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## ADA Access Path at the Commons to be Built Before Summer

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Simulation of proposed asphalt path to be installed at Moraga Commons Park Image Google map data

On Feb. 25 the Town Council approved the construction of an asphalt path at the Moraga Commons Park to provide disabled residents and children in strollers access to the popular venue. The path will meander slightly from the band shell area toward the trees, going up the hill at a gentle slope (4.5 percent) and ending on a landing pad.

Council members expressed their surprise at the soft cost of the project, which is almost twice as expensive as the construction itself. The town manager explained that the local code requires the administration of a bid process, even if the construction cost is below \$45,000. She added that a proposal would be brought to the council to increase that threshold to the state standard of \$45,000. In that case, the soft cost of the project would be reduced.

The total price tag of \$57,000 was nonetheless approved by the council members and will be funded with the Palos Colorados

development fund, unless other funding can be secured. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by the end of May, before the beginning of the summer concert series.

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