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Route 1/17 Merge Lanes

ROUTE 1/17 MERGE LANES PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

- The Branciforte Overcrossing Bridge reopened to traffic July 24, 2008. It had been closed for the past 7 months while the new bridge was constructed. This bridge was lengthened to accommodate the highway merge lanes underneath. The bridge deck width, Branciforte Ave, remains the same with one lane of traffic in each direction, shoulders, and sidewalk.
- The Emeline Undercrossing is nearly complete. Final striping, and concrete finishing is required. Once complete, all bridge structure work will be complete on the project!
- In the next three weeks, the median will be paved between Market Street and the Fishhook. Work will also be done on the median drainage system. All temporary concrete barrier will be removed from the project following this work.
- After median paving, all traveled lanes will be paved with open-graded asphalt. This final paving will remove any temporary striping, improve highway drainage, and reduce highway noise. Studies have shown that a 6db noise reduction can be achieved with the use of open graded.
- Lighting and Signs will also be installed. A final punch list is being developed by CT staff to complete the project. Construction completion is on target for Fall 2008.
- Landscaping will begin in Spring 2009 with a follow-up project.

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