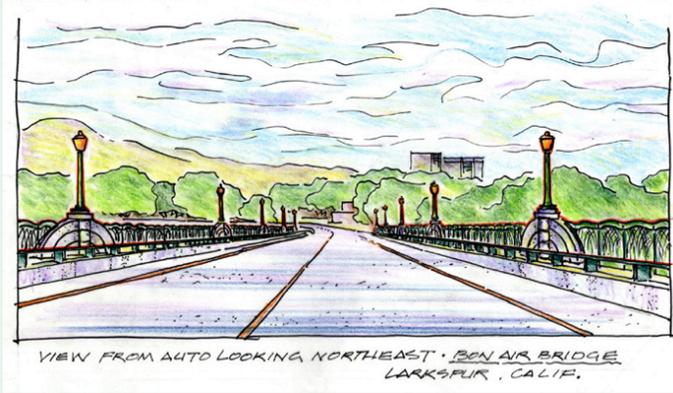


CITY OF LARKSPUR Bon Air Bridge Replacement Project

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This is What We Envisioned



This is What We Achieved



Spanning Corte Madera Creek, the Bon Air Bridge serves as a gateway to the City of Larkspur and is a vital thoroughfare linking Magnolia Avenue, Larkspur's main street, and the northeast side of the city.

Motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists make thousands of daily trips across the bridge to access local businesses, Marin General Hospital and other medical facilities, and the popular multi-use path along the creek.

Originally built in 1958, the bridge had to be replaced due to the deterioration of key components. The community vetted designs for a "signature" replacement bridge in 2008 that would be aesthetically pleasing and accentuate the natural landscape. The project completed environmental review in 2012 and the city began planning for the relocation of utilities and demolition of the old bridge which were necessary in order to construct the new bridge. Construction of the new bridge began in 2018, and every effort was taken to minimize inconvenience to bridge and creek path users by using strategic traffic shifts and maintaining safe access throughout construction for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Three planned closures of the bridge were carefully orchestrated, with advance notification of the full closures for key project stakeholders and posted on the project website. Another reason for careful planning was the wildlife habitat around Corte Madera Creek. The construction schedule was planned in phases to accommodate the nesting season of the California Clapper Rail, which is an endangered species. Project biologists monitored 14 target species throughout construction.

Native flora along the creek's tidal zone has been replanted. The City also undertook related improvement projects on Magnolia Avenue and in City parks near Bon Air Road and Corte Madera Creek to improve wildlife habitat and access to the Creek.

The new precast concrete bridge has less than half the number of piles than the old bridge and reflects the community's extensive design input. The new bridge has been designed to meet current seismic design and safety standards and to accommodate continued capacity needs. It also provides a seamless connection for recreational users to the Corte Madera Creek Pathway and features improved pedestrian and bicycle safety features, with each side including barrier-protected multi-use paths and dedicated Class II bike lanes. Downcast lighting meets International Dark Sky requirements and improves safety. New ornamental "acorn" light post pedestals and decorative "green wave" handrails reflect the community's desired design aesthetic, accentuating the views of the surrounding hills and echoing the movement of the grass fields.



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