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**CAL PARK TUNNEL REHABILITATION AND MULTIUSE PATHWAY PROJECT
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The County of Marin's Department of Public Works and the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit Agency were recognized at the 2010 American Society of Civil Engineers San Francisco Section Annual Meeting with an award for Outstanding Small Project of the Year.

The Cal Park Tunnel Rehabilitation and Multi-use Pathway Project provides a crucial link between the cities of San Rafael and Larkspur for bicycles, pedestrians, and passenger trains. The multi-use pathway follows an existing railroad right-of-way through the historic Cal Park Hill Tunnel and connects Larkspur Landing Circle in Larkspur with Anderson Drive in San Rafael.

Judy Arnold, President of the Board of Supervisors congratulated all involved.

The tunnel was abandoned and in various stages of partial collapse and deterioration. The project rehabilitated the entire length of the tunnel and provides a wall that serves as a separator between the rails and pathway sides. The total project cost is \$27.7 million, with funding from a variety of federal, state, and regional source.

Farhad Mansourian, Director of Public Works noted: "We share this award with the consultant design team, the contractors, and all of our partner agencies that participated in making this become a reality. We see completion of this project as a major step forward in the County's vision for a fully integrated north/south non-motorized route through Marin."

Construction on the Cal Park Tunnel project is nearing completion. The multi-use pathway is schedule to be opened to the public in November 2010.

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