

California High Speed Rail Alternative Alignments

Alternative Alignment Study Released



Maps of the preliminary alternative alignments study for the San Jose to Merced

Section of the High Speed Rail (HSR) system are now available for public review. The maps provide a better understanding of each of the alignments. Please note that these are preliminary alignments and subject to change. HSR indicates that no alignment will be considered final until the final environmental impact report/statement EIR/EIS is approved by the Authority and a Record of Decision is made by the Federal Railroad Administration.

Following is a link to the Morgan Hill-Gilroy subsection:

<http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov/library.asp?p=9489>

How to view a detailed alignment alternative map

Step 1: Select a subsection, for example "Morgan Hill-Gilroy", from the list below

Step 2: Select an alternative alignment, for example "East of Caltrain / UPRR"

Step 3: Click on the link to the alternative alignment you are interested in to view a "key map" with more detail.

Hardcopy alternative alignment map booklets can also be found in libraries throughout the San Jose to Merced Section. Please see "Libraries for Alternative Alignment Maps" below for details.

The next step for HSR is to complete an EIR for the alternatives in the analysis. circulated. High Speed Rail consultants expect to release that document in July 2011. As part of the process the City will be providing substantive comment on the EIR prepared by HSR.

The Gilroy public safety team is reviewing the alternatives analysis as a first step in identifying the public safety issues that may affect either of the routes HSR identifies in the Alternatives Analysis. The HSR project will bring dramatic change to our region and Gilroy in particular. The City has requested that the High Speed Rail Authority conduct a community engagement process that involves Gilroy residents and businesses in understanding and influencing how HSR integrates with Gilroy as a community. The city's website will carry further information regarding the community engagement process including dates and times as they are developed.

Though the High Speed Rail is a project of the State of California it is important that residents and businesses become involved in the HSR design process so that integration of the system with the community is ultimately in the best interest of the community.

Watch the City's website for new information and developments regarding High Speed Rail at www.cityofgilroy.org

New Gilroy Library Update



Views captured by the Library Construction Cam, accessible to the public via the City website.



Before



During



After

Old Library Demolition Phase Completed

The demolition phase of the old Gilroy Library, which began in mid-April, was completed in mid-June. The demolition phase consisted of: Abatement of potentially hazardous materials, building containment, Ash tree removal, plywood fencing, building demolition, underground utilities and finally punch list completion and demobilization. The demolition was completed on time and within budget by the firm of Robinson and Moretti, a local Gilroy contractor.

Bid opening for the new library construction contract took place on June 2nd, 2010. The low bidder, Devcon Construction, was awarded the contract by the Gilroy City Council during their June 14th meeting. Their bid of \$18,177,226 was significantly under the engineer's base bid estimate of \$23,716,000.

Groundbreaking for the new building is slated for July 19th at 10:00 a.m. at the construction site on 6th Street between Hanna and Rosanna Streets. The public is invited.

During the 2 year construction period, the Gilroy Library is operating out of a temporary facility at 7652 Monterey Street (between Third and Fourth Streets).

More info at:

http://www.cityofgilroy.org/cityofgilroy/city_hall/community_development/engineering/projects/default.aspx



Local youth put finishing touches on the construction wall mural

Meet Your Recreation Department Staff



Celebrate Life... Are you in?

.....this is the Recreation Division's Motto. With the staff's help, it wasn't difficult to come up with a statement that truly reflects what our programs are all about. Even with the state of the current economy, there's a lot to celebrate! Not every agency has a continuum of services that meet the needs of the entire Gilroy community – from toddlers, to children, to teens, to adults and finally to seniors. Yes, there are several other local public and private organizations and businesses that offer recreational, educational and cultural opportunities, but in order to get all three you would have to go to three independent agencies. Fortunately, the City of Gilroy's Recreation Division is your "One Stop Recreation Shop."

Friendly, knowledgeable and experienced staff provide quality services that are fun-filled, exciting, cost effective, and best of all – local! We are just a five minute drive from any school, business or residence in Gilroy. Whether you are registering online, via fax or in person, the Recreation staff is ready and prepared to answer all your questions or help in addressing your recreational needs.

