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## Moraga Road Construction Projects

*Drivers should encounter only minor delays this fall*

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There are no dire predictions of major traffic jams this time, but drivers beware: the Town of Moraga will conduct a few construction projects along Moraga Road this fall.

The Town will begin with grant-funded improvements to the crosswalks between Moraga Road and Corliss and at Moraga Road and Woodford Drive (across from Campolindo High School). The development plans include pedestrian-activated, solar-powered systems that have flashing lights or overhead flashing beacons to notify drivers that pedestrians are using the crosswalk.

Construction is expected to start at the end of August and should be completed in early November.

The other, larger, project along Moraga Road is the addition of a parking lot at the skate park. The Town Council must first award the contract, which is on its to-do list for the September 12 meeting. "Six bids were received; the lowest qualified bid was \$199,000, a little less than the \$210,000 estimate," said Parks and Recreation Director Jay Ingram. Orinda and Lafayette are each contributing 25 percent of the cost.

Ingram does not expect the work to start before the Pear and Wine Festival, held the last Saturday in September, and assures that workers will not mobilize before school traffic has receded each morning. "The construction will not affect the road itself," said Ingram, "and the skaters will not be affected either." Parking will not be available along the affected portion of Moraga Road during construction. Ingram expects the work to be completed by Thanksgiving.

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