

Moraga Way Paving Gets Gritty

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Night work on Moraga Way

Photo Andy Scheck

While some people grind their teeth when they sleep, Orinda grinds its roads.

Bay Cities Paving & Grading, the City's contractor for the Moraga Way Pavement Rehabilitation Project, began pavement grinding during the nighttime hours last week to help to minimize daytime traffic delays and to reduce the length of the grinding phase of the project from 17 days (if done during the daytime) to 10 days. "The nighttime grinding looks to be on schedule for 10 nights from 9:00 pm to 6:00 am Monday through Thursday nights," states City Engineer Janice Carey.

"We have received a phone call from a resident regarding the project complaining about the noise generated by trucks idling along Moraga Way during the nighttime hours," notes City Manager Janet Keeter. "[The City Engineer] is working with our project manager to remedy this problem. As you can

appreciate, Moraga Way is such a constrained road that staging equipment and vehicles close to the area in which they are working is a challenge," Keeter adds.

What all this nighttime grinding translates to during the daytime hours when most residents are driving on Moraga Way is dust and grit. "It's like a dust bowl out there," comments an employee of McDonnell Nursery, which is located on Moraga Way in the heart of the paving project.

The second week of nighttime grinding started this week and will extend on Moraga Way from Hall Drive to Ivy Drive South. Further nighttime road works are planned. "Base failure repairs will be done following the grinding which is also scheduled for Monday through Wednesday nighttime work," says Carey. "The rubberized asphalt concrete paving is targeted to start June 9th depending upon evening temperatures," she adds.