

Commuter Bike Connection

Westerly Side of Highway 101, Enfrente Road to South Novato Boulevard

Project Number: 1502



LOCATION

From Redwood Boulevard to Highway 101 right of way (portion constructed in 1999/2000), along the south side of South Novato Boulevard on-ramp to southbound US Highway 101, then adjacent to Highway 101 (west/ southbound side) approximately 3,000 feet connecting to an existing Class I bike path between the Pell Office Complex parking lot to the Inn Marin parking lot to the existing Inn of Marin access to Enfrente Road, all within the Novato City Limits.

COST

\$1,850,000 (Construction)

FUNDING SOURCES

NTPP \$1,400,000; Development Impact Fees \$307,834; BAAQMD Grant \$104,774; and Restricted Revenue \$ 37,392.

COMPLETION DATE

Summer, 2010 (estimated)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will construct a Class I path to connect the existing path along South Novato Boulevard path with Enfrente Road along the west side of Highway 101. The new path will connect to the existing Class I bike path between the two parking lots and the southern portion of this route will traverse the Inn of Marin parking lot, while the existing path connection to the Pell Office complex at 504 Redwood Boulevard will be maintained.

The path will provide a key connection on the North/South Bikeway, linking Novato with central and southern Marin communities. The only current alternatives in this corridor are cycling on the southbound freeway shoulder between the Highway 37/101 ramp and the Entrada Drive exit, a very steep climb up Redwood Blvd./Palmer Drive, or a one mile detour via Sunset Parkway.

The southbound connection between southern Novato and Ignacio involves riding on the shoulder of the freeway. The proposed path will be on the side of the hill to the right.



The freeway shoulder is open only to southbound riders. Northbound riders must take a circuitous route to the west.

For questions, please contact Julian Skinner, Senior Engineer, City of Novato, Department of Public Works, jskinner@ci.novato.ca.us or 415-899-8961.

POINTS OF INTEREST

In addition to its regional significance, the path will provide a connection for Hamilton, Bel Marin Keys, and Ignacio residents and workers to the rest of Novato. For residents near the southern end of South Novato Boulevard, the path will also provide easy access to retail shopping far closer than similar retail stores to the north.

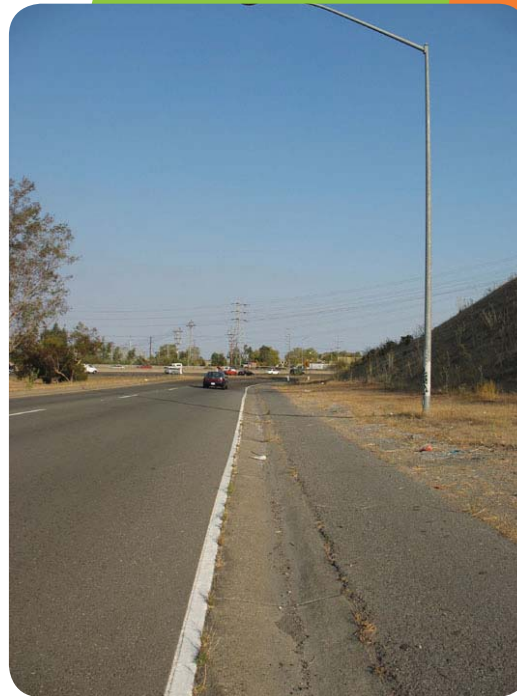
STATUS

Final design and remaining right-of-way issues with Caltrans are being resolved. Construction bids are anticipated to be solicited in January, 2010 with construction slated to begin in March.

ABOUT WALKBIKEMARIN

WalkBikeMarin is an initiative by the County of Marin to help make Marin more healthy, livable, and environmentally sustainable by encouraging walking and bicycling as everyday transportation. This initiative was catalyzed by a recent \$25 million federal grant to fund the Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program (NTPP).

Revision Date: 12/09



The current path on South Novato Boulevard ends at the freeway onramp, at which time cyclists must ride on the shoulder on to Highway 101 at the Highway 37 merge. The project will provide a pathway separated from the freeway through this corridor.

