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Continuation of Canyon Road Bridge replacement begins this month

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Current one lane bridge Photo provided

A soft opening of the inbound traffic lane, held on Nov. 10, 2020, signaled the completion of Phase I of the Canyon Road Bridge Replacement Project. Part of the process involved the removal of the temporary, one-lane steel truss bridge that had served as a vehicular link between Moraga and Canyon since 2017, when landslides forced the original bridge's closure. The removal of the temporary bridge has saved the town approximately \$11,000 in monthly lease costs.

"Phase II of the Canyon Road Bridge Project is tentatively scheduled to begin Monday, April 19 and be completed late 2021," stated Public Works Director/Town Engineer Shawn Knapp. "The contractor will be working Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. To ensure that construction is completed with minimal disruption this year, the town may authorize the contractor to work after regular construction hours and on weekends."

Drivers can expect traffic delays of 15 minutes or longer. There may be instances of complete closures during the day, at limited times, due to the nature of the bridge work and for safety reasons. The town encourages bridge users to be aware of the construction activities and obey all construction related signs.

Bridge closure day and time updates will be posted in advance on the town's Canyon Road Bridge website: www.moraga.ca.us/canyonroadbridge or subscribe to: www.moraga.ca.us/notifyme.

"We apologize for any inconvenience," said Knapp, "and appreciate your patience during construction."

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