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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. We are working with SBC and PG&E on negotiating relocations, and finalizing the last of the easement acquisitions.
- Design is finalizing project plans and specifications. We met with the City this month to address comments received on the project plans. One issue, which has developed, is the City's desire to improve the intersection at the end of the northbound Morrissey off-ramp for pedestrians and bicyclists. A 4-way stop is recommended. The addition of a stop sign at the end of the Morrissey ramp and the necessary widening will delay design one month. The City also asked that we improve sections of sidewalk on Market Street including adding sidewalk under the Market Street undercrossing on one side. Lastly, we agreed to provide some funding for additional City police enforcement during the detours on city streets.
- Construction STIP funding is still in question. We are preparing the project to advertise as early as possible next fiscal year (July 2005 is the next opportunity for funding).

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