


Office of the City Manager

May 29, 2012

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: Christine Daniel, Interim City Manager 

Subject: Upcoming Paving of Ashby

The California Department of Transportation has informed the City of its plans to do major repair and repaving project on State Route 13 (Ashby Avenue) from Hiller Drive west to San Pablo. Work on the project is expected to begin mid-June.

The attached memo and flyer from CalTrans describes the scope of the project and the steps they are taking to minimize impact on Berkeley residents, businesses and visitors. They are working with City staff on the project logistics, and are reaching out directly to residents, businesses, organizations and other agencies that might be affected by the work.

To help keep the community informed of the project and its impacts, CalTrans has created a website (www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/13ashbyresurface/) and is reaching out to the community. We will be posting that link on the City's website, and will be directing members of the public to CalTrans for additional information.

Please feel free to share this information with your constituents, neighborhood groups, and local businesses.

Attachments

cc: William Rogers, Interim Deputy City Manager
Andrew Clough, Public Works Director
Mark Numainville, Acting City Clerk
Ann-Marie Hogan, City Auditor
Mary Kay Clunies-Ross, Public Information Officer



Date: May 15, 2012

District: 4 – Alameda County

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**SR-13/ASHBY AVENUE STREET RESURFACING TO COMMENCE IN
MID-JUNE 2012 IN CITY OF BERKELEY**

ALAMEDA COUNTY – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will begin a construction project which involves resurfacing State Route (SR)-13/Ashby Avenue, from Hiller Drive west to San Pablo Avenue, in the City of Berkeley.

As requested by the City of Berkeley, Caltrans will perform all construction activities, which include grinding and resurfacing, Monday through Friday, during the daytime hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nighttime work will be limited to digout repairs at the intersections of Ashby Avenue & Telegraph Avenue, and Ashby Avenue & Shattuck Avenue. All final striping for the project may be done during daytime and nighttime hours.

The project is expected to begin in mid June 2012 and is anticipated to be completed by early fall 2012.

Prior to and during all construction activities, posting of NO PARKING signs will be displayed in areas where work will take place. Portable, changeable message signs will also be placed approaching the work zone to warn motorists of any expected or unanticipated delays along SR13/Ashby Avenue, prior to the beginning of the work.

The first stage of the work will be on the Tunnel Road Section and proceed towards San Pablo, with the intention of completing all construction along Tunnel Road as early as possible to accommodate City of Berkeley emergency responders as we head into the fire season. Additionally, it is Caltrans desire to avoid potential conflicts that could occur during the City's sewer lining project, between Adeline and San Pablo Avenue.

It is the Department's desire and commitment to minimize potential disruptions and inconveniences during this time, while making safety our top priority. Caltrans will inform the public of all scheduled and unscheduled construction events and closures. Additionally, a website will be available to provide the public with the most current updates on this project.

