

Traffic Patterns

# 41st Avenue Signals Working

Motorists driving in the rush hour traffic on 41st Avenue in at the Highway 1 overpass hopefully won't be subject to more late dinners or headaches - the three new signals are operating.

Delayed five weeks because of wet weather, signals at both the 41st Avenue-Highway 1 offramps, as well as the 41st Avenue-Gross Road intersection, were turned on Friday. Chuck Michaelis, project engineer for Granite Construction, noted a five-day testing period will take place where timing adjustments will be made. However, he added, "The signals will be in operation from now on."

The contract completion date for the

41st Avenue road improvements won't be up until March 23, but all final work is expected to be completed by the projected target date of March 19. Michaelis said that landscaping and the lane reflectors are all that is needed to be done.

In addition to the signals, another lane has been added to the southbound offramp of the 41st Avenue exit. While it is still one lane coming immediately off the freeway, the exit widens to two lanes before reaching the intersection to allow motorists to turn in either direction onto 41st Avenue. The signals at both the 41st Avenue intersections of the northbound and southbound Highway 1 offramps have long been

called for, and Michaelis feels the southbound signal "will especially help matters by alleviating cars backing up onto the freeway."

The Gross Road intersection signal, however, went through a controversial process and only was added at the urging of residents who turned in a 700-name petition to the Capitola City Council in March 1978. Gross Road's signal is located near the signal at the southbound offramp.

The signals are among the final stage of a \$300,000 41st Avenue road improvement project between the city, county and state. Capitola paid \$75,000, the county \$25,000 and the state, using federal funds, picked up the rest of the tab.

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### Lights At 41st

Editor: I would just like to thank you for printing my request for stop lights on 41st Avenue going north and south.

They have been put in and are working. It makes it a lot easier to get off at the exits and to get from one place to another.

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