

Hello Diana,

Today Joan and I did a different survey. We photographed typical “road wear” problems. And in all cases, there are zero oak trees in jeopardy of the required repairs. In fact, as one walks the streets, the best repair efforts, i. e., partial paving, are in the vicinity of oak trees.

Also, while we were photographing a neighbor passed by and asked what we are doing. After we explained she exclaimed, “Finally someone is trying to do something about our roads. It’s been such a long time since they’ve had the required paving.” She’s about our age, in her 70’s, and has lived in Menlo Oaks for a long time. Her husband is still an ardent cyclist and we discussed the danger for cyclists and people walking because most of the problems are on or near the road edges.

Below are the photos that represent the Menlo Oaks general road conditions from the rainfall, large puddles, construction vehicles and lack of serious attention for over a decade.

Again, thank you very much for your attention to this matter, Bill

Just appeared this week in front of our home at 620 Berkeley Avenue:

Typical edge problem of road crumbling:



Disaster area between Coleman and Madison:

Note the dry creek bed on the left. As it rains, the road edge continues to crumble away:



The Berkeley Coleman intersection. The problem with the nearly non-existent road edge, and the round about "game of chicken." The gravel was placed there last week because the home on the left is now for sale. Before this it was a large lake.

The white line path is essentially useless for protecting mom's pushing their children to Laurel School. Those of us who walk can edge our way around the corner. The road edge has shrunk by 50%. It should be widened by several feet. The white realtor's sign is actually on county property.



On Feb 12, 2019, at 2:47 PM, Diana Shu <dshu@smcgov.org> wrote:

Hi Bill

Thanks for asking. I'll let the managers know that there are still a few spots out there that need patching and about the curb.

In general, if you want to see street improvements in your neighborhood, it is best to start talking with the neighbors. Menlo Oaks is unique because of the old oaks, but as a result many of the neighbors also frown on major road improvements as **it may damage tree roots**.

As a result, we mostly just patch in your neighborhood and do very little resurfacing and reconstruction of the road way. As new neighbors move in, perhaps that sentiment will change also, I don't know.