

Rocky Road No Longer

By Cathy Tyson

The Orinda City Council and City Manager along with staff couldn't be more pleased with the anticipated completion of the Moraga Way Rehabilitation Project one month ahead of schedule on July 18, 2008. This 3.2 mile stretch of rubberized asphalt estimated to cost between \$2.3 and \$2.5 million dollars has never looked better.

"Orinda City Staff worked very hard to start the Moraga Way project early in order to minimize overlap with the EBMUD closure of Moraga Rd., and worked even harder to finish the project a month early. This is a great example of leadership by the City of Orinda staff, in cooperation with EBMUD and Bay City Paving, and the Council is thrilled that Orinda residents have a brand new Moraga Way on which to roll into summer," said Mayor Victoria Smith.

The last couple of items on the contractor's list are "raising the iron" and lane striping. Workers will fill in the gap between the edge of the asphalt and the exposed manhole covers and valves made of iron prior to lane striping. There will be no lane closures during striping this week; the work will be done during the

nighttime hours.

The weather cooperated nicely with the project, part of the reason it's coming in ahead of schedule. "We were blessed with some nice warm nights early on in the summer," said Project Manager Janice Carey referring to the need for nighttime temperatures to remain at 55 degrees or warmer in order to lay the asphalt.



View of the new and improved Moraga Way

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