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**RE: PROJECT STATUS UPDATE**

- Right of Way utility relocation work remains on this project. Not all utility relocation exceptions requested were approved, and additional coordination with the utility companies and the City will be required to move these outside Caltrans Right of Way.

This will delay the current construction start schedule to Winter 2005 (previously Fall 2005) if funding is available.

- Design plans have been submitted to Caltrans Contracts Unit so Bid Packages can be developed. In the next few months the project will be reviewed in detail for design, constructability, and environmental document compliance.
- We are finalizing the Cooperative Agreement for the project's Public Awareness Campaign. The City of Santa Cruz has asked that additional improvements to improve bicycle/pedestrian circulation be included. These improvements are currently being reviewed.

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