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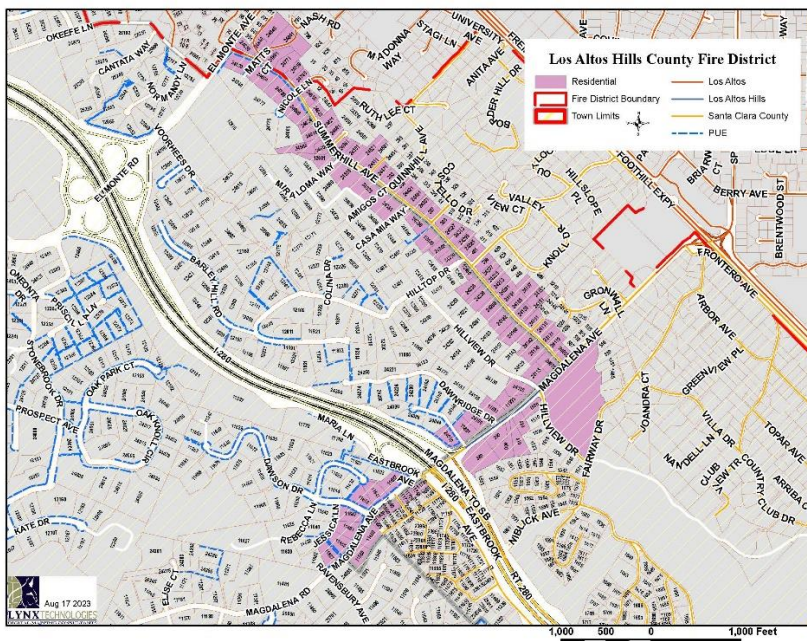
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Magdalena-Summerhill Evacuation Route Project: Roadside vegetation management work begins October 23, 2023



Santa Clara County FireSafe Council and Los Altos Hills County Fire District, in collaboration with Santa Clara County Fire Department, Santa Clara County Roads & Airports, the Town of Los Altos Hills, and other partners, are providing notice about the Magdalena-Summerhill Evacuation Route project.

The goals of this project are to trim woody vegetation, prune trees, clear dead material and remove roadside trash to reduce wildfire risks and impacts of weather events. This project will provide evacuation routes during a wildfire or disaster, improve visibility and travel safety, and reduce the spread of roadside fire ignition from vehicles or other sources. The hazardous vegetation removal along the roadway evacuation route provides safer ingress and egress for first responders and the public in event of wildfire or other disasters.



The evacuation routes are along Magdalena Ave and Summerhill Ave. The Magdalena portion begins at Ravensbury running northeast, under the I280 and ending at Summerhill Ave. The Summerhill Ave portion begins at Magdalena Avenue running northwest to El Monte Road. The combination of these two roads provides access to the Magdalena freeway interchange or alternatively egress to the El Monte I280 interchange.

This regionally partnered project has the added benefit of connecting safer roadways to Mora-Ravensbury Evacuation Route project performed in August 2023.

Traffic Information

Traffic control will be in place for the duration of the Magdalena-Summerhill Evacuation Route Project. One lane will be operational, and one lane will close for vegetation management work as crews proceed through the project area. The project is scheduled for October 23, 2023, to October 31, 2023. Work will occur Mondays through Fridays, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, and is dependent on weather conditions and holidays.

Motorists should expect delays and allow extra time for travel in these neighborhoods.
Please exercise caution when traveling in the work zone.

Community Meeting for Project information

To provide information, a Community Meeting, via zoom, will be held on October 11, 2023 at 7pm. Details are on the project webpage [Magdalena-Summerhill Evacuation Route Project - Los Altos Hills County Fire District \(lahcfd.org\)](https://magdalena-summerhill-evacuation-route-project-los-altos-hills-county-fire-district.lahcfd.org) or contact Eugenia Woods, LAHCFD Programs, Planning and Grants Manager, at eugenia@lahcfd.org for additional information