

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City of Paso Robles is proposing to design and install improvements at two adjacent City parks - Sherwood Park and Oak Creek Park (collectively known as Sherwood Park). The improvements would implement the 2019 Sherwood Park Area Master Plan (Master Plan), which was adopted by the City Council in February 2019. Park improvements under the Master Plan would be completed in two phases and at completion would include:

- 367 parking spaces with lights,
- 9,000 square feet (sf) of new playground area,
- 2,000 sf water play area/splash pad,
- a 7,000 sf skate park with lights,
- a 3,000 sf amphitheater area,
- 2,500 sf of community event and gathering space,
- restrooms,
- lighted baseball and soccer fields,
- lighted tennis and pickleball courts,
- lighted basketball courts,
- walking trails with exercise equipment,
- multiple shade shelters, and
- installation of perimeter sidewalks.

The project would be completed in two phases, as follows:

Phase 1. Phase 1 improvements would be completed in the southern portion of the park (Oak Creek Park) located east of Creston Road between Scott Street and Cedarwood Drive, west of residences along Driftwood Drive. Several existing facilities would remain including two existing playground areas, the Veterans Memorial Building, the Senior Center, relocated restrooms from the sports fields, a 22-space parking lot (Lot D), a 67-space parking lot (Lot F), and the Sherwood dog park. Construction for Phase 1 is expected to commence in November 2020 and be completed for use in March 2022. Phase 1 development and renovations would include:

- Installation of a park entry monument at the southeast corner of Creston Road at Scott Street,
- Installation of a park entry monument at Creston Road and Cedarwood Drive,
- Removal of some existing trails/paths and installation of new trails/paths with lights and exercise equipment,
- Construction of a fenced skate park (7,000 sf) with lights,
- Installation of four (4) tennis courts with lights,
- Installation of eight (8) pickleball courts with lights,
- Removal of one (1) basketball court and installation of two (2) full-size basketball courts with lights,
- Installation of one (1) half-size basketball court with lights,

- Construction of six (6) footbridges across Turtle Creek that would span from bank to bank,
- Multiple picnic areas and community gathering areas including picnic tables, benches, and BBQs,
- Construction of a theater area with lights,
- Installation of a youth sports court with lights,
- Construction of a water play area/splash pad,
- Construction of a new 850 sf restroom near the pickleball courts,
- Construction of two new play areas near two existing play areas,
- Installation of multiple new shade shelters, benches, and picnic tables,
- Construction of a new 22-space parking lot off Scott Street (Lot C),
- Expansion of existing Lot H to increase diagonal street parking on Scott Street from 9 spaces to 35 spaces,
- Reconfiguration and pavement of an existing 20-space parking lot (Lot E) to connect with the existing Lot F, including removal of one existing entrance to Lot F from Scott Street, and
- Installation of curb, gutter, and sidewalk along the north side of Cedarwood Drive and the south side of Scott Street.

Phase 2. Phase 2 improvements would be completed in the northern portion of the park (Sherwood Park) located north of Scott Street between Creston Road and Via Ramona, south of the residences along Santa Ynez Avenue. No construction timeline has been identified for this phase. Phase 2 development and renovations would include:

- Installation of a park entry monument near Creston Road at Santa Ynez Avenue,
- Installation of a park entry monument at the northeast corner of Creston Road at Scott Street,
- Installation of a park entry monument on Scott Street near Via Ramona,
- Construction of four (4) youth baseball fields with lights,
- Construction of three (3) soccer fields with lights (one field would overlap with one of the baseball fields),
- Removal of one (1) existing youth baseball field, one (1) softball field, and two (2) small youth fields,
- Removal of an existing volleyball court,
- Construction of a two-story concession and restroom building,
- Installation of shade shelters and bleachers/benches,
- Installation of a new playground area,
- Construction of a new 130-space parking lot of Scott Street (lot A) with re-located solar panels over a portion of the spaces, including a drop-off area and food truck area,
- Removal of an existing parking lot along the eastern boundary of the site and closure of vehicular access from Santa Ynez Avenue,
- Installation of 41 diagonal parking spaces along Via Ramona (lot B), and
- Installation of curb, gutter, and sidewalk along the north side of Scott Street.

Both phases of the proposed project would include installation of non-invasive, drought-tolerant native plants including twenty new trees. Lawn areas would be limited to recreation fields and the public gathering area. An irrigation system would be installed that would include a rain sensor,

electronic timing controllers, and flow sensors. Pervious surfaces would be incorporated into the trails and parking lots to help reduce stormwater runoff and retain groundwater.

Sherwood Park and Oak Creek Park (collectively known as Sherwood Park) are located in the southeastern part of the City on the east side of Creston Road between Santa Ynez Avenue and Cedarwood Road. The project site is generally surrounded by medium-density suburban residential development. Light industrial uses are located east of the park along Commerce Way and the Paso Robles Golf Club is located to the west across Creston Road.

Sherwood Park is approximately 27 acres in size and is currently developed with a youth baseball field, a softball field with bleachers, one basketball court, horseshoe pits, sand volleyball court, one regulation size soccer field, two small soccer fields, and four tennis courts. The park also has a fantasy themed playground complete with a bridge, castle structures, a large play structure with shade canopies, a dragon statue, and a sword in the stone. The Sherwood dog park is also located within Sherwood Park as are the Veteran's Building and Senior Center.

Turtle Creek, an intermittent stream, courses through the park from east to west and is regulated by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). The creek ponds into a City-maintained drainage basin before continuing west under Creston Road towards the golf course. Vegetation in the park consists primarily of manicured lawn, hardscaping (including paved walking paths, parking lots, several structures, and playgrounds), and ornamental landscaping. Several large heritage oak trees are located within the park.

The park is currently accessible from Santa Ynez Avenue, Scott Street, and Cedarwood Avenue and two bus stops are located on Scott Street near the Senior Center and Veteran Building. The park is operational from 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.