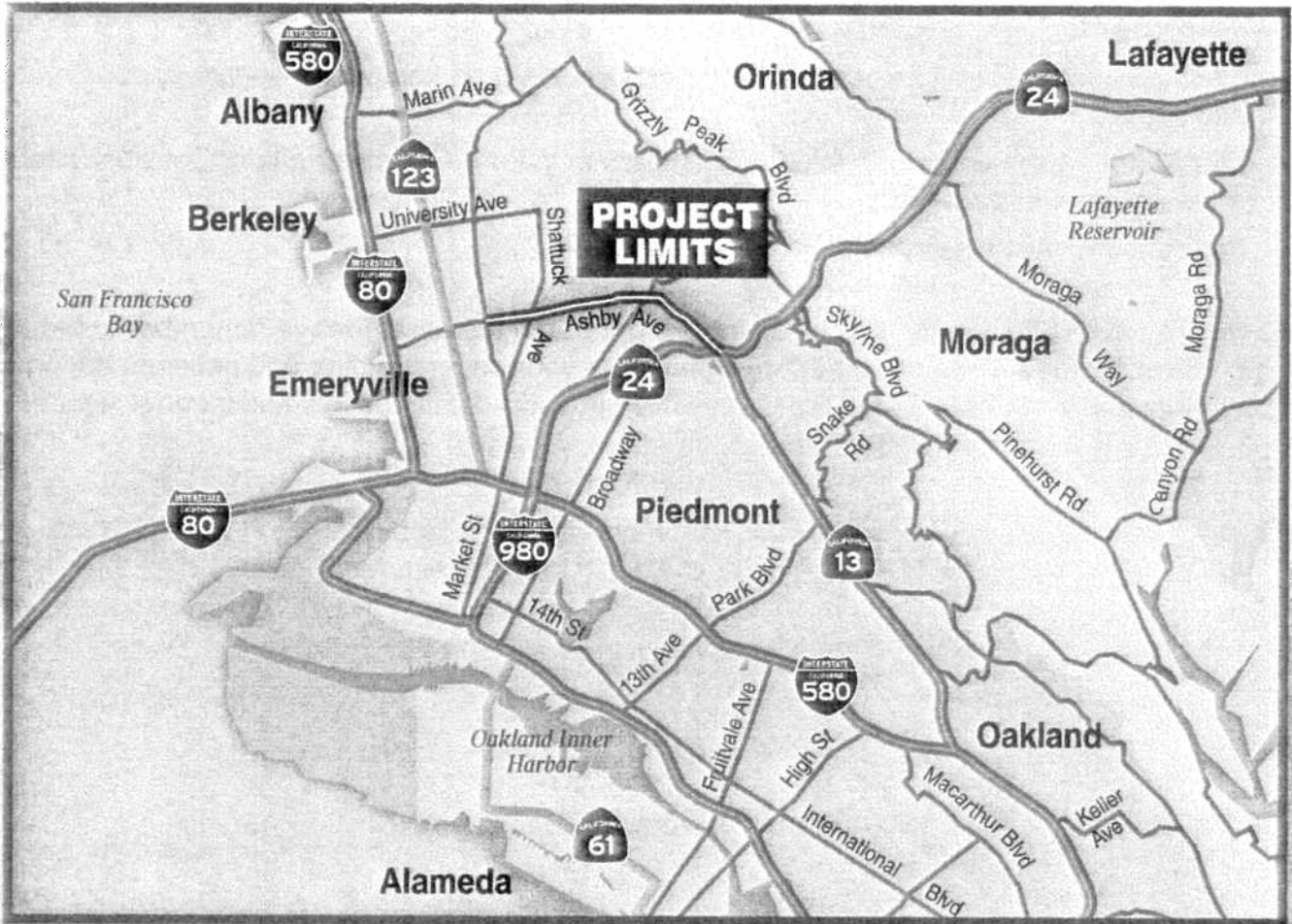
Please contact Caltrans Public Information Officer, Gregory Townsend, at (510) 286-6115, for any questions you may have regarding this project, or other projects within Alameda County.

Motorists should allow for extra travel time through the construction zone, and are reminded to be alert for workers and "Slow for the Cone Zone". Caltrans appreciates your patience as we work to improve the highways.

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Alameda County–State Route 13/ Ashby Avenue Resurfacing



Beginning Summer 2012, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will begin a project from Hiller Drive to San Pablo Avenue to replace sections of the existing pavement and overlay with a bonded wearing surface to extend the pavement life and provide smooth driving conditions. These improvements will include:

- Dig out and replace distressed sections of the roadway with asphalt.
- Adjust monument and utility covers to grade
- Replace traffic signal loop detectors, and
- Striping

Construction Activities:

Day time lane closures will be conducted Monday thru Friday, 9:00am to 3:00 pm; one lane in each direction will be open to traffic at all times.

Night time lane closures are anticipated at the following intersections:

- Ashby Avenue/Telegraph Avenue
- Ashby Avenue/ Shattuck Avenue

All final striping for the project may be done during daytime and nighttime hours.

What to Expect:

- Construction noise will be unavoidable; however, it will be kept within approved construction noise levels.
- Significant delays while driving on local streets in the area of construction. Consider alternate routes whenever possible.
- Project completion is expected in early Fall 2012.

Motorists are advised to use caution when traveling through the area. Please remember to Move Over and Slow for the Cone Zone. We truly appreciate your understanding and patience during these improvements and will make every effort to minimize impacts, traffic delays and inconvenience.

Stay Informed:

For more information about this project visit
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/13ashbyresurface/>

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