



News Release

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Cuesta College Hollister Bridge to Open Early, On Budget

The Cuesta College Hollister Bridge will open ahead of schedule to all thru traffic on Tuesday, December 1, two months ahead of schedule.

The bridge, which can also be accessed via O'Connor Way, allows bicyclists and motorists to travel from Cuesta to South San Luis Obispo. The Camp San Luis gate that permits the general population to access the bridge shortcut will again open at 6 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. starting December 1.

The bridge closed for construction on June 1, 2008 and was originally slated to re-open on February 1, 2010.

Cuesta College collaborated with project managers MNS Engineers and general contractor Souza Construction to complete the bridge project earlier than anticipated. The Wallace Group was responsible for the new bridge design, and SWCA (Morro Group) provided environmental monitoring services to protect the affected Chorro Creek.

The \$2 million bridge reconstruction project was fully funded by the Federal Highway Bridge Replacement Fund (HBR) and the State Office of Emergency Services. The portion of the project funding received from the HBR Fund was administered locally by Caltrans Local Assistance in San Luis Obispo.

Regular project updates were provided throughout the duration of the construction on Cuesta College's homepage and at <http://academic.cuesta.edu/pim/hollisterbridge/hollister.htm>. The website includes a photo gallery, construction area map, more details on the environmental monitoring efforts and project partner information.

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