate correction action.

On Milan Avenue, the contractor began refurbishing the existing street light fixtures by replacing the luminaires. The contractor will return to repaint the street light poles. In addition, new street light poles will be installed at the two locations where poles are currently missing.

LOCATION: Pine Street

IMPROVEMENTS: The contractor will continue connecting the newly installed water infrastructure to the City's existing water distribution system. This work is expected to continue through August 4, with intermittent road closures and traffic delays. We anticipate concrete removals to begin the week of August 3 and continue until early September.



LOCATION:
Glendon Way

IMPROVEMENTS:

Concrete improvements along Glendon Way between Monterey Road and Lyndon Street are scheduled to begin next week and continue through mid August.

LOCATION:

Maple Street (Meridian Avenue to Huntington Drive)

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LOCATION:
Arroyo Verde

IMPROVEMENTS: Improvements include continued potholing to prepare for water main line infrastructure installation.

Visit the project webpage at
www.southpasadenaca.gov/street-improvement-project
to read progress updates, construction schedule, project background, and more.

RFID Project Update

The Library's Radio Frequency Identification System (RFID) Implementation project is entering its final stages. RFID technology streamlines the check-in and check-out process while improving the accuracy and efficiency of material handling. The project is 95% complete with more than 100,000 books, CDs, DVDs, and other materials tagged by Library staff.

This week, we are installing new RFID security gates along with two state-of-the-art self-checkout machines. Staff training will be completed over the coming weeks, with the Library expected to go live with the new RFID system shortly thereafter.



Library Hosts Art Exhibit with Picnic Studio LA

The Library is pleased to host a temporary display featuring artwork created by artists from Picnic Studio, a Pasadena-based nonprofit art studio that supports adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through collaborative art programs. The exhibit highlights the creativity and unique artistic voices of participating artists, including Emanuel, a member of the Library's All Abilities Club. This partnership celebrates inclusion, creativity, and the talents of artists of all abilities while providing the community with an opportunity to experience inspiring local artwork.

