

Commuter Bike Connection

Westerly Side of Highway 101, Enfrente Road to South Novato Boulevard

Project Number: 1502



PROJECT COMPLETED DECEMBER, 2011



LOCATION

Along the south side of South Novato Boulevard between Redwood Boulevard and the southbound US Highway 101 on-ramp (portion constructed in 1999/2000), then adjacent to Highway 101 (west/ southbound side) approximately 2/3 mile to an existing Class I bike path between the Pell Office Complex parking lot and the Inn Marin parking lot, and connecting through Inn of Marin to Enfrente Road, all within the Novato City Limits.

COST

\$2,100,000 (Construction)

FUNDING SOURCES

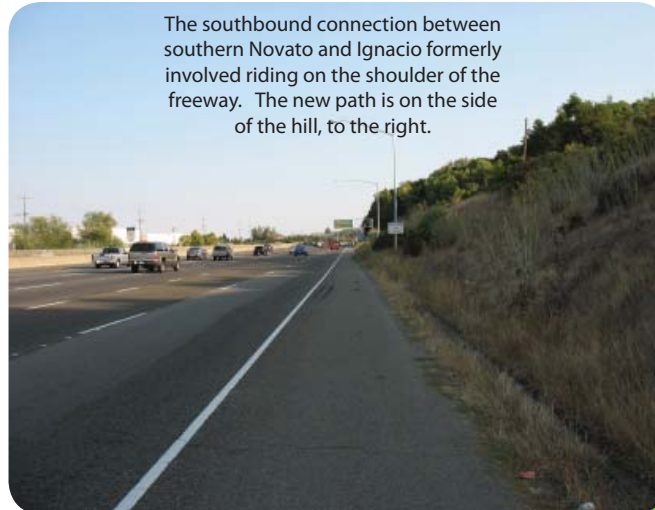
NTPP \$1,650,000; Development Impact Fees \$307,834; BAAQMD Grant \$104,774; and Restricted Revenue \$ 37,392.

COMPLETION DATE

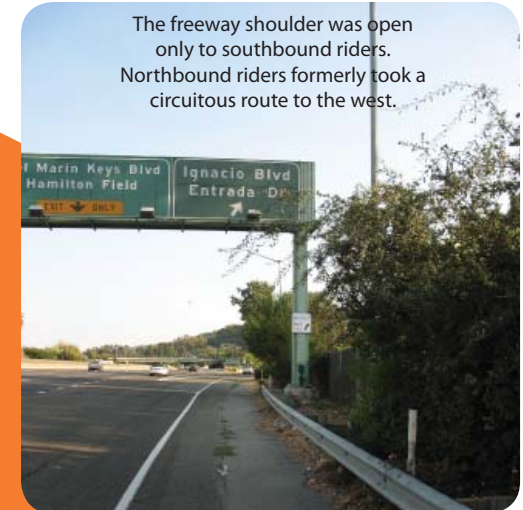
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project constructed a Class I path to connect the existing path along South Novato Boulevard path with Enfrente Road along the west side of Highway 101. The project reconstructed the previously-existing Class I multiuse path between Inn of Marin and the Pell office complex as part of the new path connection.



The southbound connection between southern Novato and Ignacio formerly involved riding on the shoulder of the freeway. The new path is on the side of the hill, to the right.



The freeway shoulder was open only to southbound riders. Northbound riders formerly took a circuitous route to the west.



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The new path eliminates a major gap on the North/South Bikeway, linking Novato with central and southern Marin communities. The only previous alternatives through this corridor involved cycling on the southbound freeway shoulder between the Highway 37/101 ramp and the Entrada Drive exit, a very steep climb up Redwood Blvd./Palmer Drive, or a one mile detour via Sunset Parkway.

POINTS OF INTEREST

In addition to its regional significance, the path provides a connection for Hamilton, Bel Marin Keys, and Ignacio residents and workers to the rest of Novato. For residents near the southern end of South Novato Boulevard, the path also provides easy access to retail shopping far closer than similar retail stores to the north.

STATUS

Construction Complete

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 every-day transportation. This initiative was catalyzed by a recent \$25 million federal grant to fund the Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program (NTPP).

Revision: January, 2012



The existing path (above and right) on South Novato Boulevard ended at the freeway onramp; cyclists had to ride on the shoulder on to Highway 101 at the highway 37 merge. The project now (below and right) provides a pathway separated from the freeway through this corridor.

