

Some SR26 road work progressing

Signal at Vista Del Lago delayed a year

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Construction is expected to begin sometime in June of left turn lanes at the State Route 26 intersections with St. Andrews and Country View Drive, but signalization of the intersection of State Route 26 and Vista Del Lago Drive has been delayed a year.

Caltrans Public Information Officer Skip Allum said project engineers have been working to address concerns expressed earlier by La Contenta Golf Club and businesses along State Route 26 about the safety project and it appears work at the two SR26 intersections is on track for the upcoming construction season.

Owners of businesses in the vicinity of St. Andrews Road and Country View Drive this time last year outlined those concerns to Caltrans officials about the proposed route for the safety project. They thought the bulk of improvements should be concentrated along undeveloped land west of the highway instead of in front of their east side businesses.

In earlier Caltrans plans, La Contenta would have lost a portion of its golf path, while 10th Green Inn and the Thomas Center would have lost parking spaces. In addition, La Contenta was looking at installing a nearly \$1 million safety net to keep wayward golf balls from reaching the highway and distracting drivers.

Reworking of the original plans delayed the project by a year as it was slated to be done in 2015.

The intersection of State Route 26 and Vista Del Lago was scheduled to receive a traffic signal this year. However, that has been pushed back to summer 2017 at the earliest, Allum said.

“There’s still quite a bit of preliminary utility work by PG&E,” he said, before that project can progress to final construction.

The three intersections have been scenes of numerous auto accidents. The brickwork and stucco entrance to La Contenta subdivision at the State Route 26 and Vista Del Lago Drive intersection has been damaged several times due to accidents and today shows the visible scar of one such recent wreck.