

UPGRADE THE DRAKE

Project Update Newsletter

April 2021

Welcome to the Spring 2021 edition of the Upgrade the Drake project newsletter! The construction team is proud to announce that significant progress has been made on water pipe line replacement and traffic signal work. Keep reading for more about these accomplishments and upcoming construction activities for the next couple of months.

Construction Milestones

As of April 2021, the Upgrade the Drake contractor has replaced 6,842 feet of water pipe line along Sir Francis Drake Boulevard between Ross Terrace and Manor Road. The contractor is continuing this work on the eastern end of the project area in Greenbrae over the next couple of months.

Additionally, the contractor has installed new traffic signals at 5 out of the 8 signalized intersections in the project area.



The orange bar in the map above shows where the water pipe line has been replaced so far.

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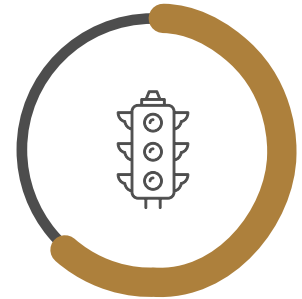
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To date, new traffic signal equipment has been installed at the intersections of Wolfe Grade, College Avenue, Bon Air Road, La Cuesta Drive and Laurel Grove Avenue. Switching over traffic signals at El Portal Drive, Eliseo Drive and Elm Avenue is expected to be complete by the end of May 2021.



70% completed
with water line work



63% completed with
traffic signal work

Upcoming Improvements

As part of the pedestrian safety improvements for the project, the Upgrade the Drake team will be installing a new High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) Beacon at the pedestrian crossing at Ash Avenue. The flashing light beacon, once installed, will allow pedestrians to stop traffic prior to safely crossing Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. The HAWK Beacon is expected to be operational by the end of May 2021.

Other upcoming construction activity includes water pipe line work, traffic signal replacement/synchronization, road repaving, construction of retaining walls and utility work over the next couple of months.



A new HAWK beacon will be installed at the Ash Avenue pedestrian crossing (pictured above) in May 2021.

We hope you enjoyed the Spring 2021 edition of the Upgrade the Drake project newsletter. Don't forget to visit our website at www.upgradethedrake.com to stay in the loop!

What is Upgrade the Drake? Upgrade the Drake will rehabilitate 2.2 miles of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard between Highway 101 and the Ross' southern town limit and is anticipated to take 18 months to complete. In addition to repaving, the project consists of pedestrian and bicyclist safety improvements, striping, intersection and signal improvements, landscaping, traffic operation improvements, utility infrastructure improvements, and new street lighting.