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Route 1/17 Merge Lanes

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

- The Emeline undercrossing bridge has been demolished. Emeline Street under the highway was closed for two weeks for this work. Traffic was detoured to Pasatiempo, and pedestrians/bicyclists detoured to the Carbonera Creek path. The foundation for the new bridge will begin construction this month – expect the sound of pile driving.
- Traffic on the highway has been shifted to the outside shoulders to allow for the Emeline bridge construction. This is the last significant traffic switch, and this configuration will remain until the end of the project this fall.
- The new northbound Emeline **off-ramp** will be open to Traffic April 7. At the same time the Pasatiempo off-ramp on Highway 17 will be closed for approximately two months for paving/widening. Signs directing Pasatiempo traffic to Simms road will be in place when the ramp is closed.
- Work continues on the Branciforte overcrossing bridge - the bridge foundation is complete, the bridge deck is being constructed. We expect the bridge to be open to traffic in early June. Currently, city traffic is detoured to Market.
- Soundwalls are now complete on the project.
- Fall 2008 remains the construction complete target.

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