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## PROGRESS UPDATE: SOQUEL DRIVE BUFFERED BIKE LANE & CONGESTION MITIGATION PROJECT

November 25, 2024 – Santa Cruz, CA – The County of Santa Cruz Department of Community Development & Infrastructure is pleased to announce an update on the Soquel Drive Buffered Bike Lane & Congestion Mitigation Project.

Since the project began, crews have made significant progress, including:

- Completing 98% of ADA ramps
- Completing 98% of sidewalks
- Installing 95% of rectangular flashing beacon crossings
- Completing 60% of paving work (including conforms and dugouts)
- Completing 7 of 8 retaining walls
- Installing approximately 565 linear feet of new drainage system
- Installing 4.25 miles of fiber optic conduit for Adaptive Traffic Signals
- Installing 12 new traffic signal controllers

As the project progresses into the new year, crews will complete the final retaining wall, finish the remaining ADA ramp and sidewalk work, continue the installation of fiber optic conduit and cable, and ongoing asphalt repair work.

This progress brings the project closer to its Spring 2025 completion, with anticipated benefits for pedestrians, cyclists, drivers, and transit users. For more information about the project, visit <a href="https://www.soqueldrivebufferedproject.com">www.soqueldrivebufferedproject.com</a>.

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