Stop by and meet our recreation professionals. They are knowledgeable, bilingual and have decades of combined experience in youth and adult sports, health and fitness, sport camps/leagues, fee classes, special interests, cultural arts, adaptive recreation, senior programming, volunteer opportunities, facility and park reservations, youth services and early childhood recreation. Much of the staff were born and raised in Gilroy and they truly care about the community and work diligently to ensure everyone has a positive recreational experience.

If you've never participated in any of our programs, give us a try this summer. Join the many toddlers, children, youth, adults, seniors and families who have taken an active role playing on our sports fields, learning how to swim, taking a recreation class, going on a fun field trip or eating a delicious and nutritious lunch at the senior center.

Take a chance and celebrate life along with us,....we promise that you'll be glad you did!

~Maria De Leon

Recreation Manager

New Animal Control Ordinance



Recently the City of Gilroy updated the Animal Control Ordinance. Below is a glimpse of the recent changes put into effect.

- All dogs and cats over 4 months of age must be licensed in the City of Gilroy. In order to obtain a license you must provide proof of current rabies vaccination.
- All dogs and cats must wear Gilroy Animal License tags when out in public.
- Pet licenses may be obtained at the Gilroy Police Department until mid June 2010 at which time licensing will \ be handled via PetData. Approximately July 1st you will be able to register your pets on line with PetData at **PetData.com**.
- All dogs must be on a leash if out in public. ***Dogs are not permitted to run around the neighborhood or on trails without a leash.*** The exception to this is use of the Gilroy dog park.
- If your pet defecates in a public place or on someone's private property, you are required to pick it up and dispose of it.
- Dogs can be classified as a "Dangerous Dog" according to the ordinance based on the dog's behavior. Should your dog be classified as a dangerous dog, restrictions will be placed on the dog and owner. The animal control officer will provide the restriction details and the details can be found in the revised ordinance.
- Effective May 6th, 2010 the City has adopted a mandatory spay/neuter program for all Pit Bull Breeds. Therefore, all Pit Bull breeds and Pit mixes must be altered at the age of 4 months or older. Proof of spay/neuter must be provided for licensing. A few exceptions to this requirement exist so please consult the Gilroy City Code Chapter 4; Section VII.
- The revised Animal and Fowl Ordinance can be accessed at the City of Gilroy website at; www.cityofgilroy.org.

Violation Fines

If pet owners allow their cat or dog to run at large or violate any of the **city codes**, the pet owner will be subject to an administrative citation and/or a criminal citation, depending on the severity of the offense and circumstances of the incident.

- The first violation will be \$100
- The second violation will be \$200
- The third violation will be \$500.
- Fines increase with repeat violations and the fourth violation will be a misdemeanor

New Animal Control Ordinance (continued)



Impound Fees – 2010

If your pet is lost, injured or found running at large, it will be impounded and taken to the Gilroy Police Department kennels. Impound costs are:

- \$100.00 for initial impound – plus -
- \$ 40.00 per night stay

Pet owners are required to pay the impound fees prior to the animal being released. Animals can be picked up from the police department 7 days a week; (7:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.); located at 7301 Hanna St. Call **(408) 846-0350** to determine if your pet has been impounded. The police department accepts exact cash, cashier's checks, and credit or debit cards.

Animal Licensing Fees – 2010

- \$25.00 for Unaltered Dog/Cat per year
- \$70.00 for Unaltered Dog/Cat for 3 years
- \$17.00 for Altered Dog/Cat per year
- \$49.00 for Altered Dog/Cat for 3 years

To receive the reduced fee, proof of spay/neuter from the veterinarian is required. (Pit Bulls must provide proof of alter prior to licensing).

To report a dog bite or dog attack call 9-1-1. For all other non-emergency incidents or to see if your pet has been impounded, please call the Police Communications Center at (408) 846-0350. For all other questions please contact Gilroy's Animal Control Officer at 846-0338.



GENERAL OVERVIEW

In May 2010, the City Council approved a new general fund reserve policy that consists of:

1. Retaining the existing unrestricted General Fund Reserve at a minimum of 25% of General Fund expenditures.
2. Establishing an Economic Stability Reserve that is intended to help the City weather a severe economic crisis. The table at right summarizes the new general fund reserve policy.

