

Northgate Gap Closure

Project Number: 2006 **X** PROJECT COMPLETED OCTOBER, 2010



LOCATION

Las Gallinas Avenue and Northgate Drive (Route 5) from Las Colindas Road to Ranchitos Road (San Rafael)

COST

\$301,200

FUNDING SOURCE

NTPP \$301,200

COMPLETION DATE

October, 2010

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Class II bike lanes were installed on Las Gallinas Avenue between the end of the existing Class II lanes at Las Colindas Road and Nova Albion Way and then from Merrydale Road to Ranchitos Road, to connect with the new Ranchitos Road Class II lanes (Project 2008). Class II lanes were also installed on Northgate Drive behind the mall. On Las Gallinas between Nova Albion Way and Northgate Drive a Class III Route with "sharrow" pavement markings was installed because of the limited right of way in this segment.

This project has closed an important gap in the North/South Bikeway (Route 5) and provides safer routes across Freitas Parkway and around the Northgate Mall, both areas with significant vehicle traffic and students riding and walking to area schools. In conjunction with the Terra Linda-North San Rafael Improvements (Project 2004) and a separate project that installed a Class I pathway on the Las Gallinas frontage of Northgate Mall, circulation for cyclists and pedestrians has vastly improved in this corridor.

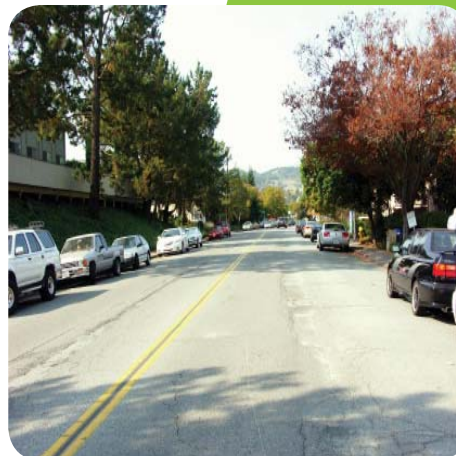
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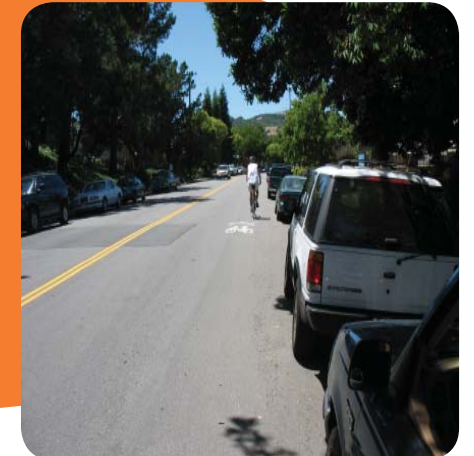
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After



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POINTS OF INTEREST

The project area includes a large neighborhood shopping center and regional mall, several medium- to large-sized office buildings, senior housing, and eral residential neighborhoods, a Sheraton hotel, Kaiser hospital, high school, and two elementary schools.

STATUS

Construction Complete

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: Nov., 2011



High traffic volumes and a narrow roadway made this a challenging route to navigate (*above*).

Adding bike lanes (*below*) provides a dedicated lane for cyclists on this busy street.



The narrow roadway was a tight fit for cyclists, especially with on-street parking (*above*).

By narrowing the median, bike lanes were added providing a separate lane for cyclists without removing parking (*below*).

