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## Spring road repairs in downtown Moraga

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While the sinkhole repair plans are still being held under the California Department of Transportation's scrutiny, Moraga public works department has started its spring repair campaign partially funded with a CalRecycle grant. The objective is to have Moraga's main arteries in good shape for the triathlon on April 22. Edric Kwan, the town's public works director, believes that his plan will minimize unavoidable traffic impacts. The reopening of Rheem Boulevard between St. Mary's Road and Moraga Road was key to keeping the drivers' stress level to a minimum. Repairs along Moraga Road present a different challenge depending on the number of lanes available in each segment. The most challenging is the narrow, two-lane stretch between St. Mary's Road and Corliss. Kwan elected to close the segment completely on Saturdays only, on April 1 and 8, while during the week of the school's Spring break only one lane for alternate traffic is available. The first Saturday, on April 1, saw some lines and confusion, but people had not too much trouble using alternate routes.

Kwan explained that the repaving work of the section between Corliss and Draeger Drive will be conducted with lane closures during the weekdays using lane closures similar to the ones used during last fall's overhead utility undergrounding work. The project will also include a slurry seal of the roadway between Draeger Drive and Devin Drive, which will also utilize lane closures to complete the work. Everything is expected to be completed by April 22 and changeable messages with road closures information continue to inform motorists at major intersections.

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