



Roads/Traffic Project Updates in Ross Valley – Winter 2017

See below for updates on several County, state, and local agency projects currently in progress or under review in District 2 and beyond. For more detailed information click on links as provided.

County Projects

[Slide Repair at Sir Francis Drake/Baywood](#) (Fairfax/Baywood Canyon)

Repair of a major slide on Sir Francis Drake just west of Baywood Canyon will begin in early January and take approximately six weeks to complete. Lane closures will be in effect for the duration of the project during work hours (Monday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) Travelers should expect delays during peak commuting hours and plan accordingly. Both lanes will remain open outside of the designated working hours. Please allow extra commute time or use alternative routes when possible. As always, please drive carefully and cautiously through the construction zone and thank you for your patience.

[Sir Francis Drake Improvement Project](#) (Kentfield/Greenbrae)

In addition to repaving, project includes components designed to improve vehicle flow, transit operations, and pedestrian and bicyclist circulation along and across this important arterial. Preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is under way, including response to comments received on the Draft EIR. The Final EIR will include its own comment period and will then go to the Board of Supervisors for a public hearing and action. The Final EIR is expected to be released in late February and the Board hearing is planned for mid-March.

A community workshop seeking input on prioritizing of the various project components is scheduled for Tuesday, January 30 at Bacich Community Center. While the full list of project components generated through an extensive community process was reviewed in the EIR, their total respective costs exceeds the current grant funding available for corridor improvements. The January workshop will provide an opportunity for community input on project components and prioritization if funds for the full project cannot be secured (currently \$13.2 million available through Measure A/Transportation Sales tax passed by voters in 2004; roughly \$19 mill needed for all project elements). Outcomes from environmental review and this

workshop will be the basis informing EIR certification and ultimate project proposal to be presented at a public hearing of the Board of Supervisors later in 2018.

Bon Air Road Paving and Lane Striping (Kentfield/Greenbrae)

As part of the repaving of Bon Air Road, changes to the lane striping at Bon Air/Shultz Memorial Drive intersection (Marin General Hospital's entrance) were made to address traffic control and safety concerns. The restriping was completed at the end of November with work taking place at night to reduce impacts on residents. Changes included: removal of one of the two left turn lanes from Bon Air Road into Schultz Drive, removal of the northern-most crosswalk across Bon Air road at the Schultz Drive intersection, restriping to define one turn lane and one through lane at the intersection.

Per request from the public, county traffic engineers did consider/analyze the possibility of having two south-bound through lanes with merge after the intersection, but found it was not feasible--two through lanes would require traffic to traverse across the existing bus stop area just south of the intersection and the left turn pocket into Schultz Drive would be substantially reduced in length, resulting in a backup of traffic from the turn pocket into the through traffic lane.

State/Local Agency Projects

Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Third Lane (Marin/Contra Costa)

According to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the bulk of the work necessary to accommodate the third eastbound lane on Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is now complete including: reconfiguring the Main Street (at San Quentin) eastbound on-ramp and bridge approach with a retaining wall to improve the traffic merge with the new lane; replacing pavement on the bridge approaches to accommodate heavier traffic load; and relocating major retaining wall east bound Contra Costa side. Lane messaging, signage and final striping to be completed and tested in January. Caltrans expects to have the lane open for weekday commute hours and weekend use by end of January/early February 2018.

East Sir Francis Drake Improvement Project (Larkspur/San Quentin)

Dovetailing/complementing the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge third lane project are improvements to East Sir Francis Drake in Larkspur. This project is designed to ease congestion on East Sir Francis Drake in the Larkspur Landing area and improve access to the Richmond-San Rafael bridge. Key elements: a 1000 foot extension of the second lane Eastbound on East SFD heading towards San Quentin; lane restriping and traffic signal improvements at Larkspur Landing Circle West/SFD and Larkspur Landing Circle East/SFD. This project is scheduled for completion February 2018.

Greenbrae Interchange Guard Rail Replacement (SFD/101 South on ramp in Greenbrae)

Caltrans is nearly done replacing guard rails on the Greenbrae Interchange as well as three other locations in Marin. The project has had several challenges related to construction staging, traffic handling and miscellaneous structure issues that have led to delays to completion of

project. Caltrans has prioritized completion of the 101 South on-ramp section with removal of "K" rails targeted for early January, and completion of project soon thereafter. Completion of the northbound to westbound segment of the interchange and the northbound off-ramp to east SFD will take a few more months.