

Work begins soon at two busy west Calaveras intersections

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Construction is scheduled to begin the end of May on signalization of the intersection at State Route 26 and Vista Del Lago Drive.

The project has been on the drawing board for several years and Caltrans Public Information Officer Skip Allum confirmed work would begin in earnest this year at the intersection.

“This is an intersection improvement project that will install a traffic signal and widen the intersection of Vista Del Lago and State Route 26,” Allum said, “improving the efficiency of travel and traffic safety at this intersection to reduce the likelihood of broadside collisions.”

The project has a May 31 start date and is expected to be completed in August. Allum said estimated traffic delays would be approximately 10 minutes, with one-way traffic control in use and most of the work being done primarily at night. George Reed is the contractor.

Work is also expected to start soon on installation of flashing beacon lights at the intersection of State Route 12 and Burson Road, according to District 1 Supervisor Gary Tofanelli.

“This project will install red flashing beacons at the stop signs facing northbound and southbound traffic along Burson Road and install amber flashing beacons facing eastbound and westbound traffic along State Route 12, approaching the intersection,” Allum said. “This is to improve the efficiency of travel and traffic safety at this intersection to reduce the likelihood of broadside collisions.”

The Burson project is scheduled to begin April 17 and completed in May. Work will be done primarily during daytime hours with one-way traffic control in use and estimated traffic delay times of approximately 10 minutes. St. Francis Electric is the contractor.