This new policy will help the City continue to provide the existing level of services to residents and potentially prevent staff reductions in support of service levels.

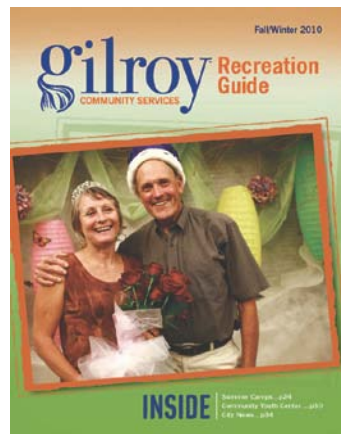
The Economic Stability Reserve was established at 15% of general fund expenditures, or approximately \$5.1 million as of June 30, 2010. The Economic Stability Reserve would only be used in extraordinary circumstances, upon satisfaction of one of the following “economic triggers” and with the majority vote of the City Council:

General Fund Reserve	Description of Use	Proposed Amount as of June 30, 2010
Unrestricted	Unbudgeted costs or revenue shortfall	Minimum of \$8.5 million (\$13.8 million projected)
Economic Stability	Specific triggers in severe economic downturn	\$5.1 million

Triggers:

- ✓ **State take-away of significant revenue**
- ✓ **Large drop in property taxes (decrease in assessed evaluations)**
- ✓ **Major business closures (sales tax and/or utility users’ tax impact)**
- ✓ **Dramatic drop in development from projections**
- ✓ **Large unexpected drop in sales taxes (or other primary revenues – utility users’ tax, franchise fees or transient occupancy tax) due to severe recession**
- ✓ **The economic triggers cause the General Fund reserve to fall below a predetermined percentage of expenditures (e.g. 20%)**

In the event the Economic Stability Reserve is used, the City is obligated to replenish the reserve by the end of the next biennial budget to 15% of the general fund expenditures for the given year.



Coming Soon!

Watch for the Fall/Winter 2010 Activity Guide providing details on many fun and worthwhile recreation programs for community members of all ages. The Guide also includes useful information on other City services, parks and facilities. The Guide is mailed to over 12,500 Gilroy addresses three times per year.



Public Invited to New Library Ground Breaking on July 19th



GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

Please join us and honored guests

To celebrate the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the

New City of Gilroy Public Library Project
7351 Rosanna Street (project site)

Monday, July 19th, 2010
10:00am - 10:30am
Coffee and Pastries
10:30am - 11:15am
Ceremony

Please RSVP By July 12th 2010 to Shawna Freels @ shawna.freels@ci.gilroy.ca.us

Seniors Prove Aging can be Fun!!

The seniors at the Gilroy Senior Center are jumping into a Summer Celebration! Recently they celebrated at Christmas Hill Park with a gourmet barbecue put on by the *Gilroy Rotary Club*. The Rotary Club sponsors this wonderful event for approximately 200 Gilroy seniors who spend the day at the park playing BINGO in the morning with a cup of coffee, doing some Line Dancing before lunch, and eating a spectacular chicken barbecue. A special “thank you” to the Gilroy Rotary Club for being involved and contributing to the senior community!

Next month, the Senior Center will host a **Luau Celebration** with entertainment by a Hawaiian Dance Club, provide a great meal at the Senior Center, and following lunch, and participants will receive a 15 minute Hula lesson given by our dancers. The Luau is scheduled for Thursday, July 29, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. at the Gilroy Senior Center. Thursday, August 19th will bring “**Elvis**”, aka Donald Preto, who will be bringing Elvis back to life during a lunch celebration at 11:15 a.m. at the Gilroy Senior Center Dining Hall. For more information on the Gilroy Senior Center and its events, please call (408) 846-0414.

City Hall Friday Closures

Effective Friday, April 23rd, 2010, City Hall Offices will be open Monday through Thursday. The 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month are furlough days and there will be no employees at City Hall.

On the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month, staff will be working on projects and activities although city offices will not be accessible for public office hours. Some departments may arrange for appointments on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. These appointments should be requested with the individual department. Field and emergency services personnel will function as normal on non-furlough Fridays.

