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Moraga's 2014 Pavement Project

By Sophie Braccini



Moraga's Public Works team, from left, back to front: Ruben Ochoa, Lawrence Tam, Dan Bernie, Edric Kwan, Travis McCord, Laurie Succang, Kyle Salvin, Jose Limon; not pictured: Steve Reichold. Photo Sophie Braccini

More great roads in Moraga – that is the town's plan for the summer. Last year, after passing a 1 percent sales tax, the town spent \$2.8 million to refinish half of its residential and neighborhood collector streets. As a result, the pavement index of the town improved from 49 to 58 and the League of California Cities selected Moraga's 2013 Pavement Repair Project as a top 20 finalist in its Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards Program.

This year's road campaign will start in August and tackle roads that

are in far worse condition than those that were fixed last year – consequently it will cost \$3.3 million to fix about 10 percent of the residential and 20 percent of the neighborhood collector streets.

"The progress we have achieved, going from 49 to 58 for our pavement index, is quite significant," says Public Works director Edric Kwan. "The plan is that once the 3-year pavement plan is finished, Moraga's global average index over the next 10 years will be 61, with a peak of 67 in 2015." That will raise Moraga from the

"poor" category, at the very bottom of the Bay Area barrel, to the "fair" group that includes San Jose, Berkeley and Mill Valley.

Last year the town addressed streets that were in fair condition to make sure they stay in that category. This year the plan is to address some of the "at risk" neighborhood streets, about 23 segments, with a more extensive treatment. The final list of streets has not been released yet; it will include roads such as Larch, Rimer, Calle la Mesa and Danefield.

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