

From: shpstar@icloud.com
To: [PACS Comments](#)
Subject: Please don't eliminate the senior taxi program
Date: Thursday, February 12, 2026 3:23:33 PM

My name is Karen O'Regan and my husband, Philip Briggs and I are senior taxi subscribers. I have not used the service but my husband surely has. The senior taxi service provides a needed level of assistance to get to important medical appointments. It would be devastating to seniors to eliminate it. The free taxi service provides a comfort level and an alternative to driving or asking neighbors we don't know for help as we age or face a medical challenge.

I would suggest that in addition to seeking other funding sources, an affordable copay be charged to sustain the program. Perhaps it could be collected when the taxi is ordered. Administering a payment program could be a challenge but is worth looking into.

Thanks you for the opportunity to comment.

Karen O'Regan and Philip Briggs
1984 Lemnos Drive.

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. Report any suspicious activities to the Information Technology Department.

From: [Daniel Hoffman](#)
To: [PACS Comments](#)
Subject: Moon Park Priority
Date: Sunday, February 22, 2026 12:09:10 PM

Dear PACS committee,

I am a resident of the "state streets" mesa verde neighborhood, and I am writing to request that Moon Park be made a higher priority in the city park assessment.

As the parent of a young child, I would appreciate improvements to make the park safer and more accessible. Our community has seen a significant uptick in young families recently, and enhancing this space would greatly benefit the neighborhood.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Daniel Hoffman

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. Report any suspicious activities to the Information Technology Department.

From: [Daniel Hoffman](#)
To: [PACS Comments](#)
Subject: Suburbia Park Priority
Date: Sunday, February 22, 2026 2:48:07 PM

Dear PACS Committee,

I am writing to urge you to assign a higher priority to Suburbia Park II, located on Alabama Circle, for the upcoming park assessment.

As a neighbor of the park and a parent of a small child, I have observed that the space is frequently used as an informal dog park. Currently, there are no fences or designated areas to separate pets from other park users. While I appreciate dogs, the lack of containment creates safety concerns and potentially exposes the city to liability should an aggressive dog encounter another pet or a child. Most formal dog parks include fencing and separate areas for different sized dogs to mitigate these risks.

I ask that the committee prioritize this site to address these safety and infrastructure concerns.

Sincerely,

Daniel Hoffman

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. Report any suspicious activities to the Information Technology Department.

From: [Evan Carey](#)
To: [PACS Comments](#)
Subject: PACS Comment
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 8:41:17 AM

Dear Members of the Parks and Community Services Commission,

I am writing to express concern about the current condition of Moon Park and to request a clear update on the status, funding, and timeline for the Moon Park Improvement Project.

As outlined in the City's Moon Park project materials and recent agenda documentation, the park was identified for improvements intended to enhance safety, usability, and long-term sustainability. The community was presented with a vision that included upgraded play equipment, improved accessibility, shade structures, landscape improvements, and overall modernization consistent with Costa Mesa's park standards. Those commitments matter.

However, the currently referenced \$350,000 allocation is not adequate to meaningfully address the scope of deficiencies at Moon Park. Given the age of the infrastructure, deferred maintenance, accessibility limitations, and the need for comprehensive modernization, this funding level appears insufficient to deliver the improvements that were previously communicated to the public. A piecemeal approach risks prolonging substandard conditions rather than resolving them.

Additionally, the staff report does not adequately address the park's underlying utilization dynamics. While current usage levels may appear modest, they are directly correlated to the park's deteriorated condition. Poor infrastructure, limited shade, aging equipment, and overall aesthetics discourage families from using the space. Utilization data, absent context, can be misleading.

This is particularly concerning given the significant residential growth in the surrounding area. Hundreds of new families now live within walking distance of Moon Park. The issue is not the demand; it is the quality and functionality of the asset. When parks are allowed to decline, so does usage. That should not be interpreted as diminished need.

Moon Park serves a dense and growing residential community, including young children who depend on safe, accessible public spaces. Parks are not discretionary amenities; they are core neighborhood infrastructure that support public health, youth development, and community cohesion.

