Countdown to the Gap Closure

This Week on the Gap Closure
March 16, 2009

The new HOV (carpool) lane in the southbound direction opened on February 1, 2009. There is now a continuous southbound carpool lane from Highway 37 in Novato to Highway 1 in Mill Valley. For information on carpools, vanpools, or transit, call 511 or go to 511.org.

The project team is now focused on completing the work necessary to open the northbound carpool lane. This work will take place in the median of the freeway and includes the removal of the existing concrete median barrier, installation of over 2500 feet of a new drainage facility, paving, and constructing a new concrete median barrier.

Mostly sunny and partly cloudy days are in the weather forecast for the week of March 16, 2009. Some work areas are still very wet and muddy due to heavy rains the first week of March. Work this week includes the following:

Work for Northbound HOV lane:

- While performing work in the median it was discovered that are some areas of pavement that have severe settlement caused by an old drainage system. Investigative work was performed and repair work will take place this week. Some of this work may need to be performed at night under lane closures. This issue has caused a delay in the start of the new concrete barrier rail and new drainage installation which will begin after repair work is complete.
- Start trenching work for new drainage systems.

Work for Linden Lane:

- Continue construction of the bike/pedestrian and railroad bridges over Linden Lane. A concrete pour is scheduled for the bike/pedestrian bridge on 3/16. These bridges must be built before Linden Lane re-opens.
- Continue to construct retaining walls needed for stairs that provide access to new multi-use path.

Other Work:

- Continue constructing new retaining walls around the entrance of the new bike/ped undercrossing at the Lincoln Avenue ramps. The grade in this area has been wet and muddy and was impacted by heavy and rain in early March.

- Install temporary support systems needed to build portion of soundwall at Lincoln Ave. and retaining walls for new bike/ped undercrossing at Lincoln.
- Installation of irrigation for landscaping along the multi-use path is on hold due to wet and muddy grade.
- Continue working on the new retaining wall along the multi-use path between Merrydale and Los Ranchitos Road. The wall has been constructed but remains to be backfilled with soil.
- Continue installing soundwall panels for section of soundwall between Coleman Pedestrian Overcrossing and Linden Lane.
- Continue installing sound absorbing tiles to existing soundwalls between Mission Avenue off-ramp and Coleman Pedestrian Overcrossing.

Photographs taken from Coleman Pedestrian Overcrossing
Work in median for Northbound Carpool Lane

Looking South

Looking North