

Improving the Streetscape, Piece by Piece



Photo Cathy Tyson

Phase One of a major renovation of Lafayette's downtown sidewalks is well underway. The first phase - from the Round Up to Postino - is slated to be complete by January 30. Fear not, happy hour patrons at the Round Up, the contractor will maintain pedestrian access for the bar and other businesses. Where jackhammers are now, imagine lovely paver sidewalks and new landscaping similar to the attractive and inviting

streetscape in front of the Mercantile Building. Sudhish Mohindroo, a partner in SZFM Design Studio, worked on the renovation of La Fiesta Square and the Mercantile Building and is also the designer of this streetscape project. According to the contractor's schedule, by late June, working in phases, most of the downtown section of Mt. Diablo Boulevard will be transformed, and the work is substantially paid for by a federal grant. *C. Tyson*

Path Posts Re-Striped



Photo Cathy Dausman

Lafayette's Pleasant Hill Road upgrades between Mt. Diablo and Olympic Boulevards are proceeding nicely, but foot traffic and cyclists who use the off-street multi-use path may notice the posts centered along the route are easier to spot. That's because they've been re-striped with reflective tape. Those posts "prevent people from doing what they know they shouldn't be

doing," says Associate Engineer Matt Luttrupp, namely: driving or parking on the path, which ends up blocking residents' driveways.

Project Engineer Farzaneh Sanders says the posts were installed four years ago, but over time the reflective tape has been peeled away. A few new posts will be placed near the creek overpass (west side of Pleasant Hill Road, south of Station). *C.Dausman*

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