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## Commons Park Picnic Area renovation to begin soon

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The Commons Park Picnic Area Renovation Project was approved nearly four years ago by the Town Council as part of the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Capital Improvements Program Adopted Budget.

Fast forward to the council's April 12 meeting during which they awarded a construction agreement of \$302,825, with a 10% construction contingency of \$30,283, for a total amount not to exceed \$333,108 to GradeTech, Inc. of Castro Valley. Seven companies bid for the project which had an approved budget of \$329,000 with GradeTech coming in the lowest.

Located at the intersection of Moraga Road and St. Mary's Road, the Moraga Commons Park project, according to a staff report by Parks and Recreation Director Mackenzie Brady, Public Works Director/Town Engineer Shawn Knapp, and Senior Civil Engineer Bret Swain, will include "the removal of existing and installation of new Portland Cement Concrete pavements and curbs; minor grading and earthwork; minor placement and compaction of aggregate base; tree removals; potable water line relocation; installation of trash receptacles, picnic tables, BBQ grills, a utility table, and a shade structure; and all appurtenant work as shown in the plans and specifications." There will also be an installation of an ADA pathway leading from the parking lot to the all-access playground. The project is expected to begin in the coming weeks.

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