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## Last Repavement On Some Moraga Roads Projects Get Green Light

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This summer, local drivers will have smoother sailing on some streets.

Three Moraga street segments will get a full makeover as part of the Measure K pavement project. This is the last group of streets to benefit from the \$7 million that was leveraged from the 1 percent sales tax passed by the voters at the end of 2012. The damaged sections that will be completely rebuilt this summer are parts of Bollinger Canyon, Corliss and Larch.

In the roadways improvement campaign designed by Public Work Director Edric Kwan the least damaged streets received a resurfacing treatment in 2013, more impacted roads were repaired in 2014 and some of the worst streets were rebuilt in 2015. The treatment of the three segments that will be reconstructed this summer was delayed because of utility agencies work on these streets that had to be finished first.

Kwan said at the June 8 council meeting that these agencies would be done by the end of the month, in time for the teams from Bay Cities Paving & Grading, Inc. to start the work. This company was the lowest bidder at \$2,008,540.

The exact portions of road addressed are: Bollinger Canyon Road from St. Mary's Road to Joseph Drive, Corliss Drive from Wakefield Drive to Camino Ricardo, and Larch Avenue from 1160 Larch Avenue to Camino Pablo. The project will also consist of repairing and replacing metal storm drain with High Density Polyethylene pipes, and improving gutters and curb ramps.

The technique used for the restoration will include removing the existing pavement, reconstructing it and overlaying two levels of rubberized Hot Mix Asphalt. The reconstruction itself will be done by pulverizing the existing asphalt pavement and a portion of the underlying materials and blending it with cement or lime to provide a stronger, homogeneous material. Kwan said that the use of this technique, plus the rubberized hot mix, creates an excellent result with up to 60 percent savings over traditional methods.

The contractor will conduct a town wide outreach campaign to inform Moraga residents about the exact construction dates and circulation restrictions. The streets will not be completely closed, since some of them are the unique outlets to an entire neighborhood, such as Bollinger Canyon for the Bluffs residents.

Two Town Hall public outreach meetings are proposed for June 29. The project is scheduled to begin July 11, for 55 working days and Kwan is confident that most of it will be completed by the end of September. Along Bollinger Canyon, at the level of Joseph Drive, a roadway embankment and storm drain outfall stabilization project will be conducted in 2017.

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