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Route 1/17 Merge Lanes

**ROUTE 1/17 MERGE LANES PROJECT STATUS UPDATE**

- There has been a great amount of progress on the project this summer. In an effort to make up for delays caused by bridge foundation casing issues, the contractor has been working Saturdays. The work has focused on bridges over Branciforte and Carbonera creeks, retaining walls, soundwalls, and the southbound ramps at Morrissey. The project is on schedule for completion in Fall 2009.
- Work continues on lowering the lanes (approximately 2 feet) under the Morrissey overcrossing structure. The nonstandard vertical clearance under the bridge will be corrected to allow high profile vehicles passage underneath the bridge. To do this work, the southbound lanes were shifted toward the median and “split” around the Morrissey bridge center column. The #1 (fast) lane, runs on the left side of the center column; while the #2 (slow) lane, runs on the right side of the column. There have been no issues with this nonstandard lane configuration. This work is expected to be complete by mid November.
- A Contract Change Order has been written to vegetate the bare slopes between the Branciforte overcrossing and Market Street undercrossing to reduce the potential of erosion this winter. Not much has grown in the dense sandstone material. A combination of mulch and jute mesh will be placed. Currently, the mulch is being tested to verify it meets specifications, and this work will take place soon after.
- Retaining walls on the 1/17 connector, and Ocean St southbound are nearly complete. The dry- stack rock aesthetic treatment used at bridge abutments at Emeline and Market will also be used on the face of these walls.

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