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Dear Airfield Park Neighbors,

The City of Santa Rosa would like to provide you with an update on the status of the construction of Airfield Park. For the past several months, City staff has been coordinating with the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife and the California Department of Fish and Game to secure the necessary approvals to begin construction of the park.

The City's mitigation plan for the loss of California tiger salamander habitat due to the park construction has been approved by both agencies. Additionally, both U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game have issued permits for the project. At this point all that is pending is securing approval from the California Department of Fish and Game for mitigation funding and the conservation easement.

We estimate that by late August 2010 we may be able to begin construction of the park, with completion of construction after the spring rains in 2011.

We have received communications from residents in the neighborhood, noting that trees along Fresno Avenue are in need of trimming and that weeds within the park site are overgrown. The City will make every effort to have crews out to perform weed abatement within the coming weeks. In addition, we are currently working with an arborist to determine what steps are recommended to prune and improve the health and appearance of trees near the park site along Fresno Avenue.

We appreciate your communications to us and value your input in this process. Please know that the City is committed to completing this project and intends to keep you informed about the status of this project as events develop. We understand your frustration with the numerous delays with this project, but let us assure you we are making every effort to get this neighborhood park constructed. City staff are available to speak with you and answer any questions you may have about the status of the park project:

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The project webpage at [www.srcity.org/airfieldpark](http://www.srcity.org/airfieldpark) is also a good source for up-to-date information.

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