I respectfully request that the Commission provide:

- A clear update on the current status of the Moon Park Improvement Project
- A detailed breakdown of project scope relative to the \$350,000 allocation
- Identification of any funding shortfalls and a strategy to close the gap
- A realistic timeline for full, not partial, park improvements
- Clarification on how residential growth and latent demand are being factored into planning

Transparency and accountability are critical to maintaining public trust. If constraints exist, whether fiscal, contractual, or prioritization-based, the community deserves clarity and a path forward.

I appreciate your time and attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Respectfully,

Evan Carey

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. Report any suspicious activities to the Information Technology Department.

From: [Nicholas Sweetman](#)
To: [PACS Comments](#)
Subject: Special Session - Moon Park Improvements 2/26
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 4:15:09 PM

Hello,

I am a resident of the Sate Streets in Costa Mesa and I walk by and enjoy Moon Park frequently. I am writing to strongly urge the Commission to prioritize much needed investment in Moon Park.

The park has clearly seen better days with aged and decades old old equipment, garbage, drug paraphernalia, and unhoused persons. Therefore, budget and resources need to be invested into this sub-standard park relative to others in Costa Mesa.

The families and residents in the neighborhood deserve an updated, clean and enjoyable park in the community. Please reinvest our tax dollars to realize benefit.

Thank you, Nick

Sent from my iPhone

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. Report any suspicious activities to the Information Technology Department.

From: [Ali Waller](#)
To: [PACS Comments](#)
Subject: PACS comments
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 9:14:39 PM

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Ali, and I am a mom of three young children. I'm writing to you as a parent who wants a safe neighborhood park where my kids can play. Right now, I do not feel comfortable taking my children to Moon Park.

The playground's layout makes it extremely difficult to supervise multiple children simultaneously. The large moon structure blocks the line of sight between the two play areas. As a mom with three kids, I cannot physically be in two places at once, and when I can't clearly see all of my children, I don't feel safe. Visibility is not a convenience for parents. It is basic safety.

There is also no physical barrier between the playground and the adjacent bike trail. Children can run directly from the play structure onto an active path, where cyclists are moving at speed. There is no fence, no buffer, no separation. That is deeply concerning as a parent. It creates constant anxiety instead of a sense of security.

I know Moon Park received a "C" for equipment condition, but that grade does not fully capture what families experience. The larger issue is not just aging equipment; it is a layout that feels unsafe, it's rusty, and discourages families from being there in the first place.

It is heartbreaking to say this, but we often choose to drive to other parks outside our immediate neighborhood because Moon Park does not feel safe or welcoming. That means our children are growing up without a true neighborhood park, without the ability to walk down the street and play freely with friends. That loss of community matters.

Hundreds of new families now live near Moon Park. There are strollers on the sidewalks every day. There are young children in the surrounding homes and apartments. The demand is there. But when a park feels unsafe or poorly maintained, families stop using it. It's always empty because we don't feel safe. Underuse should not be interpreted as a lack of need. It should be recognized as a sign that something isn't working.

Our children deserve better. They deserve a safe, thoughtfully designed park where parents can supervise confidently, where kids are protected from foreseeable hazards, and where families feel proud of their neighborhood space.

I respectfully ask that Moon Park be prioritized for safety-focused redesign and meaningful reinvestment now. This is not about cosmetic upgrades; it is about child safety, responsible planning, and giving families in this community the neighborhood park they deserve.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ali

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. Report any suspicious activities to the Information Technology Department.

From: [E.C](#)
To: [PACS Comments](#)
Subject: Public Comment
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 9:24:07 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing because we no longer feel safe going to Moon Park.

This is not just about aging equipment, it's about safety. The playground layout limits visibility, there is no barrier separating the play area from the bike trail, and the overall condition of the park makes supervision stressful rather than enjoyable.

Equally concerning is what happens after dark. The park has developed a reputation across the city as a place where people gather at night to drink and engage in other inappropriate activity. It is common to find beer cans and trash around the playground area in the morning because the park lacks lighting. This is unacceptable. A neighborhood park should not feel unsafe or neglected.

