THE HIGHWAY 101 GAP CLOSURE PROJECT will close the gap in the High Occupancy Vehicle ( HOV) lane system in Marin County. When the project is complete, there will be a continuous HOV lane from Highway 1 in Mill Valley to Route 37 in Novato.

Project Features Include:
- Northbound and southbound HOV lanes ( Southbound opened to traffic on February 1, 2009)
- New 101/580 connector ( complete)
- Relocating Francisco Boulevard West ( complete)
- New Andersen Drive on and off ramps ( complete)
- A 1.2 mile multi-use path between Los Ranchitos and Mission Avenue
- Sound Absorbing Soundwalls
- A new southbound auxiliary lane between North San Pedro Road and Lincoln Avenue.

SCHEDULE FOR HOV LANE OPENING

Southbound HOV
The Southbound HOV lane opened on February 1, 2009. There is now a continuous Highway 101 Southbound carpool lane between Highway 37 in Novato to Highway 1 in Mill Valley. Contact 511.org for information regarding carpooling and new vanpool incentives offered by TAM.

Northbound HOV
The current projection for opening the northbound HOV lane is April, 2009. There is work that is weather dependent ( paving and striping) that may affect the opening date – the work and schedule will be continuously monitored and any changes to the opening date will be reported.

UPCOMING TRAFFIC SHIFTS
The current southbound traffic was shifted to the west on February 1, 2009 to provide room in the median for the northbound HOV widening work. When this work is complete, the southbound lanes will shift east to their final, permanent configuration.
Construction Update
Highway 101 Gap Closure Project
February, 2009

ON-GOING WORK FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Highway 101 Widening
- Remove existing concrete barrier in median
- Install new drainage system in median – includes installation of 2,500 feet of drain pipe
- Grading and paving in median

Linden Lane
- Continue building new pedestrian and railroad bridges

Bike/Pedestrian Path
- Continue installing irrigation
- Build retaining wall along Los Ranchitos
- Build retaining walls at Lincoln Avenue ramps
- Grade path at various locations in preparation for paving
- Continue building retaining wall between Merrydale and Los Ranchitos

Soundwalls
- Continue building foundation for new soundwall at Merrydale
- Continue installing soundwall panels at various locations between Lincoln Avenue and Mission Street

Project Schedule
The project is scheduled to be complete late summer/early fall 2009.

How You Can Help
Help reduce congestion during construction –
- Walk, bike or carpool
- Join a van pool
- Try transit
- Sign up for FasTrak to avoid toll lines
- Alter your work hours or telecommute

Go to 511.org for travel options including how to plan your commute and for information on new vanpool incentives offered by TAM.