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Opening of the Canyon Road Bridge Inbound Lane and Removal of the Temporary Bridge

Moraga, California – A soft opening of the new inbound lane of the Canyon Road Bridge is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2020, from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to walk and bike across the new bridge section throughout the day. In the following days, all vehicle traffic will be shifted onto the new inbound lane of the bridge in preparation for the removal of the temporary one-lane steel truss bridge.

“We have been looking forward to this moment for years,” stated Mayor Kymberleigh Korpus. The Mayor further added “The opening of phase 1 (marked by the opening of the inbound lane of Canyon Road Bridge and removal of the temporary bridge) turns the corner on this complex, multi-year disaster recovery project and I’m incredibly proud of the Town’s efforts that have enabled us to deliver this phase of this project on schedule and on budget.”

The Canyon Road Bridge over the West Branch of San Leandro Creek is just south of Constance Place and north of the Contra Costa County line. The original bridge, constructed in 1936, was approximately 104 feet long, 24 feet wide and carried two lanes of traffic. The original bridge closed in April 2017 due to landslide damage. The temporary bridge was opened three years ago, on November 22, 2017. The new 120 feet long and 48 feet wide bridge is being constructed in two phases: construction of Phase 1, the inbound lane, will be completed in 2020; Phase 2, the outbound lane and sidewalk, will be constructed in 2021. The new bridge will accommodate two 12-foot travel lanes and two five-foot wide shoulders on both sides, serving as bike lanes, and one 10-foot wide multi-use sidewalk to accommodate pedestrians and recreational cyclists on the west side of the bridge.

The temporary bridge is scheduled to be removed during the week of November 16. For the safety of the community and workers, the new lane of the Canyon Road Bridge and the existing temporary bridge will be closed to all traffic (with the exception of emergency service vehicles) Monday, November 16 through Wednesday, November 18 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Barring any unanticipated issues, the bridge should be open outside of those hours.

The Town will be providing the public with updates posted on the Town's webpage and disseminated via social media outlets. For additional information, please contact the Town's Project Manager, Sharon Chan at schan@moraga.ca.us or (925) 888-7028.

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