



# CITY OF ATASCADERO

## CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Item D4

**Department:** Public Works

**Date:** 02/24/26

**Placement:** Consent

**TO:** JAMES R. LEWIS, CITY MANAGER

**FROM:** NICK DE BAR, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS/CITY ENGINEER

**PREPARED BY:** RYAN BETZ, PUBLIC WORKS ANALYST

**SUBJECT:** Apple Valley Street and Storm Drain Maintenance District No. 01 Budget Adjustment

### RECOMMENDATION:

Council authorize the Administrative Services Director to allocate an additional \$19,200 from the Apple Valley Street and Storm Drain Maintenance District No. 01 (District) Fund balance to the District's fiscal year 2025/26 Budget to repair damaged street pavers on San Ramon Road.

### DISCUSSION:

#### BACKGROUND

In 2005, the City Council formed the Atascadero Street and Storm Drain Maintenance District No. 01 (Apple Valley) to finance the ongoing operation, maintenance, and repair of public infrastructure within the Apple Valley subdivision. Infrastructure under the purview of the Assessment District includes streets, storm drainage systems, and pedestrian facilities. Specific to the streets within the district, maintenance includes resurfacing and rehabilitation of the asphalt pavement section, which is the typical surface. The district also includes approximately 4,900 square feet of interlocking concrete pavers. The pavers were specifically incorporated to preserve existing oak trees located within the landscaped median on San Ramon Road. Interlocking pavers are occasionally utilized as an alternative to conventional asphalt pavement in proximity to street trees due to their ability to provide a structurally stable, vehicular-rated surface while mitigating soil compaction, facilitating water and air infiltration, and accommodating natural root growth patterns.

However, during a recent inspection of the District, staff identified several areas where these street pavers had settled, resulting in uneven surfaces and potential safety concerns. To address this issue, the City engaged a licensed Class A contractor to remove the affected pavers, recompact the underlying soil, and reinstall the pavers to restore uniformity and eliminate the safety concern. The City requires a Class A contractors license for any work within the public right-of-way, including street repairs, to ensure compliance with engineering standards, adherence to City specifications, and proper traffic control during construction activities. While this work was completed last fall, at a cost of \$9,800, additional settling occurred in a separate section following the December storm events, necessitating further repairs. Although some degree of paver settlement is expected over time, staff recommends removing a slightly larger area around the newly affected section to investigate potential underlying drainage issues and implement any

necessary corrective measures with subgrade issues. The combined cost of the paver repairs is expected to be \$19,200.

**ALTERNATIVES TO THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The Council may elect not to approve the funding allocation request for repairs to the street pavers along San Ramon Road within the Apple Valley District. However, staff does not recommend this course of action because some of the unbudgeted paver repair has been completed while new paver area presents a safety hazard for both vehicular traffic and pedestrians.


**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Authorizing staff's recommendation will result in additional fiscal year 2025/26 budget expenditures up to \$19,200 from the Apple Valley Street and Storm Drain Maintenance District No. 01 Fund balance, which has ample fund balance available to cover the requested allocation. Any remaining balance from the repair project will be returned to the Apple Valley Fund balance.

**REVIEWED BY OTHERS:**

This item has been reviewed by the Administrative Services Director.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR COUNCIL AGENDA**



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James R. Lewis, City Manager

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

None