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**Ground Breaking for Highway 12 Improvement Project Announced in The Springs
Redevelopment Project Area**

Sonoma County in partnership with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will break ground on Stage One of the Highway 12 street and sidewalk improvement project on Monday, October 20, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. Stage One construction covers approximately six-tenths of one mile (from Agua Caliente Creek to Boyes Boulevard) of the 1.5 mile Highway 12 project. The celebration will be held at the Thomson Park and Ride Lot located at the corner of East Thomson Avenue and Highway 12. The public is encouraged to participate.

The celebration will be hosted by Sonoma County Department of Transportation and Public Works and the Sonoma County Community Development Commission and will include remarks by Valerie Brown, First District County Supervisor, Kathleen H. Kane, Executive Director, Sonoma County Community Development Commission, Phillip M. Demery, Director, County Transportation & Public Works, Doanh Nguyen, Caltrans District 4 Division Chief, and Stephen J. Cox, member of The Springs Redevelopment Advisory Committee.

North Bay Construction located in Petaluma, was awarded the construction contract for Stage 1 with a bid of \$2,465,045. The project includes street widening, new sidewalks, undergrounding of utilities and installation of street lighting. Work will commence only on the east side of Highway 12 in November 2008 to be followed by construction of the west side. Stage 1 is expected to be completed by the Spring of 2009. Stage 2 design (from Boyes Blvd. to Agua Caliente Blvd.) is currently underway with construction estimated to begin in 2010.

Supervisor Valerie Brown stated that "in the last year we have achieved major accomplishments – amended the redevelopment plan to add an additional 20 years, recorded right-of-way easements on over 40 properties, and sealed the deal with PG&E, Caltrans and the County. It couldn't have happened without a coordinated commitment. This community has reason to be proud".