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Caltrans to begin Preliminary Work on Highway 101/East Blithedale Off-Ramp Improvement

Mill Valley - Caltrans will start work on the long-awaited expansion of the southbound Highway 131/East Blithedale exit ramp on Tuesday, February 13, 2007.

Current traffic volumes exceed the capacity of the exit ramp. Cars have been backing up almost to the beginning of the ramp, creating a safety concern. This project will widen the off-ramp from one to two lanes, and provide an additional turning lane at the bottom of the ramp.

Building the additional lanes will require the removal of the trees that currently line the western side of the off-ramp. The removal will begin on February 7, 2007, and should last about three weeks. In the interests of safety and traffic flow, the work will be done at night. The ramp will be fully closed between the hours of five p.m. and midnight. (See attached map for detour information.)

The construction will last for about one year. Once the construction is complete, the ramp will be re-landscaped.

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