



## Moraga Way Paving Anticipated This Spring

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In light of the Lafayette upcoming road closure for a large EBMUD project, Orinda wisely moved up the paving schedule of Moraga Way to avoid what could have been a traffic nightmare. Moraga residents will be especially pleased that both main exits from town aren't blocked at the same time.

At the State of the City Address Mayor Victoria Smith summarized the \$2.8 million dollar project that is tentatively expected to start in the next couple of months. "The City Engineer was able to get grants of \$1.3 million dollars, part of that for rubberized asphalt, which produces less noise. It will run all the way from downtown to the Moraga border. It will be a headache I know, but it'll be fantastic when it's done."

Orinda City Manager Janet Keeter signed the con-



Rough road conditions on Moraga Way

Photo Andy Scheck

tract last week. "The next step will be to authorize hiring a Construction Manager for the project. This item goes to the City Council on March 18. After the Construction Manager (CM) is hired, the CM,

City staff and the contractor will meet to outline the schedule. I would hope we would have an idea of the schedule within the next couple of weeks," she said.