



Orinda Paving Project Moving Along

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Moraga Way will be repaved starting this spring, but unfortunately the rubberized asphalt that is significantly quieter than standard asphalt, cannot be used unless it is 55 degrees Fahrenheit or warmer. Originally hoping to bump their project earlier to not overlap with the EBMUD paving project along Moraga Road, the temperature requirement precludes a significant date change.

Dave Pezel, Project Manager from Bay Cities Paving, said the schedule calls for grinding and repair to the subgrade to start in May, earlier than originally anticipated, but because of the temperature requirement, the actual paving probably won't start until mid to late June.

The \$2.8 million dollar project once complete, will

be a vast improvement to the current less than smooth lanes. Nearby neighbors will definitely notice the noise reduction. Pezel anticipates 60 working days to complete the project that will start at the downtown Orinda end and proceed to the Moraga border, near Miramonte. Work will tentatively run from 8:00 to 4:00 Monday through Friday and traffic will be narrowed to one lane with flagmen. Striping and bike lanes will remain the same.

“The City of Orinda is excited to get the Moraga Way Pavement Rehabilitation Project underway this spring. The paving firm of Bay Cities Paving and Grading has experience working in Orinda,” said Janice Carey, Orinda’s City Engineer.