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Dear Homestead Valley Resident:

I am writing to update you on the status of the Evergreen Avenue Sidewalk project. While it has been some time since the County last communicated, we have been working to incorporate many of the design modifications suggested during community meetings and correspondence we have received on this matter. We now have Caltrans' approval to proceed with a revised design and our staff has completed preliminary plans that incorporate those changes. The new sidewalk will tie into the existing sidewalks on Hawthorne Avenue and Linden Lane.

The design reduces the width to a 4½-foot wide concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter (the curb is 6 inches in width), accessible curb ramps, and crosswalks from the existing sidewalk at the Mill Valley city limit to Melrose Avenue. The concrete will incorporate pigment to further integrate it into the neighborhood setting. In addition, we're looking into the possibility of an alternative color to the yellow normally used for ADA mats at intersections.

We are confident that the project will increase pedestrian safety, improve traffic circulation, and enhance drainage. The only loss of parking along the entire stretch will be three spaces on the south side of the street between Scott Street and Melrose. In addition to the sidewalk on the south side of Evergreen Avenue, minor road widening will take place on the north side of the street to maintain the current road widths as well as parking on both sides of the street.

Construction will take place next summer. As we move into the detailed design phase this fall, we will be meeting with individual property owners to discuss specific details regarding their properties. In the spring, Supervisor Kinsey plans to hold a preconstruction meeting to provide construction sequencing details and answer other questions.

We would like to thank the community for all their input on this project. It has resulted in a better project of which we can all be proud. For questions regarding this project, please contact Scott Schneider at 473-4362 or by email at sschneider@co.marin.ca.us.

Sincerely,



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