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Route 1/17 Merge Lanes

ROUTE 1/17 MERGE LANES PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

- A Project Development Team (PDT) meeting was held May 22 with Nolte Consultants to discuss lessons learned on the 1/17 project that could be useful as the Soquel to Morrissey Aux Lanes and HOV-lanes projects are developed. Highlights of this discussion included taking additional core samples of the pavement within the project limits to determine asphalt thickness, and suitability of the base material; more detail design of each stage of construction including quantities of material for that stage; and, recommendations on the bridge type at LaFonda – precast girder bridge on spread footings to avoid problems with the foundations, and to more quickly construct the bridge.
- Work continues on the Branciforte overcrossing bridge – the bridge deck has been constructed, and the falsework removed. Traffic on Route 1 under the bridge will be shifted back to the ultimate configuration by May 30. Currently, traffic snakes through under the northbound half of the overcrossing bridge.
- The improvements in the vicinity of the Pasatiempo off-ramp on Route 17 are nearly complete. The off-ramp will be opened to traffic by May 30.
- Work continues on the replacement of the Emeline undercrossing bridge. Foundations have been completed. The bridge deck is being constructed now.
- Landscaping will start after major construction is complete on the project – expect start in spring of 2009. We are currently working with the City on a maintenance agreement for areas on the city side of soundwalls.

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