Fireworks Information



STATE-APPROVED FIREWORKS MAY BE PURCHASED AND USED FROM JULY 1-JULY 4TH (MIDNIGHT):

These types of fireworks called SAFE and SANE are purchased at one of the 16 authorized fireworks booths in the City. They generally remain in a motionless position on the ground and emit showers of sparks.

Below is a list of the locations where SAFE AND SANE CANNOT BE USED. CITATIONS WILL BE ISSUED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS IF ANY FIREWORKS ARE USED:

Country Estates II & III (All streets up Mantelli from Rancho Hills Drive)

Carriage Hills Subdivision: Colony, Carriage, Crest Hill, Valley Oaks, Saffron, Lavender, Wild Iris, Foxglove

Carriage Court Development: Acorn and Hemlock & cul-de-sacs off these streets

All sections of Eagle Ridge

Forest Subdivision

Hecker Pass west of Santa Theresa

Mesa Ridge subdivision: All streets off of San Justo

Mesa Ranch subdivision, all streets west from Mesa Road, not including Mesa itself.

Rancho Real Drive, south from its intersection with Welburn Avenue

West of Santa Teresa and Miller, incl. Wildflower Ct

No fireworks use permitted in City Parks, Parking Lots, GUSD Schools or Gavilan College or its parking lots.

Safe and Sane fireworks have a State Fire Marshal approval stamp and do not leave the ground or explode. **All other Fireworks are considered DANGEROUS & are ILLEGAL . ILLEGAL FIREWORKS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:**

Cherry Bombs

Bottle Rockets

Roman Candles

M-80s

Any aerial pyrotechnic (firework)

Firecrackers

Typically, these devices make very loud explosions and/or fly through the air or across the ground. It is a misdemeanor or felony to possess and/or discharge these fireworks anywhere in Gilroy and the State of California.

Community Calendar



July

- 1 Planning Commission 6:30 pm
- 2 City Offices closed
- 2 Disco Island Live Opening Night 7:30 p.m.
- 4 Annual Fireworks Salute Gilroy High 9:15 pm
- 5 City Hall Closed
- 7 Gilroy Gang Task Force 6:00 pm
- 10 Kids Triathlon 8:00 am
- 13 Arts & Culture Commission 5:30 pm
- 14 Library Commission 7:00 pm
- 16 City Offices closed
- 19 Library Groundbreaking 10:00 am
- 19 City Council Study Session- High Speed Rail 6:00 pm
- 19 City Council regular meeting 7:00 pm
- 20 Parks and Recreation Commission 6:00 pm
- 23, 24, 25 Gilroy Garlic Festival 10:00 am
- 24 Coffee with the Mayor
- 29 Planning Commission regular meeting 6:30 pm



August

- 2 City Council regular meeting 6:00 pm
- 4 Gilroy Gang Task Force 6:00 pm
- 6 City Offices closed
- 7 Fifth Street Walking Tour 10:00 am
- 10 Arts & Culture Commission 5:30 pm
- 11 Library Commission 7:00 pm
- 17 Parks and Recreation Commission 6:00 pm
- 20 City Offices Closed
- 25 Public Art Committee 5:30 pm



July 23, 24 & 25

September

- 1 Gilroy Gang Task Force 6:00 pm
- 2 Planning Commission 6:30 pm
- 3 City Offices Closed
- 8 Library Commission 7:00 pm
- 8 City Council Joint Meeting with GUSD 6:00 pm
- 13 City Council regular meeting 6:00 pm
- 14 Arts and Culture Commission 5:30 pm
- 17 City Offices Closed
- 20 City Council regular meeting 6:00 pm
- 21 Parks and Recreation Commission 6:00 pm
- 22 Public Art Committee 5:30 pm
- 25 Coffee with the Mayor

Historical Society

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
10:00 AM - NOON (approximately)
2010 Schedule Meet in front of the Gilroy Museum, 195 Fifth Street unless otherwise specified

June 5 GAVILAN HILLS MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY (Meet at the cemetery, 1000 First Street)
July 3 No tour, 4th of July weekend
August 7 FIFTH STREET
September 4 No tour, Labor Day weekend
October 2 WILLIAM WEEKS BUILDINGS
November 6 OLD ST. MARY CEMETERY (Meet in front of St. Joseph Family Center, 7950 Church Street)
December 4 No tour, holiday season