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Moraga Way Done and Dust No Longer

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Orinda City Council members (centered from left to right) Tom McCormick, Steve Glazer, Mayor Victoria Smith, and Sue Severson flanked by two helpful workers cut the proverbial ribbon to commemorate the successful completion of the Moraga Way Pavement and Rehabilitation Project Photo Tod Fierner

Orinda City staff, dignitaries, and residents gathered last Thursday to celebrate the successful completion-on time and within budget-of the Moraga Way Pavement Rehabilitation Project. To avoid creating a traffic bottleneck, the ribbon cutting ceremony to inaugurate the newly minted stretch of road was conducted at Orinda Oaks Park. The improvements to Moraga Way, on a 3.2-mile segment between Camino Encinas south to Ivy Drive south, took about four months to complete. Much of the most invasive road repair work was done throughout the middle of the night to minimize the impact on daytime traffic. The road works were funded in large part through a Surface Transportation Program grant (totaling \$1.14 million) and an additional incentive grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board. Environmentally friendly rubberized asphalt concrete was used to pave the road, which helped to divert over 160,000 tires from landfills. The rubberized asphalt provides the added benefit of a quieter ride reducing road noise by an estimated five to eight decibels.



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