Moon Park's poor reputation is not accidental, it reflects years of underinvestment and lack of attention. When families stop using a park because they don't feel safe, it only reinforces the problem. It is deeply frustrating to see other parks thriving while our neighborhood feels overlooked and it feels like the city has abandoned this part of the community.

Our children deserve a safe, clean, and well-maintained park in their own neighborhood. I am asking for immediate attention to the safety issues and a clear plan to restore Moon Park to a place families can feel proud of.

Respectfully,

A Concerned Citizen

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. Report any suspicious activities to the Information Technology Department.

From: [Alexandra Lentini](#)
To: [PACS Comments](#)
Subject: Moon park support
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:41:16 AM

Hi there,

I am a resident of Mesa verde with 2 boys under 3. Moon park is the closest park to us. I am in full support of updating moon park. The lack of blockage from the bike trail and the graffiti covered outdated playground ameuipment makes it a bit of a scary park to go to.

Updates to the equipment (maybe a new type of flooring instead of sand?) and some sort of fence to at least partially block the trail from the family's at the park would be a great start. Also, some sort of servicing crew for maintenance to the grounds would be amazing. My little ones love the park but it's not always comfortable for me to be there especially by myself due to the riff raff and garbage strewn often (including needles).

Thanks,
Ali Lentini
Iowa Street, Mesa Verde

Sent from my iPhone

Thanks,
Ali
Sent from my iPhone

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. Report any suspicious activities to the Information Technology Department.

From: [Sara Fulbright](#)
To: [PACS Comments](#); GARRETT.FULBRIGHT@GMAIL.COM
Subject: Moon Park Project Comments
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:45:17 AM

We are a family of four, soon to be five who lives on Alabama Street - just a stones throw away from Moon Park. We absolutely love our neighbors and neighborhood, but sadly Moon Park is our least favorite part of living here. Not only is the equipment run down, dirty and covered in graffiti, but with two small children, I don't feel safe going to this park without my husband present. Instead of taking a quick walk to Moon Park, we pack up and drive to Balearic or Smallwood, which are much nicer, safer parks nearby. With home prices soaring in our neighborhood and tons of new young families moving in, it feels essential to reinvest our property tax money into improving our neighborhood park. Please consider prioritizing Moon Park as one of the first parks to improve, our community desperately needs it!

Thank you for your time,

Sara Fulbright

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. Report any suspicious activities to the Information Technology Department.

From: [Garrett Fulbright](#)
To: [PACS Comments](#)
Subject: Moon Park
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:56:55 AM

Hello,

My name is Garrett Fulbright and I live within walking distance of Moon Park. I'll be at tonight's meeting, but wanted to share this ahead of time.

Moon Park should be the park our family uses. It's right down the street and sits along the bike trail in a great neighborhood. Instead, my wife and kids avoid it almost entirely. The equipment is run down, it feels poorly maintained, and there's consistent loitering that makes it uncomfortable to bring young kids there. Rather than walk, she loads up our kids and drives to a different park.

That shouldn't be the case.

I'd strongly encourage the City to prioritize Moon Park in upcoming improvements.

Thank you for your time and leadership.

Garrett Fulbright

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. Report any suspicious activities to the Information Technology Department.

From: [Michael and Katie](#)
To: [PACS Comments](#)
Subject: Support for Updating Moon Park
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 9:48:00 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to share feedback and requests for updates at Moon Park to help make it a safer and more welcoming space for children and families in our neighborhood.

The graffiti throughout the park needs prompt cleanup, as it impacts both the appearance of the space and the community's sense of safety. Additionally, the playground structures are outdated and would greatly benefit from repairs or replacement to ensure children can play safely.

Updating and maintaining Moon Park would have a meaningful positive impact on local families and strengthen community pride. I respectfully ask the City Council to prioritize these improvements.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warmly,

Katie Nguyen + Michael Alcala

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. Report any suspicious activities to the Information Technology Department.

