

Los Ranchitos Connector

Project Number: 2008



LOCATION

Ranchitos Road from Puerto Suello summit (near Merrydale path) to Circle Road (north)

COST

\$1,160,000 (estimated)

FUNDING SOURCES

NTPP \$1,000,000; TFCA \$160,000

COMPLETION DATE

Summer 2009

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project will construct new Class II bike lanes on Ranchitos Road from North San Pedro Road to the Puerto Suello summit, connecting with the Puerto Suello Hill Pathway (Project 2302). The narrow, winding grade will be widened to accommodate bike lanes (4 to 5 feet wide) in each direction. This will require construction of retaining walls in several locations along the route to accommodate the widening.

Currently, cyclists must ride in the roadway south of North San Pedro Road. The significant grade in this section means cyclists are traveling at a much slower pace than vehicles which results in backups or unsafe passing maneuvers by uphill motorists. Downhill travel is not as affected as cyclists can travel at up to the posted speed limit with relative ease. This project will provide a safe travel way for cyclists while addressing current uphill congestion from motor vehicles.

POINTS OF INTEREST

This segment is a key link in the North-South Bikeway, connecting northern Marin with points south. In addition to being a regional connection, this segment serves Terra Linda with connections to Santa Venetia, the Marin Civic Center, and, via North San Pedro Road, China Camp State Park.



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STATUS

Bids were opened on March 26. Ghilotti Brothers, Inc. of San Rafael was the low bidder. A \$580,000 contract was awarded by the Board of Supervisors on April 14 and construction is expected to begin by May.

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).

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