

# Alameda del Prado Class II Lanes

Project Number: 1600



## LOCATION

Alameda del Prado (Route 5) between Alameda de la Loma and Ignacio Boulevard (Novato)

## COST

\$953,000 (estimated)

## FUNDING SOURCES

NTPP \$850,000; TFCA \$83,000 (grant pending)

## COMPLETION DATE

Fall, 2009 (projected)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

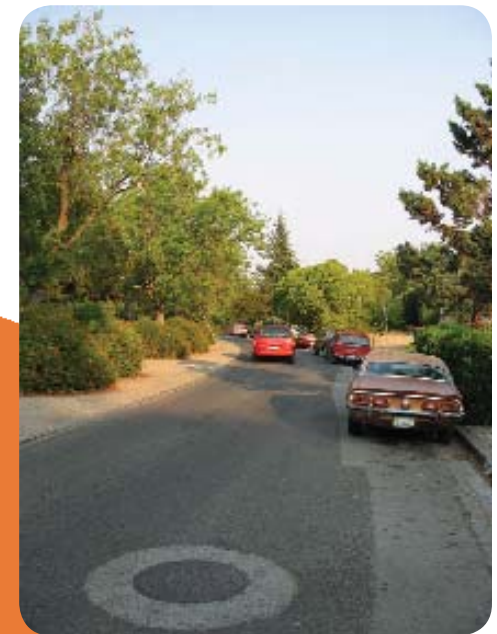
The project will construct new Class II bike lanes on the unincorporated section of Alameda del Prado between Alameda de la Loma and Posada del Sol. The existing, overly wide and meandering median will be narrowed to a consistent width which will allow for one travel lane, a five foot bicycle lane, and a parking lane in each direction without widening the overall dimensions of the street. Curb ramps and other pedestrian accessibility improvements are included in the project. This project will connect with the existing Class II lanes on the City of Novato segments of Alameda del Prado to the north and south of the project area, closing a key gap in the North/South Bikeway. The County has also initiated a utility undergrounding project in conjunction with the roadway reconstruction.

Currently, cyclists must 'take the lane' because of the narrow travel lane and hazards from people in cars parked along the road from opening their doors. The varying median width provides wider spots on the roadway where motor vehicles will attempt to pass, creating conflicts when the pavement suddenly narrows again.



Between large vehicles and on-street parking, it's a tight squeeze on this key north-south route. The southbound direction also functions as a reliever route when the freeway is congested, thus increasing demand for the narrow roadway.

Narrowing the over 30 foot wide median will provide space for bike lanes while retaining parking and a landscaped median strip.



The varying median width creates openings in some spots for vehicles to pass cyclists, but the abrupt pinch points create conflicts when the lane needs to be shared.

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## POINTS OF INTEREST

This segment is a key link in the North-South Bikeway, connecting Novato with points south. In addition to being a regional connection, this segment serves the Loma Verde neighborhood with connections to Indian Valley College and Bel Marin Keys.

An engineering consulting firm has been selected and design work is under way. Consultation with utilities for the undergrounding has been initiated as well.

### ABOUT WALKBIKEMARIN

WalkBikeMarin is an initiative by the County of Marin to help make Marin more healthy, livable, and environmentally sustainable by encouraging walking and bicycling as everyday transportation. This initiative was catalyzed by a recent \$25 million federal grant to fund the Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program (NTPP).

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