



# UPGRADE THE DRAKE

## Project Update Newsletter

October 2020

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Upgrade the Drake project newsletter! The project team will be producing this quarterly newsletter to share updates and progress on construction along Sir Francis Drake Boulevard.

Before jumping into the newsletter, make sure to check out the informational video to the right featuring Katie Rice, District 2 Marin County Supervisor. In the video, she discusses an overview of the Upgrade the Drake project, why it is important to our community, and a timeline of construction activities.



**Katie Rice**  
District 2 Supervisor, Marin County

Click to watch the project kick-off video with Marin County District 2 Supervisor Katie Rice.

Because of the lighter-than-normal traffic conditions, the construction team has been able to switch to daytime work hours. However, as students begin to return to in-person classes, the construction team will be monitoring traffic conditions, and adjusting work hours as needed.

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## Ongoing Construction

The construction team has continued work on replacing sidewalks, new street lighting, and communication lines along Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. To date, the construction team has installed 2,600 feet of new water line, replacing existing main that was 100 years old.

## Upcoming Improvements

Over the next couple of months, the Upgrade the Drake team will begin making improvements to the landscaping along Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. The landscaping designs will integrate California native plants that will preserve local flora, host local pollinators and wildlife, and conserve water.

In Fall 2020 the project team will be installing temporary traffic signals at Bon Air Road and at Wolfe Grade. This temporary signalization will stay in place as the project team reconstructs portions of the intersections.



New sidewalks along Sir Francis Drake Boulevard near Eliseo Drive.



New post and cable fencing along Sir Francis Drake allows for better bicycle and pedestrian access

We hope you enjoyed the first edition of the Upgrade the Drake project newsletter. Don't forget to visit our website at [www.upgradethedrake.com](http://www.upgradethedrake.com) to stay in the loop!

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**What is Upgrade the Drake?** Upgrade the Drake will rehabilitate 2.2 miles of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard between Highway 101 and the Ross' southern town limit and is anticipated to take 18 months to complete. In addition to repaving, the project consists of pedestrian and bicyclist safety improvements, striping, intersection and signal improvements, landscaping, traffic operation improvements, utility infrastructure improvements, and new street lighting.