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Sir Francis Drake Rehabilitation
Respecting the Natural Environment

San Rafael, CA - Work is scheduled to begin on the long awaited improvements to Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Monday, August 6, 2012. The rehabilitation project has been divided into three phases in order to respect environmental issues. This first phase consists of repairing a slide along the edge of the roadway westerly of Shafter Bridge. The low bid was submitted by Maggiora & Ghilotti, Inc. of San Rafael.

The preliminary work consists of installing portable message boards in advance of the work advising drivers of the upcoming construction and advising of possible delays. The contractor will then install fencing to protect sensitive vegetation and prevent any materials from reaching Lagunitas Creek. Temporary traffic signals will be installed around the work area to provide safe, one-way passage of vehicles through the work zone. Once these measures are in place, the contractor will begin construction on the slide repair. Occasionally, traffic will be temporarily halted to allow the safe movement of equipment in and around the work zone.

An arborist and biologist will be on site to ensure environmental concerns are properly addressed.

Construction schedule is as follows: Phases 1A and 1B will both be constructed this year (2012). Phase 1A is the slide repair west of Shafter Bridge, now under construction. Phase 1B is the paving and drainage work from Shafter Bridge to Irving Bridge, a total of 1.25 miles. Phase 2 will begin one year from now, and will be completed by the end of October 2013.