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Town council approves a joint Moraga-Lafayette pavement surface seal project

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The town of Moraga and the city of Lafayette will partner to save costs by combining their efforts in the latest 2019 pavement surface seal project. The joint project will reduce duplicate administrative costs and increase quantities to reduce bid prices.

Moraga Public Works Director Edric Kwan is excited at the prospect of getting the job done while saving the town money. It was discovered that Lafayette was planning a surface seal project much like Moraga's.

According to Kwan, "Each agency would be responsible for its own design, engineering, administration, inspection, materials and testing costs. The town will provide the town's portion of contract drawings and construction bid quantities to Lafayette for incorporation into the contract documents. Lafayette will bid out the joint project and upon bid opening, both agencies will review the bids received and timely notify each other if there is dissatisfaction with the bid results and exercise the right to withdraw from the project."

Additionally, "If both agencies accept the bid results, Lafayette will approve the joint construction contract. The town will reimburse Lafayette for its fair share cost of improvements."

Funding for the project is included in Moraga's Capital Improvement Program for the fiscal year of 2018-19 and 2019-20 Annual Pavement Management Program. This includes \$1.4 million in construction plus a 15 percent contingency, design, administrative and construction management cost.

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