



SANTA MARGARITA PARKWAY BRIDGE HINGE MAINTENANCE PROJECT

What is the Santa Margarita Parkway Bridge Hinge Repair Project?

The Santa Margarita Parkway Bridge Hinge Repair Project reconstructs the westbound bridge hinge and completes general routine maintenance to extend the bridge's useful life.

What is the role of the City in the Project?

The City, in coordination with Caltrans District 12 and the Federal Highway Administration, is working to oversee the rehabilitation of the existing Santa Margarita Parkway Bridge over Arroyo Trabuco Creek, built in 1991 by the County of Orange. Upon City incorporation on January 1, 2000, the City of Rancho Santa Margarita assumed responsibility for general preventative maintenance and repairs. Beador Construction was selected in March 2020 to complete the construction contract administered by the City.

What is the construction schedule?

Construction begins in June 2020 and will continue approximately six months through December 2020. Work is primarily scheduled during weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with the potential for some night work.

What can motorists and pedestrians expect during construction?

The Project will be completed in two phases to facilitate reconstruction of the bridge hinge and minimize traffic impacts to the greatest extent possible. During the reconstruction of the bridge hinge, expect one lane of traffic shifted from the westbound to the eastbound bridge and a reduction of one lane of traffic in each direction. Before the traffic shift can be accommodated, the east median will be removed and repaved, and temporary bridge supports will be constructed. Access for pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicular traffic will be maintained for the entire duration of construction. Below bridge construction will necessitate the temporary closure of the adjacent trails and west driveway access. Access to the trails and west driveway will be available on weekends and during construction non-working hours.

Was there an environmental process completed?

The Santa Margarita Parkway Bridge Hinge Repair Project followed the proper environmental process in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In addition, the Project has obtained all required regulatory permits.

What can motorists and pedestrians expect once construction is completed?

The Santa Margarita Parkway Bridge provides vital access to the community. Construction will result in a significant extension of the useful life of this critical infrastructure. The most noticeable result will be the elimination of the audible double tire-pavement interaction noise at the hinge as vehicles traverse the Santa Margarita Parkway bridge in the westbound direction.

How can I stay informed about construction activities on the project?

The City is committed to keeping the public well-informed during construction. Visit www.cityofrsm.org for information and updates. Project information will also be posted on the City's Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages. For questions or comments, email smpbridge@cityofrsm.org or call (949) 635-1832.

