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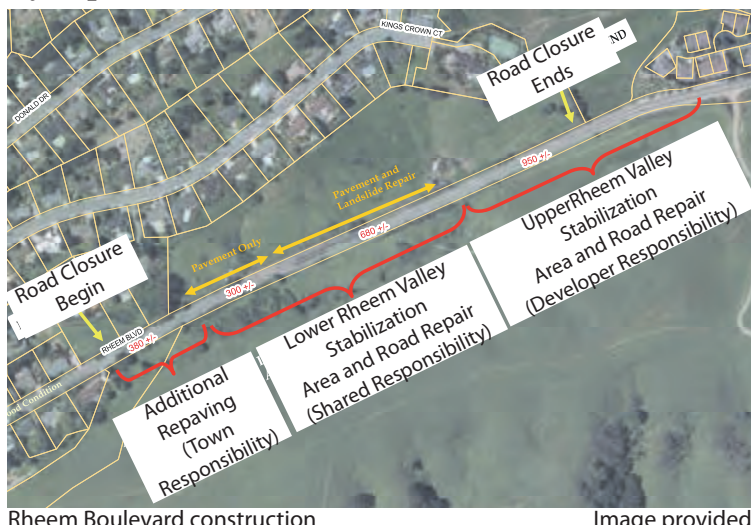
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Rheem Boulevard Shuts Down, Affecting Traffic and Neighbors

By Sophie Braccini



Rheem Boulevard construction Image provided

Residents of Moraga and Lafayette who use the Rheem Boulevard between Saint Mary's Road and Moraga Road will have to find alternate routes until the middle of the fall.

The arterial in serious disrepair will be closed until at least the middle of October to be reconstructed and underlying terrain slides made safe. The drivers most impacted will be Saint Mary's students going to or coming from the Rheem Center, Burton Valley and Bluffs residents driving to school and Rheem Boulevard residents and neighbors.

The much anticipated repairs of Rheem Boulevard by SummerHill Homes — which is developing the adjacent Bellavista site — and the town of Moraga should begin by June 15. The boulevard is to be closed between Fay Hill Road and 591 Rheem Boulevard.

Kevin Ebrahimi, vice president of development at SummerHill, said that the road will be only accessible to residents living on Rheem, and that through traffic will not be permitted for at least four-and-a-half months. In March, when SummerHill presented a new

plan to renovate Rheem, the schedule was three months. Now Ebrahimi warned that end of October is the target, as long as new difficulties do not emerge during the excavation and repair of Rheem.

The boulevard is a favorite route to school for Bluffs residents, as well as families living in Burton Valley with children going to Campolindo High School. Ebrahimi confirmed that notices had been sent to the Bluffs residents and additionally to the mandated homes within 300 feet of the site.

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Last Repavement On Some Moraga Roads Projects Get Green Light

By Sophie Braccini

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 low-

est 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 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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MORAGA	50	59
ORINDA	107	114
SOLDS		
LAFAYETTE	65	83
MORAGA	34	43
ORINDA	45	77
AVERAGE SALES PRICE		
LAFAYETTE	\$1,586,903	\$1,419,886
MORAGA	\$1,281,815	\$1,253,193
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