

Urgent Issues Part 1 - Local Road Conditions

A recently released report of the nine counties in the Bay Area placed Moraga roads in the “At Risk” category—one of the two lowest rankings possible. This means that Moraga’s streets are on the verge of failure, suffering from large potholes and cracks, which will turn in to major breaks and sinkholes if not addressed.

The Town has not had the resources to invest in significant repairs to neighborhood streets since they were built over 35 years ago. While major streets, such as Moraga Road and St. Mary’s Road, are eligible for federal and state monies, those funds cannot be spent on neighborhood streets.

Given our fiscally conservative budget, which provides for primarily essential services, we do not have the resources to adequately maintain our infrastructure. The current backlog of work that is needed is estimated at around \$25 million. Even with the tightening of belts it is simply not possible to find that money in our annual budget.

As road conditions worsen the cost of repair increases dramatically. A road that will cost \$50,000 to repair today can cost up to \$150,000 a decade later. Neighborhood streets will not improve by continuing on their current funding and maintenance path, and what is acceptable to drive on today will cause unending frustration in the foreseeable future.

For more information, visit our Revenue Enhancement Community Outreach to Neighborhoods (RECON) page [here](#). Or, simply e-mail recon@moraga.ca.us.

Moraga’s Roads “At Risk”

***If We Do Nothing ...
Repair Costs Will Triple***