From: [Angi Vail Rizzo](#)
To: [PACS Comments](#)
Subject: Moon Park Improvement Priority: 02.26.26
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 12:00:38 PM

Dear Parks and Community Services Commission,

As a lifetime Costa Mesa resident, I ask you to please improve:

Moon Park to be prioritized in the Citywide Parks & Playground Assessment.

We love and value our neighborhood.

Thank you,
Angi Rizzo

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. Report any suspicious activities to the Information Technology Department.

From: [Jennifer Tanaka](#)
To: [PACS Comments](#)
Subject: Comment Re: Special Item #1, Parks Assessment
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 12:03:28 PM

Dear PACS Commission and Staff:

First of all, thank you for your leadership for pushing through and producing the Citywide Parks and Playground Assessment. I would guess it has been at least since the Open Space Master Plan was last discussed that the city has taken a comprehensive look at its open space assets (or lack thereof), so this kind of analysis is long overdue.

That said, there appears to be much more work to be done. In particular, while this report is certainly descriptive and helpful in some respects, it is not yet a policy guidance document. In particular:

- it does not guide fiscal strategy
- it does not frame any meaningful tradeoffs
- it does not quantify long-term obligations
- it does not provide policy scenarios for you to consider, and
- it does not prioritize parks based on risk or equity

For example, it is somewhat frustrating that the consultant did not engage in either inspections of irrigation systems at the various parks or the health of the various parks' trees. Those are both significant cost centers in terms of water, labor and maintenance. How can we best deploy scarce park improvement dollars if we don't know how much money we are bleeding in each park?

Additionally, the letter rankings are not presently actionable as they are merely reflections of raw scores somewhat arbitrarily assigned to observable attributes, rather than comprehensive evaluations of need. Fully half the parks have been given a "C" grade or worse, but the city is not going to undertake significant remediation efforts in 15 parks in the next five years. So how is a decisionmaker supposed to decide between them in terms of priority?

This report needs far more with respect to (1) current maintenance spend and revenue generated per park, (2) park location and associated equity issues, and (3) meaningful flags for matters that touch on safety rather than aesthetics. Adding just these three details may reveal much more helpful priority "tiers" within the parks with poor grades.

I am also disappointed that this document doesn't seem to contain any meaningful *guidance* regarding how parks should be addressed year to year, especially within Costa Mesa's budget constraints. The report "suggests", for example, that many older playgrounds be replaced. But what *is* the useful life of playground equipment generally? Should the parks aim for a 10, 15 or 20 year replacement cycle? How can we get our neighborhood parks on a sustainable cycle of updates and replacements so we aren't shooting in the dark every budget cycle? The report doesn't even begin to say.

And, once we understand what the yearly spend on parks *should* be based on hard factors such as maintenance costs, replacement schedules, etc., how can we best fund this? While I wouldn't expect this report to contain a detailed plan to improve park spending in the city, I would have thought it would have at least suggested sources of external revenue (grants, matching programs, etc.) or even internal revenue (improving user fee generation, for example) that would help put park maintenance on a more secure footing. It doesn't do either of these things.

In other words, this seems like a good start, but it is far from being a useful tool. I hope the staff brings forward additional plans tonight to fill in the gaps.

Best,
Jenn Tanaka
321 Broadway, Costa Mesa

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. Report any suspicious activities to the Information Technology Department.

From: Priscilla Rocco <dementedgardensprite@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2026 12:02 PM
To: CITY CLERK <CITYCLERK@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: Moon Park in the State Streets Needs Help

Parks and Community Services Commission,

Despite having the Mesa Verde Country Club directly south of the State Streets, we are in dire need of a safe and useful playground for our kids. The park is the only place for kids to play in the whole development. Other pocket parks in the city are well appointed and larger than ours. The signs, facilities, and playground are falling apart. We already have to deal with the ear splitting noise from the freeway, the least the city can do is repair and upgrade the State Street's only park.

Priscilla Rocco
State Street Resident

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. Report any suspicious activities to the Information Technology Department.