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RE: PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

- Right of Way Utility Relocations are on the critical path to completing the design phase of this project. Right of Way work is scheduled for completion by June 2005. Four parcels still require easement acquisitions, and we are working with SBC and PG&E on negotiating utility relocations.
- Design is finalizing project plans and specifications. Cost estimates are being verified. Caltrans will be meeting with the City to address comments received on the project plans. Issues like additional City Police enforcement, detours, and pedestrian/bicycle access during construction will be discussed.
- I was recently asked about sidewalks on the City street crossings at Branciforte Ave, Market St, and Emeline Ave. Currently, sidewalks are planned for the Branciforte Overcrossing and Emeline Undercrossing. No sidewalks are planned for the Market Undercrossing. There are no sidewalks currently on Market St. This bridge is being widened, not replaced. Standard sidewalks cannot be added to the existing city street pavement width because the cross section is limited by the bridge abutment width.
- The project will be prepared for advertising. By the end of the year the plans will go in to our Contracts Unit where the plans and specifications will be developed into a bid package. Once the bid package and right of way is cleared the project will need to be funded before being advertised.

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