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## Orinda to Hold Moraga Way Traffic Workshop - April 26th

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Traffic moved smoothly along Moraga Way between Miramonte High School and the Crossroads during the morning rush hour over the past week. What happened to the congestion and snail's pace pattern that typically characterizes both the northbound and southbound morning journeys on Moraga Way? Spring Break happened, which kept carloads of Orinda's students in bed or on vacation and off the city's main thoroughfare.

Traffic on Moraga Way from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. on weekdays throughout the school year is the bane of carpoolers and commuters as hundreds of students make their way to Del Rey Elementary, Orinda Intermediate, and Miramonte High. No-left-turn signs have been installed at Ivy Drive and most recently Southwaite Court to stem the flow of traffic down Ivy Drive by limiting the use of the street as a bypass and forcing drivers to stay on Moraga Way. When the City's Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) recommended the additional no-left turn signage on Moraga Way, they acknowledged that it was a band-aid fix to a much bigger traffic issue; TSAC now plans to take a look at that larger issue.

On Tuesday, April 26th TSAC will host a community workshop to discuss concerns about the traffic along the entire length of Moraga Way. According to City Engineer Janice Carey the workshop will include an overview of the traffic studies that have been conducted for Moraga Way and the traffic consultant, who works with the City, will be on hand to answer questions. Attendees will be invited to participate in breakout groups to identify the issues and possible solutions to the Moraga Way traffic quagmire. The meeting is open to all residents, and representatives from the Orinda Union School District and Miramonte High School have been invited to attend. Community Workshop

- Traffic Concerns on Moraga Way April 26th from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Founders Auditorium, Orinda Community Center

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