Late fall completion for work on Highway 26

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Work is progressing on a State Route 26 improvement project west of Valley Springs.

The \$15.8 million project calls for widening, realigning and repaving a 3.1-mile stretch of the highway from Savage Way to Wimer Road. RGW Construction Inc. of Livermore received the contract last year for the construction phase of the project.

Work began last fall and closed down for the winter. Construction resumed this spring and is expected to be completed by December.

Of particular importance to Calaveras County officials is work to improve safety at the intersection of State Route 26 and Burson Road.

The site was the scene of two fatalities last year.

Plans call for an 11-foot left turn lane on eastbound portion of State Route 26 at the intersection and 8-foot shoulders.

Construction is between 6:30 a.m. and 4 p./m. and motorists can expected one-way traffic control for both lanes during those hours.