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New and Improved McGary Road Reopens

Suisun City, CA – McGary Road, closed to traffic since 1998, reopens today.

McGary Road was closed twelve years ago due to damage caused by the Red Top slide. The reconstruction required large segments of the old roadway to be removed and rebuilt, new drainage systems installed, and the entire road surface overlaid with asphalt concrete and striped. As a frontage road along I-80, the roadway will also benefit motorized traffic and emergency vehicles when there is a problem on the freeway.

Fairfield Mayor and STA Board Member Harry Price said, "Today's event celebrates the kind of accomplishments made possible by partnering with our local and regional agencies. The increased safety and enhanced mobility afforded by the improved McGary Road will provide significant benefits to drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians alike."

The closure represented a significant gap in the Regional Bike Route Network that runs through Solano County and on to both the San Francisco Bay Area and the Sacramento Metropolitan Area. The entire 3.3 miles of McGary Road from Red Top Road to Hiddenbrooke Parkway has been improved to include Class 2 bike lanes (paved shoulders), which connects to the Solano Bikeway, a separated Class 1 bike path that leads to Vallejo.

The dedication of the 3.3 mile road will add to the existing 26.5 miles of Ridge Trail in Solano County. McGary Road provides the most direct route to reach Lynch Canyon Open Space, and once again provides a direct connection between the cities of Vallejo and Fairfield. Due in large part to the efforts of the STA's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committees, this section of McGary Road provides the missing link in the route between San Francisco and the Lake Tahoe/Reno area.

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) partnered with the City of Fairfield (project lead agency), Solano County, the City of Vallejo, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Federal Highway Administration, Caltrans, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, the State of California Coastal Conservancy, and the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to accomplish the improvements.

Funding for the Project was from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Proposition 1B, the State of California Coastal Conservancy and the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council. The total cost of the project is approximately \$2.53 million.

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